

Councillor Kelly Burgess Committee Reports

Acadia Foundation- No report this month

Oyen and District Health Foundation- No report this month

Big Country Medical Dental Board- Continues to wait for the AHS subdivided land to come to sale, to build the new clinic on. We hope, Nate Horner might look into matter before May 29 Provincial election. ***Terms of Reference for the Area Nursing Recruitment and Retention Committee (ARC) will be proposed to the Medical Dental Board. ARC continues to build, implement and propose recruiting, retention and marketing strategies to mitigate the ongoing health care staffing vacancies. So far, staff that have moved into permanent positions are 2 RNs, 1 LPN (another local LPN interested) and 2 HCAs. Big Country Hospital is still heavily staffed with contract nurses. Currently, x2 contracts are ending, and another was called home due to unexpected circumstances. We will know Thursday at noon if the x3 contracts that are being worked out will sign in time to avoid further service disruptions. (Apparently, we compete with the Maritimes, that have recruiting strategies that involve interprovincial licensing, with top wage, OT and accommodation packages.) We will need to offer recruiting packages, and market our communities and health care facilities to compete. Package proposals will be presented to the Medical Dental Board. This may involve requisitions to the partner communities.

Empress Library- Hi way was cleaned (20 km) on Saturday May 06/23. I attended the Marigold Board AGM in Strathmore as well as the Marigold Conference in Calgary. Please find attached to this report Empress Municipal Library, 2022 Value of Your Investment as prepared by Marigold.