

These are the notes I used when presenting my report on January 16, 2015

Regional Emergency Services Meeting

FCSS super board county wants Consultants report

Wendy Wildman main speaker

\$90000 extended until March 31 2016

Consultant report on regional emergency services Review the services we have Give us ideas moving forward and what some options could be The county is part of this whole project They did lend their letter of support to the original application that was submitted for the grant. They were asked like everyone else to participate They are the main player in this They declined any discussions with the consultant, They declined him coming out and meeting with him. The CAO and council he did have some discussions with the county fire chief. They declined the consultant coming out and going over this study with key administration and council. The county was looking for the consultant to draft new fire services agreements this was never brought to the steering committee The request for the proposal was specific to researching the establishment of a commission and that is what the consultant did. There is a letter from Mike Primeau stating that county administration is not in favour of a fire commission. That kills the concept of a regional fire services. Unfortunately the study goes not further if the county is not coming to the table with us. The original grant was \$90,000 the study cost us \$20,000 So there is \$70,000 left to do something with There are some other options for spending the money One idea is the emergency management plans for everyone They have a proposal for consultant to do plans for all the towns and summer villages and to supply training on this. There would be two site visits prior to putting the document together. Nothing is concrete on costs because this has to be offered to the County also. If the county is not included it is right around the \$70,000 dollar mark if the county does come on board the extra cost would be pro rated to the rest of the municipalities The other option is giving the county the funds to use in putting a plan together with the whole county. At this time there is nothing concrete. The county was supposed to do a plan for everyone over 8 year ago but nothing has happened. The county has said it is not able to provide emergency management services to other communities they will provide support should an emergency arise but the other municipalities will require their own plans as required by legislation. An email was sent out asking if we as a summer village need to have an emergency management plan done or updated.

Lac Saint Anne East has a steering committee comprising of Denis Evans, Wendy Wildman, and Guy Poier & two other people (I don't know their names) The steering committee is going to go to mediation with the county on all services that they are having trouble reaching mutual consent on., this is set up through municipal affairs. It is very important that the steering committee get the county to the table on all of this. As the county is the major player in all of this it is important to get a good working relationship with them. No decisions can be made until things are worked out with the county.

There is a meeting of lac st anne east February 7th with the county ab at 9am to try to find out what their plans are The county without consultation has dropped policing, fire services, FCSS with everyone and the subdivision appeal board with the towns.

There is a second phase to this including more grant money They are looking

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at a regional policing plan. Or a director of disaster services It looks like the county is interested in offering fire protection services but not emergency management. The county has sent an email to Onoway and Alberta beach stating that they are going to coming to the summer villages to talk about our fires services. Onaway is looking at a 48% increase and Alberta Beach a 22% increase.

FCSS County is asking that FCSS goes to a super board. An email was sent to everyone asking their opinions on this to be responded to by the end of December

It is felt that the county is pushing this without consulting the other municipalities first. They feel that the local FCSS groups are more in tune with their areas. The main consensus is to work with the county Sunrise beach and Sandy beach have signed fire service agreements with Sturgeon County. Sunrise was paying about \$28,000 and Sandy about \$36,000 They are now paying \$2,000 each plus the incident charges The fire chief has offered to come in and help with fire prevention and help teach and train everyone. This is detrimental to the rest of the municipalities but great for them. We are not sure if the Count of Lac Anne will charge the other municipalities more because of this.

The Alberta Summer villages association has approached AUMA about insurance overage to cover the cost of fire incidents, at this time it is up to the individual ratepayer to have this in their own insurance. They are waiting to see what that coverage cost will be.

Councillor
David Breton