

Chamber of Commerce Update

Jan. 07, 2014

Here is a brief up date of current and upcoming events, opportunities and developments.

1. Football and Soccer field upgrade and new field, (with Counties help).
2. Arena entrance expansion, (huge investment) with Counties help.
3. Main Street infrastructure replacement. Water/sewer lines replacement, plus sidewalks, pavement and street lighting.
4. New Hospital committee work in progress. (Needs assessment, Best case; long term results.)
5. Peavey Mart replacement of Zellers store. Thanks to C of C for networking and help in initial contact and working with our planning department.
6. Credit Union huge expansion. (multi \$MM.) Demonstrates financial confidents with the Town's direction. Credit Union staff volunteer huge # of hours back into our Community each year.
7. RABC (Rural AB. Business Center) with 8 offices as new business start-up incubator programs and opportunities. 5 successful businesses have moved on to expanded space. 4 Downtown 1 Industrial.
8. Railway Ave. Retail complex expansion. (Doubling in size).
9. Crossley bldg. and duplex.
10. Sea Container Sales and Rentals expansion.
11. New Ambulance building. (Just about to move in).
12. Bear Safety & Training Service Building recent completion.
13. 42 Ave. and Hi-way 11 intersection traffic lights install by Mar.31, 2014.
14. Large potential development opportunities south end of Town on both sides of Hi-way 11.
15. Rainbow Ford impressive huge expansion.
16. Behind Co-op a development Company plans on 3 new light industrial/commercial lots.
17. Mud Lake industrial lots. (18) With success there is a large multi-phase potential development to the North of Mud Lake. (Falcon Ridge)
18. The "Rock" Youth Building.
19. Upgrade and replacement of cement batch plant.
20. Town's 3 surplus Hi Way commercial lots for sale. (East Giant Car Wash)
21. Foothill Mechanical Building Expansion
22. Upscale Condo and retail complex (S. of Sobey's) (26 units).
23. Walking Eagle expansion (38 rooms)
24. Chinook Inn expansion (26 rooms)
25. North side of Hi-way 11 by Chinook Inn large potential development after in fill.
26. Upgrades to Rocky's lagoon for County's resident and business offloading. Capital costs funded by Clearwater County. Operation labor and cost (electricity) by Town.
27. 71 Ave. Row Housing developments. 11 new 3 bedroom units. Plus one stand along.
28. New upscale 18 suite apartment Hi-way 11A and 60 St.
29. Two potential developments by local developer along Railway Street.
30. GTI's Petroleum expansion (Pudgey's).
31. 5 new residential homes in Old Town.
32. Normal Laebon Homes development in Creekside.
33. 42 units Senior's Assisted Living in Creekside.
34. 54 units apartment/condo Creekside.

(if time permits, continue..)

35. Westview Lodge official opening.
36. NSRP ongoing development/expansion. (roof, camp ground, sports fields, boat launch, etc)
37. Rocky Airport (Town/County) Strategic Planning on enhancement/expansion. Plans to fully utilize our assets and look into Charter flights for out of area workers.
38. Howse Pass Highway Economic Feasibility Study (revisit).
39. Encourage resource development in the area. (Duvernay Shale Oil n Gas play, Metallurgical Coal Mine Projects).
40. Tourism Promotion, (events co-ordinator).

Closing: My research shows the business and investment communities want a stable, predictable and consistent form of governance. We plan to demonstrate our confidence by delivering a quality product. We are grateful to the hard working citizens to enable us to have our quality of life. We are grateful to our good working relationship with our neighbours Clearwater and Caroline in helping everyone enjoy our life style. We are blessed with the work ethics of everyone and please 'just get it done'. The Town needs positive energy not negative media. I challenge everyone to promote Clearwater, Rocky and Caroline with positive energy. Thank You!

Mayor Nash