

Progress Report on Subdivision and Hamlet Signage
October 9, 2024

Hamlet Signage

- Conducted Audit on Hamlet Signs in the Summer 2024. Findings:
 - o Clandonald – Two signs in Clandonald were “freshened up” and are completed. The ACAO reached out to local community groups to see if they would be interested in refinishing the signs and received no response. The County of Vermilion River hired a staff to complete the work. Images are included in the agenda package.
 - o Dewberry – The hamlet of Dewberry has several signs. The sign on the south side of the community was determined that it could be “freshened up” and that has been completed. The ACAO reached out to local community groups to see if they would be interested in refinishing the signs and received no response. The County of Vermilion River hired a staff to complete the work.
 - o Islay – This sign is along HWY 893 and was donated. This sign is not on County of Vermilion River property.
 - o Blackfoot – Located along HWY 16 and RGE 21. This community has a very nice sign that has been supported through the community groups and the County of Vermilion River.
 - o Mclaughlin – No signage indicating the community.
 - o Tulliby Lake - No signage indicating the community.
 - o Streamstown - No signage indicating the community.
 - o Rivercourse - No signage indicating the community.

Subdivisions

- o The County of Vermilion River has 18 Subdivisions/multi-lots in our municipality.
- o Most of the Subdivisions/multi-lots have small metal green signs that have the physical address.
 - Staff will need to confirm if all subdivisions/multi-lots still have the small green metal signs with the physical address.
- o Some of the Subdivisions have very elaborate signs.
 - These signs were generally put in by the developer or the community group.
 - Some of these signs are on the County of Vermilion River property, some of the signs are not on County of Vermilion property which could pose challenges if the County replaces them.
 - Some of the signs are in good condition, some are not and need to be removed or replaced.
 - To get a full picture of the scope of work, Administration would complete a thorough audit on the condition of each sign, if the sign is

our property, if the sign is on County of Vermilion River property, and if it should be replaced.

- If the County of Vermilion River were to replace signs, would Council like to see a standardized sign for all communities? There are many variations in the design and materials used for each of the subdivisions.
- Would the County of Vermilion River replace all signs in the subdivisions or the signs that are deteriorating?
 - If the County of Vermilion River replaces only some of the signage it could create further discrepancy in levels of service to the subdivisions.
- If the County wanted to create consistency, Administration would recommend aligning the design of the subdivision signs with the potential hamlet signs.
- Many subdivisions have strong community and ownership in their area, and the County of Vermilion River may want to consider working with the community to establish these signs.

Looking ahead

- Does the County of Vermilion River want to add signs indicating the community to the four hamlets identified above that do not have signs?
- Does the County of Vermilion River want to standardize signs to see consistent signage in all communities?
 - If the County of Vermilion River were to standardize signs within all communities, it could look like:
 - Align with our Corporate Image while ensuring durability and longevity.
 - Purchase signs for all eight hamlets/ 18 subdivisions so that there is consistency with our program.
 - Does the County of Vermilion River want to consult local community groups to get their feedback on the placement of the signs?
 - If the County of Vermilion River chooses to go with a standardized approach would we work with the community groups to remove welcome signs that do not match the corporate image?
 - Does Council have certain materials for signs in mind?
 - Metal – Best longevity
 - Wood
 - Plastic
- Does the County of Vermilion River want to replace signs as they become deficient?