

Council and I, along with our staff, were saddened to learn last week of the passing of former **Councillor, Nan McLean**. Nan served 3 terms on Council, from 2007 to 2017. Nan did her part as a Councillor, sitting on various boards and Council committees and was never shy about sharing her views on the various issues we dealt with. She was also active on a number of other boards outside of Council, notably the Health Foundation. She did her part to make this a successful community and helped leave it a better place. Our condolences to her husband Chuck, their children and grandchildren and to her many relatives and friends.

One of our former RCMP detachment commanders, **Sgt (retired) Tom McKenzie** passed on July 25th. Tom served in a number of communities in his career and chose to retire here in Bow Island and remain part of our community. Condolences to his wife Irene, his daughters Shannon and Neilly and their families.

The 54th edition of the **Southern Alberta Summer Games** wrapped up on July 11th here in Bow Island. Big thanks to all the volunteers who helped out leading up to and during the 3-day event. 1453 athletes from the 13 SASG regions participated, including the **175 on Team Forty Mile**. Our locals earned 205 medals, including 79 gold, 66 Silver and 60 Bronze and finished second behind the City of Lethbridge. We received lots of good feedback about the facilities, the hospitality and how everything was organized (even the weather). Kaylee Hurt and her assistant, Abi Wozniak, did a fantastic job of leading the way. All of the Town staff, from Public Works to the Office, all stepped up to support the effort. Some of the bills are still coming in but It looks like the Games will be under budget and a lot of that is due to the tremendous support shown by businesses and groups here in Bow Island, the County and Foremost and elsewhere. Many thanks to them for their generosity.

As mentioned in my June "Notes", this year will see significant amount of asphalt work being done and some of that has taken place. The original capital budget included \$70,000 for regular patching, \$170,000 for Parkview Crescent and \$425,000 for re-building and paving the 6th Ave truck route. Since then, Council has approved another \$150,000 for repairing and repaving 3 intersections adjacent to Highway 3. This addition and the truck route project will be funded with grant money from the Canada Community Building Fund from Ottawa by way of the Province. You have likely noticed that in some places, defective sidewalks and some wheelchair corners have been replaced with asphalt. This is a bit of an experiment to see how they stand up and more importantly to stretch our budget. For many years we have allocated \$45,000 annually to sidewalk replacement and have not been gaining on the demand. The asphalt option, especially where there is a paved boulevard, will stretch those dollars further.

The 1st Ave water line replacement was delayed due to problems with the temporary water service that was set up. New materials had to be ordered and in the meantime the contractor has gone to another job but will be back this season yet. Be careful crossing those temporary lines as they are nasty speed bumps.

Council has approved renaming the former Town office to the **"Bow Island Community Services Hub"**. This will be the expanded location of FCSS, the new location of the Community Resource Centre (CRC) and the Food Bank. It's fitting that this is happening during the 25th Anniversary of the **Forty Mile Regional Family and Community Support Services** and it will be celebrated with a Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting on Thursday **August 13th at 11 am** on Centre Street.

Another Grand Opening took place on August 5th at **Bow Blossoms Childcare**. This former lumberyard, arcade and bar has been transformed into a beautiful safe and functional space for little ones to learn, play and grow. Bow Blossoms is fully accredited and has qualified ECE staff. More Info: bowblossomshildcare.ca

The first phase of the new cell at the Landfill is complete and garbage is being moved into it. If you bring materials out, please follow the signage and directions of the staff when unloading your vehicle.

It's Harvest time, so be alert on the highway and local roads!!



Mayor Gordon Reynolds