

2015 Year-End Summary Report to the Community

As we draw nearer to the end of 2015, we would just like to update the community on some of the Highlights of 2015 from Mayor & Council and the Northern Village of Beauval Administration and Staff

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

We have met 2-3 times through-out the year to draft a plan with SaskWater Protection Agency and Bullee Engineering for the construction of a new water treatment plant for the village. Some piloting for the new system was recently done and we now believe Bullee has all the information they require to proceed with presenting a finalized plan to the village. The construction of this new facility is scheduled for middle of 2016 (June or July sometime). We look forward to this project as it will ensure we can continue to produce quality water to our community.

OFFICE AND GYMNASIUM COMPLEX

As many of you can see on a daily basis now, construction for the new facility is underway. The completion date for this is set for July 2016. The new facility will feature 6 offices that will be rented/leased to organizations in the community and the gymnasium which will feature a stage and kitchen will be usable for our residents to have recreation gym nights that can include things like floor hockey and basketball. The kitchen will feature full commercial equipment that will excellent for community suppers or event functions such as weddings.

STAFFING

We have seen some staffing changes within the administration and maintenance. Jamie Laliberte has stepped down from council to pursue an opportunity to serve as the village's Chief Administration Officer (CAO). Welcome to Jamie as well we welcome Travis Laliberte and Jason Lafleur to our Maintenance Department, Wayne Laliberte to our Recreation team, Jolene McKay to the Social Development Coordinator role and Dion Gauthier as our Economic Development Intern. Our more recently additional also includes Leora Krivoshein who will be working as the Recreation Center Worker. As of this report we currently have an opening with Waste Management and we will also be sure to welcome that new employee when the individual is selected and hired

SUMMER WILDFIRES

We said it before and we will say it again, a huge thank you to those individuals who helped Mayor & Council and the staff ensure operations went smoothly during the Air Quality evacuation we had over the summer. Your volunteer services did not go unnoticed. Our local Fire Brigade played a huge part of keeping our community safe through-out the summer as to not allow some of the local fires add to the growing forest fire concern. This included a fire at our Youth Center and Village Compound. Their quick response time and excellent training under the guidance of Fire Chief Jerry Morin is second-to-none. Huge huge thank you to the brigade and everyone who played a role in this. We had the opportunity to meet with Provincial Emergency Coordinators recently and we were able to voice any concerns, which first and foremost included communication. Steps are being taken to ensure we have a better process in place with these agencies in the future.

AGREEMENT WITH CAMECO

If you were in attendance of the Cameco Energy Tour that took place at VVS in October, you were witness to our first steps in our partnership with the Northern Village of Beauval and the Metis Local #37 to establish an agreement with Cameco. We outlined priority areas for our community which included education, employment/training and economic development in the pursuit of a sustainable community. We look forward to providing more information as we continue to establish this agreement which includes a follow-up meeting in the early parts of the new year.

NEW BEAUVAL HEALTH FACILITY

Talks continue with Keewatin Yatthé Regional Health Authority (KYRHA) as they also recognize Beauval is long over-due for a new health facility. We have hired and assigned a consultant with the village who is talked to pursue the talks with KYRHA to ensure this project does not lose traction with the Health Authority and the Provincial Government.

BEAUVAL POST PLANT

It took a little longer than we had hoped, but as of Nov 2nd the Beauval Post Plant was up and operational. This is a JEMI Fibre initiative that was endorsed by the Northern Village of Beauval to create employment and training opportunities. We continue to work with JEMI to create training opportunities in the field of Class 1A Trucking, Heavy Equipment Operation, Process Operating, Brushcutting, among other forestry initiatives.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMMING

The Northern Village of Beauval continues to strength its partnership with KYRHA and the local Community School. Among the programming offered is the Ladies Night which Jolene McKay has re-ignited the Ladies Night programming. Gail Gardiner-Lafleur has led the Toddler's Café at the school which is open to parents and children who are 6 years of age and younger. We are striving to find more consistent funding streams for core programming for the community in the new year as we continue talks with the partnering agencies.

BLUEBERRY HILLS WATER

September 2015 marked the 1st year of operation of Blueberry Hills Water under the ownership of Beauval Development Inc. (BDI). Wade Morin has served as the Delivery / Water Distribution Person since BDI has taken ownership. Mandy Caisse was hired before the summer to serve as the Assistant Manager. We wish Mandy all the best as she takes time off for Maternity Leave and look forward to her return in the new year. We welcome any feedback on how we can best extend the availability of providing access to BlueBerry Hills water in the community.

NEW RECREATION/FACILITY

Not to lose the momentum on new developments in the community, we are in the process of having a business plan developed for the creation of a Recreation Center & Fitness Facility. Please keep an eye out for a potential survey that may be developed as part of the business plan process to gauge from the community what kind of equipment and access they'd like to see with the facility and what kind of membership fees would be reasonable for such a facility.

ARENA

The re-building of the arena has never left our minds as we strategize for Beauval's developments and growth. One thing to realize is that with these new developments such as the Office Complex/Gymnasium which will generate revenue, and the potential of a Rec Center/Fitness Center which will also generate revenue, an arena facility (built similar to our previous one) will not generate revenue. A facility of this magnitude will require a lot of money to build and maintain, so in order to ensure the community has a plan moving forward, we would like to spend more time creating an Asset Plan for this facility to ensure it is able to sustain itself. Having these existing buildings constructed will also only strengthen our resolve to provide security towards the Arena facility once construction begins. In the meantime, our Community Facilities Fundraising Committee continues to fundraise and on behalf of the village and the committee, we thank everyone who has supported their efforts and continue to support them in the future. Once the Asset Plan is complete (which will include a conceptual design and facility usage plans), we will most certainly present them to the community for further input and feedback.