

# **Springbrook Community Association**

## **Annual General Meeting 2010**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

At last year's Annual General Meeting, held Nov. 3 with about 25 in attendance, 13 members of the association were elected to the Board of Directors. Officers elected at the first meeting of the Board held the same day were President: Paul Pettypiece; Vice-President: Cathy Fowler; Secretary: Linda Key and Treasurer: Tara Lind. The other nine Directors were: Katie Ingram, Tara Dyck, Virginia Holt, Christine Long, Kari-Anne Crockford, Caryn Cardinal, Lance Lenton, Jeff Willmer and Jennifer Charles.

Six Board meetings were held during the year - Nov. 3 (13 board members present), Dec. 1 (7), Feb. 8 (11), Mar. 3 (7), June 9 (6), Sept. 8 (6). Meetings held Jan. 5 and April 7 were considered informational meetings as there was no quorum present and no meeting was held during the summer.

Several successful community events were held during the year – Christmas Dinner and Concert Dec. 19 with about 100 people; Feb. 15 Family Day; March 13 St. Patrick's Day Dance; March 28 Kids Easter Party; May 29 Spring Fling with about 50 people in spite of a major snowstorm; Oct. 30 Halloween Dance with around 70 people of which around 50 were children. Most of these events received some funding from the Red Deer County Division 3 Recreation & Culture Board.

There was no community clean up this year, mostly due to lack of interest as well as a number of conflicting events.

On Dec. 7 and 8, several members of the community volunteered for the casino fundraising which is done approximately every two years.

On Jan. 20 a regional ACE (Active, Creative, Engaged Communities) Workshop was held in Springbrook, hosted by Red Deer County. Three of about 50 people from all over Central Alberta were from Springbrook. The Association purchased a tool kit for a future workshop for the Springbrook community.

One of the more significant events of the year was a Strategic Visioning workshop to assist the Board of Directors and the community as a whole determine its mission, vision, values and goals for the next three years. Two sessions were held, the first on May 5 with 19 community members participating and the second on May 26 with 12 members participating. The Board of Directors decided to discuss the results with the community at the AGM before officially approving them.

Another significant event was an information open house on Aug. 17 regarding basement flooding and general drainage issues, primarily as a result of the heavy July rains when 100 mm (4 inches) of rain fell in a two day period. About 75 people attended to discuss these issues with several representatives from Red Deer County in attendance. Many believe that there is a direct relationship between the flooding and the recent changes in sewer infrastructure.

The lease of the community centre had a few challenges during the year, mostly as a result of Trinidad Drilling (owners of the building) deciding to suspend their training and recreation

facilities and putting the building up for sale for \$1.8 million. Meanwhile, the new Penhold Multiplex opened in July, giving area residents access to a modern multi-use recreational facility.

There has been considerable discussion about a new multi-purpose Springbrook Community Centre. Red Deer County is planning a community needs survey to be distributed to each resident, after which the County has indicated that it will prepare a feasibility study and assist with applying for grants.

Recently, Chinook's Edge School Division announced that the new regional grade 7-12 high school would be located in Penhold once provincial funding is finalized. Springbrook had been identified as one of the potential sites. An elementary school for Springbrook is still likely a few years away.

The Harvard Historical Aviation Society is progressing with the creation of new museum in Springbrook. The first phase of construction is expected next year with a H-Hut design. The next Air Affair is set for next June and is expected to be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

Three new businesses started up this year in the community. The Circuit Café opened in April at the airport. The General Store reopened the same month and in June, 'the Bunker' woosh golf course opened at the entrance to the hamlet.

Red Deer County made some improvements within the community this year including new heritage street signs, a new paved trail along Airport Drive and the paving of the main spine of the trail network in the Springbrook Nature Park. That spine is expected to extend to Penhold next year.

A new entrance sign is under construction by the County that is expected to have a heritage theme based on the results of a community survey in April.

Seven Springbrook residents attended a Red Deer County council meeting on Aug. 3 at which time changes were made to the Direct Control District bylaw.

Red Deer County's liaison worker with the community for most of the year was Joey Leslie who has recently been replaced by Denise (Dee) Soper. The County held a 'Hello Springbrook' event at the fire hall in October which attracted about 75 people.

Finally, although there are several people in the community who have volunteered their valuable time over the past year, we want to acknowledge a few people who have done exceptional service to the community over the past year. There are five that deserve special recognition. Barbara Shakotko has done an excellent job of publishing the Springbrook Babble for the past three years and has decided to move on with other priorities. Phil Wegner has put considerable effort into maintaining the outdoor rink and Rob Dyck organized the building of the skating shelter. Tara Lind, aside from serving as Treasurer of the community association, has also been looking after the booking of the Community Centre for the past year and has been the primary organizer for most of the community events held in the centre. And Orrin Lind has been keeping the entrance 'coming events' sign up to date and assisting in the maintenance and operation of the community centre.

Paul Pettypiece, President, November 1, 2010