

# Council Corner

## Delay in Provincial funding also delays Tofield projects

The recent election of our new Provincial Government has brought about much change. However, the timing of the election has caused concern for municipalities across Alberta.

This concern is directly related to funding. Municipalities heavily rely on granting dollars to fund major capital purchases and projects. With the Provincial Budget now possibly not being tabled until the fall, this has caused what should have been summer projects to be pushed back, delayed or even the possibility of not being able to move forward for 2019.

With the weather as we have been presented this summer, the construction period provides a small window in which to provide action. The lack of funding is disappointing and provides financial hardship for many communities. Tofield is fortunate that they do

not depend on this funding to provide a bridge to operations and programming, however, many cannot say the same. For many, this has resulted in the inability to run programs for the community and has also resulted in positions being cut, or the inability to hire planned staff.

It may seem to many residents that there has been little in the way of forward movement for the summer of 2019, and this is the direct correlation. So, yes, this is in fact true, but as aforementioned, there is solid rationale as to why this has not been able to happen.

Council is provided with a planning document each year by Administration, highlighting

areas of concern, need and must-do's. Council then renders a decision, based upon budget and granting dollars as to which projects can proceed for the budget year ahead. This same process was followed for 2019, with the major caveat being; the inability for funding has not allowed these projects to move forward.

**Council feels it important to highlight some of these projects to inform the public of their plans.**

- Service Road (East) resurfacing and potential widening



- Waste Water System Lift Station
- Sidewalk repair and replacement (various areas)
- Outdoor concession Booth
- Airport runway lighting

It is Council's strong desire that many of these projects have the ability to proceed; however, once again they are dependent on Provincial Funding. As has been consistent, Council wishes to provide the best amenities and necessities to the community of Tofield. **Respectfully submitted; Mayor and Council**

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**Tofield**