

<p>2017 Financial Report</p>	<p>Councilor Schoepp presented a brief overview of the 2017 financial statements and a detailed report of where the tax dollars have been spent such as waste management, general operations and the maintenance of our roads and trails. There was some discussion about the amount of money still owing from the developer, who is no longer involved in the development. CAO Garth Bancroft explained that this land is now for sale and we won't know how much of that amount that we will actually see until the land is sold. We do know that we will receive all outstanding taxes as they are the first thing that gets paid. There was also a question on the amount paid for waste management and Mayor Irving, who is a member on the waste management board, explained that this amount is just the amount that it takes to keep the waste management landfills and transfer stations operating, and it is passed on the each residence in the Athabasca area including county, towns and summer villages.</p> <p>Councilor Schoepp then gave a brief report on how much money went to council and administration over the year.</p>
<p>BAILS</p>	<p>Mayor Irving gave an update on what had happened over the past year on BAILS. Some of the achievements have been lake and stream testing and the results from those tests should be available in the fall. They will then test again and do an assessment of the results. He mentioned that a public engagement meeting in June had been poorly attended but the input that came out of it was good. He also noted that the beaver dams had been cleaned out twice in order to get the water flowing correctly.</p>
<p>Whispering Hills Parks and Recreation Society</p>	<p>Andrew Stepanuk, President of the Parks and Recreation Society then reported on the progress of the society. He said that the playground area had now been cleared, but that they were very short of volunteers to do the work that is needed for this project to work. The society now has their licence and in another year they can apply to do casinos to make some money and they will also be ready to apply for some government grants. The summer village has also budgeted \$5,000 per year over the next few years for the project. He stated that the cost of the planned playground is approximately 150,000 but that they planned to build it in stages as the funds were collected. Other fundraising activities are bottles and garage sales. They are also planning to sell tables to families who wish to put their name on them, and possibly trees in the future.</p>
	<p>After a brief break for coffee and a stretch, Mayor Irving opened up the floor for questions and discussion.</p> <p>Council member Curtis Schoepp told the residents that the fireworks that were cancelled on July 1st would be held that night if the weather permitted.</p>

	<p>There was some discussion about a fire escape route, but no real decision as there are only two roads out of the village.</p> <p>Some drainage concerns were brought to the attention of council</p> <p>Another brief discussion about golf carts was held and everyone was encouraged to lobby the government for changes.</p>
BBQ	Residents were then invited to a barbeque at Galloway Field at around 12:30.
Adjournment	Mayor Irving adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Mayor

Secretary