

# RURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting Date: November 24, 2015

# **Subject: Rural Community Placemaking Status Update**

APPROVALS:

Robert Billiard, Director Kevin Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

## **Administrative Recommendation:**

THAT the update on the Placemaking projects in the rural areas be accepted as information.

## **Summary:**

Community Placemaking Projects are underway in the rural communities of Conklin, Janvier, Anzac, Gregoire Lake Estates and Fort Chipewyan. Rural Community Placemaking elements have been completed in Saprae Creek. Placemaking in Fort McKay has been requested in the 2016 Capital Budget in the amount of \$110,000 for design. The project is on the unfunded list. The Placemaking Initiative creates placemaking elements which include entry features, improved community entrance signs, improvements to the mailbox areas and landscape intersection improvements in rural communities. The current status of the 2015 Placemaking projects is provided below.

## Anzac (\$1,400,000) - 99% complete

• Minor deficiencies remain

#### **Janvier** (\$800,000) - 80% complete

- Boardwalk decking remains to be completed
- Timeline for completion is late December (weather permitting)

#### **Conklin** (\$800,000) – 60% complete

- Boardwalk, wooden arbor, banner poles, and some planting remain to be completed.
- Timeline for completion is late December (weather permitting)

### Gregoire Lake Estates (\$800,000) – 50% complete

- Four of the locations have encroachment issues with the adjoining properties. Planning and Development is working with Public Works to resolve these issues.
- Remaining items such as the public utility lane and the horseshoe pit are to be completed in 2016. The horseshoe pit cannot be constructed this year due to a conflict with the rural water and sewer project.

#### Fort Chipewyan (\$5,000,000) – 90% complete

• The Fish Plant Harbour portion of work remains to be completed. Land Management is working on acquiring approval from the province. Approval is anticipated prior to the 2016 construction season, however, if the province needs additional time it will delay the construction schedule.

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Staff will continue to work with the contractor and municipal departments to finish all remaining work on the approved projects within the timelines noted.

# **Strategic Plan Linkages:**

Pillar 2 – Building Balanced Regional Services

Pillar 7 – Building for a Healthy and Active Lifestyle