

This time of year, is always busy for the Town Staff. Public Works is hard at the usual summer maintenance and various new projects. Staff in the office are supporting the planning of various events and projects along with their very busy daily work. The cement contractor is in Town and has begun work on sidewalk replacements. The paving company has arrived earlier than the past few years and have prepped 2 blocks of North Railway avenue for paving, as we are moving away from just oiling this busy stretch. They will be here for a few weeks doing patching and other jobs. Many of the crosswalks have been repainted, however the school crossings will wait until closer to September.

For the first time since the early 80's, a housing development is being done by a private developer, rather than the Town. Northview Acres, by Neu-Build Construction, is just west of Gershaw school, and will consist of 2 lots, approximately .25 acres in size and 5 lots approximately .9 acres each. Access will be off 1<sup>st</sup> avenue and the newly named Hyland Road to the north. Construction will begin this summer. Council is also considering options for developing additional Town owned land on the west side for more single-family housing.

Soil is being moved at the north end of the Airport Industrial Park in preparation for new lots to be developed there in the next year or two. Another lot has been sold at the airport for a new hangar planned for construction fairly soon.

Congratulations to Karen Waldbauer on her retirement as manager of Pleasant View Lodge. Karen was with PVL for over 30 years, starting as a volunteer and later joined the staff. She has been the manager for the last 17 years and thanks to her kind, caring nature has had a great rapport with the residents over those years. Karen's successor will be Ms. Joyce Turner, who comes with a background of working with seniors and managing similar facilities. Joyce and her husband will be relocating to Bow Island in the near future.

I was pleased to see that Dr. Tawfeeq was featured as Our Hometown Hero in this month's In Our Community. He continues to carry a big load for us but currently has some help from a third-year medical student, Carolyn Campbell, who is here until the 20<sup>th</sup>. She will be followed by another student for another several weeks. We can also expect to have some additional part-time coverage in the next several weeks by a very experienced physician. The Town, the County and the Village are collaborating to assist recruitment, and some progress is being made but getting additional doctors in place will still take some time.

Although the number of teams participating in the Annual Slo-pitch tournament were down a little, the weekend was, by all accounts a success. The highlight of the event was the dedication of Diamond C to the memory of Kelly Byam, our former Fire Chief and an avid ball player. The Recreation Advisory board made the recommendation to Council and then went to great lengths to make the dedication a surprise for his family.

This month marks the first anniversary of Lynn and Angela Degenstein's ownership of Bow Island Auto Service, and they seem busier than ever. Congratulations to them and their staff. I also hear Joe is enjoying retirement.

Follow the Bow Island Safe Streets Committee on Facebook for notices, videos and RCMP press releases about various incidents of theft, fraud & vandalism. If you have information about any such events, please call the detachment office at 403-545-2784. Anonymous tips can be made to 1- 800-222-TIPS or online at p3tips.com. If you wish to report a crime or have concerns about public safety 403-545-2100 or 310-RCMP puts you in touch with a dispatcher, especially after office hours. Urgent emergency calls should go to 911. Our staff would also be happy to hear from the parents of the little boys who caused some damage at the Splash park recently. We hope these little guys can learn to respect this wonderful, free facility.

Please stay hydrated and cool during this heatwave!

***Mayor Gordon Reynolds***