

## CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### CORPORATE & STRATEGIC SERVICES

#### Public Participation Events

<i><b>Event</b></i>	<i><b>Date</b></i>
Tiny Home Eco Village announcement Preliminary online survey Initial meetings with directly impacted stakeholders Public information booth – at ChiliFest Link to project phases: <a href="https://www.okotoks.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/sustainability/Tiny%20Home%20timeline.pdf">https://www.okotoks.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/sustainability/Tiny%20Home%20timeline.pdf</a>	Aug. 13 Aug. 13-24 Aug. 20-24 Aug. 25
Local Transit Plan – What we heard report for Phase 1 to be advertised and posted on website	By Aug. 27
Creation of a potential Public Art Policy - public workshop and an online survey being planned	Sept.15
Paint a Potty – choosing designs – almost 300 people voted. Decision will be posted in September	Closed Aug. 13
Conservation Educators – household visits; specifically in the areas where the waste pilot is taking place (completed) - currently doing individual waste audits	Ongoing
Additional details can be found at <a href="http://www.okotoks.ca">www.okotoks.ca</a> in the Municipal Government / Public Participation Section	

### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### Engineering Services

##### TELUS PureFibre

On October 11, 2017, TELUS formally announced their “PureFibre” project which will bring fibre internet to residents and businesses. Construction is underway in nine Fibre Service Areas (FSA's) in the communities of Sheep River Ridge, Cimarron, Westmount, Westridge, Suntree, and Heritage Okotoks. As part of this project TELUS fibre will be installed to a total of 18 of 24 FSA's within Town limits. Fibre has previously been installed in the remaining six FSA's as a part of the construction of the original developments.

Engineering's role in this project is to collaborate, review, inspect and issue permits for the installation of fibre. Permits for twelve FSA's have been issued to date.

### Laurie Boyd Bridge Replacement

EllisDon commenced construction outside of the river channel on August 13. Administration is expecting to receive a Department License of Occupation from Alberta Environment and Parks imminently which will allow instream works to commence. The existing bridge will remain open until the new bridge is in place, at which time the river crossing will be temporarily closed to complete the final phases of the project. Pathway detours are currently in place to direct pedestrians around the work site. Subject to permit approvals, construction of the new bridge is expected to be substantially complete and operational in November. After the new bridge is built, additional landscape design will commence with the intent to complete the enhancements in spring/summer of 2019.

### Patterson Road Deep Utility Replacement Project

This is a lifecycle replacement project replacing the water, sewer and road structure on Patterson Road and the sanitary sewer down the hill on Clark Avenue. As part of this project, the sanitary sewer line is being lowered to facilitate better drainage to residences.

This project was awarded to LBCO and construction commenced in June. Work was delayed a month due to unforeseen conditions that caused a partial redesign. Closure of the Clark Avenue stairs and Patterson Road will be required to facilitate the replacement of the work. The project is now scheduled to be complete mid-September weather dependent.

### Zone 4N Dedicated Mains - Phase A

Construction commenced on the watermain project July 23. The waterline adjacent to the fields at Good Shepherd School has been installed; landscaping work in this area is currently underway and is expected to be substantially complete on August 28 (before the start of the school year).

The construction of the waterline is currently in progress on Banister Drive and Carr Park. The majority of the work is within park space, so access to some pathways and parks will be limited during construction. For approximately three weeks starting on August 13, Banister Drive near Carr Park will be partially closed for construction. Pathway detours will be implemented where required. Construction is expected to be substantially complete in September.

Please use caution while near the construction areas. For project details and updates please visit [www.okotoks.ca/construction](http://www.okotoks.ca/construction).

## **Economic Development**

Administration is moving forward with reforming the Town's role as an agent of community economic development and business growth in Okotoks. The Town issued a request for proposals and subsequently engaged consultants- MDB Insight to develop an "Industry Profile and Opportunity Analysis" as a basis to refine and focus Council's Economic Development Strategy. Project outcomes are also intended to include specific options for program delivery which the Town can adapt to Okotoks' business context and other business support organizations.

In the first phase of this project, efforts have focused on building an updated community profile, identifying industry sectors best matching the Town's overall strengths and based on an array of relevant factors- from hard services to social infrastructure, land base/supply, price, to labour force characteristics (education and talent pool), etc. The consultant has also conducted internal stakeholder interviews with Council and Administration in this first phase, with an interim "Key Findings" Report due in September. Going out to the community at large, as well as soliciting input from business stakeholder groups, will follow in Phase II, through the end of August into mid- September, with a final Industry Profile produced in late October, and presented to Council with supporting strategic recommendations.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS**

### Washroom Access near Laurie Boyd Bridge

The public washroom near the Laurie Boyd bridge was closed due to drug and loitering activities. This toilet is planned to be reopened upon completion of the Laurie Boyd bridge construction and development of a day use area in the location of the former ball diamond in 2019. The vestibule wall will be removed, the unit will be repainted, and a new toilet will be installed inside.

The day use area project will see the vehicle gate for the water treatment plant relocated further east to allow for additional parking east of the Lions Campground. Picnic tables will be installed in the vicinity of the former ball diamond, and if budget permits, leisure recreational activities may also be added, but those are not yet determined.

## Wastewater Treatment Plant Modifications

An RFP for design and engineering services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant modifications and upgrades was posted July 12, 2018. This multiyear project was included in the 10 year capital plan (\$30M) total that was approved by Council and aligns with the strategic priority of providing quality infrastructure. Proposal evaluations are underway with an anticipated contract execution date of August 23<sup>rd</sup> with the successful firm.

The WWTP Phase II Upgrade will comprise various 'Projects' to occur over the next 3 to 4 years. The projects currently identified as part of the Phase II Upgrade are:

<b>WWTP Phase II Project:</b>	<b>Anticipated Construction Year:</b>
BNR Reactor & Secondary Clarifier	2019 (priority)
Headworks Facility & Pumping Upgrades	2020
Primary Clarifier	2021
UV Disinfection	2021
Dewatering & Solid Handling Works	2021

## Playground Projects Update

The Okotoks Inclusive Playground and Cedar Grove playground projects are both scheduled to commence the week of August 20. Site preparation will be completed first, with equipment and safety surfacing to be installed in September. The old equipment will be salvaged by the Emmanuel Foundation who rescue decommissioned playgrounds. After some refurbishing, the old playground equipment is sent to areas of the world where children do not have access to developmental play.

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