

CAO's REPORT

May 28, 2019

1. West View Lodge has extended an invitation to County Council for a pancake breakfast on Friday June 7, 2019 @ 07:30-08:30 at the Lodge.
2. Registration is open for the Central Alberta Economic Partnership's 2019 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the Pine Hills Golf Club west of Rocky Mountain House.
3. I attended a leadership conference for Certified Local Government Administrators
4. On May 17th, I met with Brazeau County's CAO and discussed our Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF).
5. On May 22nd, the Director of Emergency & Legislative Services and I met with the Municipal District of Bighorn over ICFs.
6. On May 23rd, the Director of Emergency & Legislative Services and I met with the Town of Rocky for ICF discussions.
7. On May 24th was Clearwater County's "Spring General Staff Meeting" when leadership philosophies and safety items are discussed.
8. Economic Development Update - The Economic Development Officer (EDO – Jerry Pratt) had a booth at the Rocky Chamber Trade Show to engage with the public about the draft Economic Development Strategy. Forty paper copies were given out, and one on one discussions were held with approximately 100 people. All were invited to fill out the survey regarding the Strategy, either on paper or online. The survey closed on May 17 and results will be presented to Council in June.

Business visitations continue. Main topics brought up by business include; the importance of diversifying beyond serving one main sector, investing in technology to improve efficiencies, the difficulty of attracting skilled or experienced people to work or live in the area, and increasing overhead costs because of government regulations.

9. The Central Alberta Tourism Alliance is taking an inventory of trails across the CATA membership and has invited stakeholder groups to provide input on the readiness of trails for tourism promotion. Local stakeholders invited to participate in an online survey and a workshop on June 4 include the Clearwater Trails Initiative, Rocky ATV Society, equestrian trail ride companies and cabin rental/ trail guide businesses.

Upcoming Events

May 30 to June 3 – Federation of Canadian Municipalities

June 7 – West View Lodge pancake breakfast 7:30a.m. to 8:30a.m.

June 7 – Council Tour 'Nordegg' 8:30a.m. to 5:00pm

June 17 – Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

June 19 – CAEP meeting at Pine Hills

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

November 12 to 15 – Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)