



November 10, 2019

WaterWolf Member Municipality

Attention: Mayor / Reeve, Councils and Administrator/CAO's,

## ***ARE YOU IN THE KNOW?***

### **Planning Forum**

What a day! Our welcome speakers were: Mr. Ray Orb, President of SARM, Mr. Gordon Barnhart, President of SUMA, Mr. Jean-Marc Nadeau, CEO of SUMA and our very own, Arlin Simonson, Chair of WaterWolf Planning and Mayor of Broderick. We were also fortunate to have 5 facilitators from Community Planning both Saskatoon and Regina branches, 2 facilitators from Advisory Services (all from the Ministry of Government Relations) and 1 from the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure, as well as Tim Nickel as our MC from the Ministry of Justice. Mr Orb was able to stay for the first session of the morning and Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Nadeau were able to stay for the entire day!

The purpose of the forum was to bring the members of the WaterWolf District Planning Commission together to determine and discuss priorities for WaterWolf and ways for WaterWolf to offer higher level services to members. The forum also provided an opportunity to strengthen working relationships between members.

The expected outcomes of the forum are: a needs analysis identifying service requirements of members, governance/operational improvements to increase the effectiveness of WaterWolf, opportunities for WaterWolf and its members to continue to work together to advance regional planning, and opportunities for the Ministry of Government Relations to support WaterWolf's activities. Secondly, a Work Plan to guide WaterWolf's activities for the next one to three years. The Work Plan should include a list of activities, required resources and timeline for implementation as well as including opportunities to coordinate infrastructure and service delivery between members.

The topics discussed were: Administration and Governance, Recreation and Economic Development, Infrastructure and Shared Resources, Emergency Services and Transportation. Mr. Tim Nickel took the notes from each tables discussions and a report will be given back to us, Community Planning and then distributed to all members.

We had over 50 mayors, reeves, councillors and administrators in attendance. We truly appreciate that you took the time to participate in this Forum. I want to thank the RM of Rosedale for sending a representative. We approached all past members and they were the only ones in attendance. We thank you for being interested in our vision for the future! Special thanks to Strongfield Café for the snack break food and Harbour Bar & Grill (Elbow) for the lunch.

## **Commission Meeting**

At the Commission meeting the following was approved: the removal of the following communities; Town of Elrose, Village of Vanscoy, RM of Maple Bush, RM of Enfield and Town of Davidson: the addition of the Village of Macrorie. A new District Agreement will be drawn up and distributed to the members.

Mr. Jim Walters, Planner, Crosby Hanna attended and briefly discussed that WaterWolf Planning Inc. applied in the Expression of Interest for Targeted Sector Support to help fund the revamping of the Official Community Plan (District Plan)(approx. cost is \$2100 each x 28 communities) as well as for funding to help revamp individual municipalities zoning bylaws (approx. cost is \$6500 each.) We will be following up with each community to see whether or not you need new zoning bylaws. As always, we can save money by working together.

## **Asset Management**

WaterWolf Planning Inc. has recently applied to FCM for funding from their Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) Round 3. The Round 3 funding is targeted to regional collaboration so it's perfect for WaterWolf! We will be working with Urban Systems to help advance asset management for all of our members that require this service. Please, get a hold of me if your community NEEDS to be in on this! I am planning calls to each community to gauge the interest in this as well as just to see how you all are! Look forward to hearing from you.

## **Municipal Awards**

15 WaterWolf communities worked together on Asset Management from 2017 to 2018. Those communities are now being awarded a Regional Cooperation Award at SUMA and SARM mid-term convention for this work. Those communities are: Town of Craik, Town of Central Butte, Village of Kenaston, Town of Hanley, RM of Loreburn, RM of Fertile Valley, Village of Conquest, Village of Elbow, Resort Village of Mistusinne, Village of Glenside, Village of Broderick, Village of Strongfield, Village of Loreburn, Town of Dundurn and Village of Beechy. If you are attending the SARM mid-term convention, the video and presentation are at 10:30 am on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Budget & Member Invoices**

The proposed 2020/2021 budget will be sent by the end of November. The budget must be addressed at your December council meetings. If you approve or disapprove, please e-mail us the results. Once we have 2/3 of the members approve the budget, it will be adopted and distributed to the members. Then the member invoices will be sent by the end of December 2019. There will be no increase to the member fees for the coming year. Invoices are due January 31, 2020.

## **Board Meetings**

The Board met on November 4th. The next scheduled meeting is January 6th. The October minutes were approved at the November meeting and are attached.

Sincerely, Arlin, Joanne, Walter, Garry, Richard, Maureen and Brandy

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