

Info Night—May 31st, 2017

Not a lot of folks were in attendance, however, it was a very warm and beautiful Spring evening. The following is some of the concerns or questions that were brought up:

Will anything be done with VCA Road going forward?

Council and staff are pursuing options. This year's budget does not allow for the redesign and rebuild that really is the only real fix. (it's 2 and a half million dollars, keeping in mind the Town brings in approximately 1 million per year in tax dollars). Anything else we have tried with this road is temporary and costly.

How about closing the VCA Road from 3rd Street to 1st Street?

This is possible, but involves a lot more than just putting up signs and barricades. There is a process set out by the province that involves a bylaw, a public hearing, and ministerial approval. By the time all this is done, half (or more) of the summer would be over, and then we would have no choice but to reopen it in the Fall (for school buses), so, although it sounds like a good idea, it simply isn't feasible.

Will any dust abatement be done this year?

Dust, dust, dust.....everyone is fed up with the dust. This being said, all the roads not currently paved are dusty, (not just the road in front of your house). So if dustproofing is worked into the budget, it would be for all the dusty roads, not just one or two. We still have some quotes coming in, but an approximate figure would be in the range of \$80,000, so roughly 8 % of the total taxes.

What about the Surge Pond/Soccer Field, is it usable this year?

We are hoping possibly by the Fall, but more than likely it will be next Spring before the soccer field can be played on. The good news is, the town has been approved "conditionally" for government funding that will allow us to finish the entire project this year. Thus, bumping up the next paving project by a couple of years.

Please, do not hesitate to contact the Town Office should you have further questions or concerns..... 306-239-2155