

2010 Highlights

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November 8, 2010

New Welcome Sign

Hythe's Chamber representative presented designs for a new welcome sign on the approaches to Hythe. The old signs have deteriorated from weather and have fallen apart. Council welcomed this design by the Chamber.

MLS Wayne Drysdale

Council appreciated a visit from Wayne Drysdale. He talked about the twining of Hwy 43. The twining through Sturgeon Lake region will begin in spring 2011. Also, the engineer has been hired to work on plans for twining around Beaverlodge. He assured council that rumors of PST by the Conservative government are false, caucus have no plans for PST in Alberta.

Metal Bridge at School

The metal bridge crossing the ditch on 103rd Street at 105th Avenue to the School will be put in place later this week. Nine (9) children will use the bridge crossing the ditch to go to school.

Annual Sewer Flushing

The annual sewer flushing is complete. Please refer to the article in the paper – Got FOG? We appreciate your co-operation in helping to prevent sewer problems.

New Pump for Lift Station

Council approved the purchase of a new pump for the lift station – this is to have one on hand for emergencies or breakdowns at the lift station.

Subdivision Approved

Council approved the subdivision application for Part Lot C, Plan 4147 RS for the Hythe Community Centre.

Next Council Meeting

The November 22, 2010 meeting is at 7:30 pm. After this meeting the time will return to 5:30pm on meeting dates. Council meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month unless Monday is a holiday and then it will be held on the Tuesday. There will be only one meeting in December, July and August.

October 25, 2010

Recycle Program

Council is looking further into recycling for Hythe Residents. Your comments on whether you would like to continue using the plastic bag system or going to recycle carts – like the garbage carts – would be appreciated in writing to the Village of Hythe, Box 416. Council is also looking into doing something to help with recycling of used cardboard.

Metal Bridge at School

Council approved providing a metal bridge to cross the ditch on 103rd Street at 105th Avenue. Nine (9) children cross the deepened ditch here to go to school. Peace Wapiti School Division will help with the costs.

Annual Sewer Flushing

Public Works have been doing the annual sewer line flushing with the help from Beaverlodge this past week. .

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held December 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Village of Hythe Municipal Office – The purpose is to amend the zoning for the Hythe Community Centre to permit institutional uses and to include limited commercial use.

Speed Limits at School in Hythe

New 30 km speed limit signs are posted at the school zones. Thank you for adhering to these speed signs protecting the safety of our youth.

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November 8, 2010 meeting is at 5:30 pm at the Village Office. The November 22, 2010 meeting is at 7:30 pm. After those two meetings the time will then be 5:30pm on meeting dates, Council meetings are held the second and forth Mondays of each month unless Monday is a holiday and then it will be held on the Tuesday. There will be only one meeting in December, July and August.

October, 2010

Organization Meeting

At the Village of Hythe Organization Meeting held October 12, Gary Burgess was appointed as Mayor of Hythe; Lyle Sipe was appointed as Deputy Mayor; and Carol Descoteaux, Cheryl Philips and Krista Olson were appointed as Councillors.

Sewer Rehabilitation

Work on the main sewer line along the Highway was finished and the Village is pleased to announce that it came in under budget by approximately \$24,000.00.

Three-way Stop

A 3-way stop sign was installed at the intersection of 107 Street and 101 Avenue. Kindly take care at this intersection.

Hythe Fire Siren

Fire Chief, John Woltjer gave a very informative report to council on the history of the Hythe Fire Siren, which is printed in paper. We are grateful to John and all the volunteers on the Fire Department who see to the safety of our community. Thank you for all the hours of sacrifice you give to serve us. Council moved that the fire sirens will remain in the community as they insure the swift response of our volunteers to fires, motor vehicle accidents and high hazard alarms.

Assessor for the Village

Chris Gardner from the County of Grande Prairie has been designated land and property assessor for the Village of Hythe.

COPPs (Citizens on Patrol Program)

The Village would like to get this program up and running in Hythe. Please pick up an information package and application from the Village Office if you are interested in becoming involved. Let's help fight crime in our Community.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

The October 25, 2010 meeting date is 7:30 pm. The November 8, 2010 meeting date is 5:30 pm. The November 22, 2010 date is 7:30 pm. After those three meeting dates, Council meetings will be held the second and forth Mondays of each month unless Monday is a holiday and then it will be held on the Tuesday. There will be only one meeting in December, July and August.

Summer, 2010

Sidewalk Repairs

Council has approved funding for repairs to the sidewalks in the downtown core, on the East side up to the bank and as well as some on the west side in this Block. Repair work to be done by Wapiti Gravel, cost allocated \$30,000.00.

Gravel for Trailer Court

Council approved gravel for the roads in the trailer court – this has now been graveled, cost allocated \$3,200.00.

Public Works Employee

Welcome to Matthew Robertson who has been hired as our new public works employee.

Sewer Rehabilitation

Main Line has been hired to begin construction to replace the old sewer line along the highway from 100 St to 103 St. (God Wind Ministries to Tags Food and Gas Bar. Please accept our apology for any inconvenience this may cause you. The work will be done as quickly as possible, cost allocated \$430,000.00

New Parking Lot for trucks

Work is being done to prepare the land on the South East side of the arena for a parking lot for commercial trucks. When this is completed, trucks will no longer be allowed to park on 101 Avenue across from the new fire hall or within the Village. Exception will be for delivery only, cost allocated \$3,500.00.

Cemetery Committee

Council and Staff have appreciated the many years of service which the Shails have given to the community of Hythe – maintaining the Hythe Cemetery and the Historical Society. We extend our deepest sympathy to Donna over the passing of her beloved husband, Eldon.

Wendal Hommy has now been appointed to the Hythe Cemetery Committee.

May 25, 2010

Back Alleys

Council has approved that the back alleys south of 103rd Street, including East of the Curling Rink be leveled and graveled this summer.

New Well

A new well was drilled north of the campground. Well testing was completed on Saturday, May 22. This new well will provide the necessary and needed water for the anticipated growth of the community of Hythe.

Resignation of Public Works Employee

Council accepted the resignation Taylor Rudrum, effective May 31, 2010. He is moving on to further his career. Council expressed appreciation to Taylor for his years of service to the Village. We wish you all the best Taylor.

Parking North of 107th Street

Council has asked that there be “No Parking” off of the pavement, on the empty lots on the north side of 107th Street. Parking of vehicles off of the pavement is tearing up the drainage ditch and breaking down the new pavement which will cause erosion of the road. Eventually the cost of repairs will be to the tax payers, so we would ask that you refrain from parking off of the pavement. Thank you for your cooperation.

Weed Inspectors

In cooperation with the County of Grande Prairie weed inspectors are appointed to check properties for obnoxious weeds like Mayweed and Canada Thistle. If they find these on properties letters will be sent with timelines to remove the weeds. See that these weeds are pulled from your property.

May 10, 2010

Spring Clean-up

Spring Clean-up continues through the month of May to June 5. Bins are located on the lots adjacent to the new fire hall. One bin for household items, one for salvage of metals and one for E-Waste, which is old electronics. Residents are encouraged to take large items to the Regional Land Fill.

Hythe Camp Ground

The Hythe Camp ground was opened May 1, 2010. New campground attendant is Tina Unger.

Street Gutters

Thank you for your patience as Public Works cleaned the gutters and boulevards around the Village. This will improve drainage. Washing of gutters and street sweeping will begin soon.

Resignation of Councillor

Council accepted the resignation of Councillor Rhonda Tofteland, effective April 31, 2010. Thanks to Ms. Tofteland for all your years of service to the Community of Hythe.

Curbside Recycling

Council is looking at the curbside recycle program. Many would rather have containers than the plastic bags. We are researching what is available to our community.

Citizens On Patrol Program

Cst. Milan Kirschner presented the C.O.P.P.'s program to interested community residents on Monday evening after council. Volunteers are needed to be the "eyes" and "ears" to assist in the deterrence of crime. If you can volunteer for the program stop by the Village office to pick up an application package.

April 26, 2010

RCMP Quarterly Report

Sgt. Finley presented the quarterly report for the Hythe Region. The number of criminal offenses is down for this period as compared to last quarter. However, during this time frame a number of break-in offences occurred in the community. Investigations to date have supported charging 4 adult subjects. Others yet need to be questioned. C.O.P.P. (Citizens On Patrol Program) was discussed and a presentation of the program will be held at the Village Office on May10 at 7:30 pm. Residents interested prevention of crime and helping with this program are encouraged to attend.

County Assessor

Bruce Cameron is the new county assessor, having taken over from Ken Mack. Due to the number of

inequities in the assessments, as land values have not kept pace with the market values, a reassessment of properties was necessary.

2010 Mill Rate

Council approved keeping the 2010 mill rate the same as last year's -which was 9% for residential properties and 19% for nonresidential properties.

Ken Brandsater Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award

Renay Morgan is the 2010 recipient of the Ken Brandsater Memorial Volunteer Award. Honorable Mention goes to Audrey Crichton, Don Pearson, Frank Lowen, Marie Lowen, Elma Jones, Marie Pearson and Tanya Terry.

Spring Clean-up

Spring Clean-up will be May 1 - June 5. Three bins are located on the lots adjacent to the new fire hall. One bin will be for household items and the other for salvage of metals. Please NO items with Freon, such as fridges, and air conditioners. Also, there is a bin for E-Waste, which is old electronics. Residents are encouraged to take large items to the Regional Land Fill.

Hythe Trailer Park

Council approved the grading of the roads in the Hythe Trailer Park. This project will commence soon, weather permitting and availability of contractor.

April 12, 2010

Annual Pancake Supper

Annual Pancake Supper and Volunteer Appreciation evening will be Wednesday, April 28 at 5:00 pm at the Hythe Legion. Consider who you might nominate for the Ken Brandsater Volunteer of the Year. Form for your nomination is in this paper.

Spring Clean-up

Spring Clean-up will be May 1 - June 5. Two bins will be located on the lots adjacent to the new fire hall. One bin will be for household items and the other for salvage of metals. Residents are encouraged to take large items to the Regional Land Fill. Those of you not able to move bigger items, will be helped by the Village 780-356-3888.

New Councillor

Hythe Council welcomed and sworn in the Village's newest council member - Cheryl Phillips. Councillor Phillips and her family have resided in Hythe for four years now. They come to us from Ontario. Councillor Phillips is employed by Canada Post and works in our own post office. Welcome Cheryl Phillips!

Arena Loan

Council approved a loan of \$60,000 to the Hythe and District Athletic Association for the replacement of the arena boards from wood to life-time guarantee steel and plastic. Over \$85,000 has been raised for the project with application to Gov. of Alberta for matching grant money which will be used to repay the Village's loan.

Animal Control

SPCA no longer holds the animal control contract for the County of G.P. The County now has its own animal control officers. Calls should be directed to 780-532-9727.

Tax Auction:

Tax Auction will be June 14 at 12:00 noon for Lot 18, Block 2, Plan 682EO. The parcel will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing Certificate of Title.

COPS Program

Council is inviting the RCMP of Beaverlodge to the next council meeting to discuss the implementation of COPS (Citizens on Patrol). If you are interested in volunteering for this program please let us know at the Village Office 780-356-3888.

Council Meeting Time Change

The time of Hythe Council has been changed from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of every month.

MARCH 8 & 22, 2010

Man Basket

Public Works is getting a man basket to sit on the loader forks allowing them to safely work above the ground.

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Curb Side Recycling

Curb side recycling will be every other week beginning, Friday, April 2. First week will be for

plastics and tins, washed and labels removed; the following pick-up, April 16 for paper, newsprint, glossy paper, office paper, file folders. . . and so on in a continuous two-week rotation.

Municipal Sustainability Plan

Council has approved the Municipal Sustainability plan. A public meeting is planned for April 15 at 7:00 pm at the Hythe Community Centre. We would encourage as many as can to attend this meeting. Your input into the future of Hythe is crucial.

Hythe Regional Land Fill

A motion was approved at council that the old Hythe Regional Land fill be used for the disposal of inert material like concrete, pavement, and cement blocks.

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