

## Council Report

### Regular Council Meeting

Dec 19/17

#### JOINT COUNCIL ORIENTATION – Oct 27/17

I attended this orientation with most of Councils from across Beaver County. Excellent presentation from Barry from Legal on the scope of what a Councillor can do and how we are liable for our actions while on Council. Barry also went over the new areas of the MGA that dealt with legal issues.

George Cuff gave excellent sessions of what is expected of each of us while on Council as well as diverse stories of how things have been done in other communities which resulted in good outcomes and some not so good. George also spoke on the new changes to the MGA and their respective role out dates and how we need to get on to some of them sooner rather than later. He shared many ideas of how to avoid problems on Council; that is to be collaboratively working together and sharing information and ideas with our colleagues.

#### Clean Harbors Community Liaison Committee – Nov 15/17:

Stan Yuha shared with the committee that the projections for 2017 have actually come in much better than anticipated. However, the Community Enhancement Grant would only remain at \$25,000 for this year. Stan then presented the third quarter cheque to the Village for just over \$153,000.

#### AUMA Conference Calgary – Nov 21-24/18

Excellent conference with many new topics covered as well as specific ones for brand new council. I attended various Board and Committee reports throughout the three day conference. Some of these included; Infrastructure Funding, Legalization of Cannabis in Alberta, Dialogue Session with Provincial Ministers, Smart Cities and Communities and Building Relationships with Indigenous Peoples. We also attended the AUMA Annual General Meeting and took part in the Resolution process and voting.

## MUNIS I Course – Vermillion – Nov 27-28/17

This two day course covered a wide range of topics which included; The Elected Official's Role in Municipal Leadership; Navigate the World of Municipal Finance; Ensure Effective Collaboration and Municipal Planning and Development.

There was a great deal of time spent on the new changes to the MGA and what that means to Councils. Of special note; new legislation in the MGA requires that there be ICF's (Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework) between any communities that border our area. For Ryley this would mean an ICF between Ryley and Beaver County. This touches on the following service areas; transportation, water and wastewater, recreation, emergency services and other services deemed relevant to the municipalities. There also needs to be in place an IDP (Intermunicipal Development Plan) with our neighbors. IDP's must be incorporated as part of the ICF. This touches on the following areas; future land use; a process for addressing future development; transportation systems; intermunicipal infrastructure; intermunicipal programs and services; and environmental matters.

LED's (Local Economic Development) was also introduced and how to have successful LED's through developing new economic development strategies or refining existing ones.

Overall there was a great deal of information and dates that all of these are due to be done according to the new areas of the MGA. There will be much planning and implementing of all the criteria needed.

## GO EAST Regional Tourism Organization Special Meeting – St. Michael's - Nov 29/17

Kevin Kisilevich presented new initiatives to help grow tourism, updated members on important marketing information, projects planned for the coming year, co-op funding and other opportunities with Travel Alberta and the new initiative called GO EAST of Edmonton: ROADTRIP!!!

A Provincial grant of \$50,000 was given to Go East to carry out this initiative that will implement five “roadtrips”. Featuring five Hyways; 28, 45, 16, 14 and 13. There will be a “roadtrip” app coming soon. May 2019 Tour Launch

There are many benefits for Ryley to become involved with Go East. There are 70,000 copies of the Go East paper copy printed annually with an internet reading trend of over 1 million page views online. It is the only online regional tourism magazine in the region. Ryley’s website can have a link as well as a Twitter following of #goeastofyeg. Ryley would email Go East monthly with our Village Voice and it would then be on their website. They will include all our activities for the month on the calendar of events. Go East will come and participate in our summer parade. Monthly e-news can be linked to Ryley’s website. Vegreville radio station 106.5 has a weekly show with Go East on Friday’s at 8:15 am where they could feature an upcoming event in Ryley. We can furnish Go East with prize packages that they can give away at other events such as; passes to the Ryley Pool, tickets to the Ag Society Spring Splash, Health Foundation tickets to Valentine’s Gala, two night stay in our campgrounds, invitation to our curling club or outdoor skating rink, etc.

The marketing company that works with Go East is called Strong Coffee Marketing and their spokesman is Trevor whom we could talk with for future marketing of Ryley.

I have given the information to Michael Simpson to invite Kevin to come give a presentation to a future council meeting.

Physician and Attraction and Retention Meeting – Ryley – Dec 7/18

Our first planning meeting was held at the Ryley Village Office. Much discussion was made as to how this committee will enhance what the Foundation does for attraction and retention of physicians but would also encompass ALL health care professions throughout the communities of Tofield, Ryley and East end of Beaver County. There will be a terms of reference established and I have been asked to Chair this meeting going forward.

Eventually, after everything is in place, we would be making a presentation to all area Councils to start the communication of what this committee can do to help attract and retain our health care professionals to sustain and improve the health services in our communities.

NLLS (Northern Lights Library Services Board – Elk Point – Dec 9/18

Please find a full report of this meeting in an attachment to this report as it was quite detailed.

McPherson Library Board Meeting – Ryley – Dec 11/18

I attended the library board meeting as Councillor Kowalski's alternate as he had a final presentation to be made in his University courses. Please find attached my report made at the library board.