

2023 RATEPAYER MEETINGS

Update from Shaune Kovitch, Director

Municipal Services

Special Areas Board



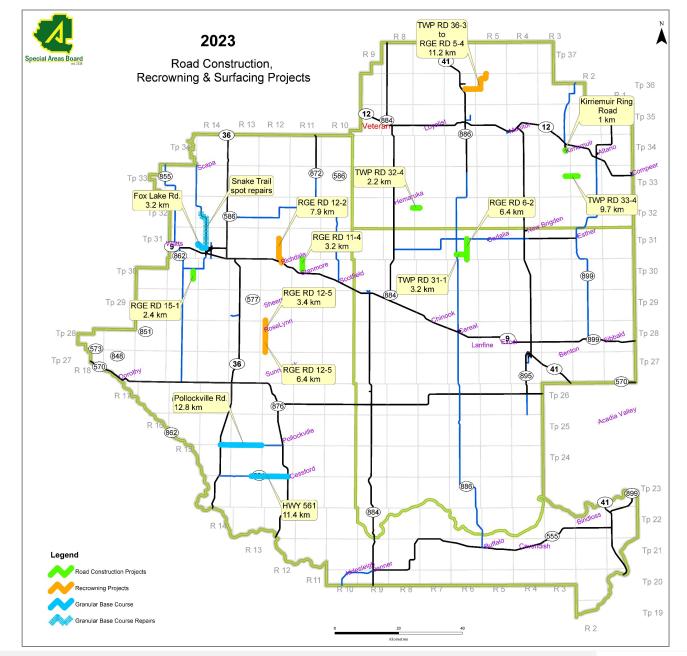
Roads

2023 Major Projects & Secondary Highways

- Operational Season in 2023
 - Road Construction 22.5 km (additional 4kms Sounding Creek Community Pasture Road)
 - Road Re-Crowning 28.9 km
 - Road Surfacing 27.4 km
 - RAP (Recycled Asphalt Pavement)-Hamlet Streets
- Secondary Highways
 - Partnership with Alberta Transportation-Currently in the final year of four-year agreement. Expires April 2024.
 - GBC Program-3 years remaining
 - Paving Project-SH#855



2023 Road Program





Water

2023 Major Projects

- System improvements for Scotfield Water Fill Station.
- New owners of water and sewer system in the Hamlet of Cereal
- Preliminary work planned on potential Regional Waterline Extensions (SMRWSC and Hanna East)



Emergency Services

Regional Fire Services

- Special Areas Fire Services staffing update
 - Rob Palmer appointed to Fire Chief
 - Kyle Rohl hired as Deputy Fire Chief
- Regional training continues with 26 firefighters attending NFPA 1001 Level
- New Fire Hall in Cessford (2024)
 - Site prep 2023
- Firehall Addition in Consort
- Fire Smart Program
 - Community engagement and fire prevention focus



Emergency Services

Enforcement Services

- Community Peace Officers
 - Increased presence on surfaced roads, construction sites, large industrial developments and enforcement support in municipal parks & campgrounds.
- Goal to have 3 Community Peace Officers with extended coverage
- Special Areas Road Use Order approved



Parks & Campgrounds

2023 Season

- Retirement of Mr. John Armstrong.
- Ten-year operational agreement with Government of Alberta
 - Operate Gooseberry Lake and Little Fish Lake Provincial Parks on behalf of Province
 - Working with Province to improve sites and level of service
- Fisheries
 - Continue working with provincial biologists to manage invasive species (Carp) at Blood Indian Park
 - Monitoring and netting program to continue in 2023



