

Subject: Community Place Making Initiative

APPROVALS:

Robert Kirby, Acting Executive Director
Marcel Ulliac, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the Community Place Making Initiative Update be accepted as information.

Summary:

The Rural Community Place Making Project was approved for the 2014 operating year and includes the communities of Anzac, Conklin, Fort Chipewyan, Gregoire Lake Estates and Janvier.

Work will include site design planning and approvals for the placement of Community Place Making initiatives. Some of these initiatives will include landscaping, banners, signage, benches and trash receptacles, as outlined in the Community Place Making Initiative adopted by Regional Council in 2006

Background:

The goal of the Community Place Making Initiative is to beautify the community, enhance the public life of streets and common spaces, and strengthen the sense of place – capturing and celebrating the geography, history, culture and lifestyle that make the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo unique. These placemaking principles will be applied to the enhancement of streets, roadways and common spaces within our rural neighborhoods.

A key objective of the Community Place Making Initiative is to develop a design vocabulary of streetscaping, landscape treatments, street furnishings, public art, signage and similar design elements. These placemaking elements will constitute a visual brand that is comprehensive, consistent, and at the same time meaningful and memorable

Rural Community Place Making Capital Project Update

- Community consultation complete in Anzac, Janvier and Conklin.
- Community input was turned into a conceptual plan and accepted by the community.
- Tender package complete and has been reviewed by all stakeholders with no changes brought forward.

- Tender package to construct Anzac, Janvier and Conklin to be released on Alberta Purchasing Connection in the next two weeks.
- Construction to begin in the fall (weather dependent) and finish in mid-summer 2015.
- Gregoire Lake Estates Placemaking – community consultation completed June 18th. – conceptual plan circulated with no concerns raised.
- Gregoire Lake Estates tender package to begin this month, and tender to be released late fall with a construction starting in spring 2015.

Rationale for Recommendation:

This is an update on the status of the current 2014 Capital Project for Rural Community Place Making.