

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From October 24, 2017 Meeting

For Immediate Release

Organizational Meeting – October 24th, 2017

At its annual Organizational Meeting held on October 24th, 2017 Northern Gateway's Board of Trustees elected Judy Muir as Board Chair and Barb Maddigan for Vice-Chair for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mrs. Muir, Trustee for Ward 1 Subdivision 2, represents the Rich Valley, Alberta Beach and Darwell areas. Upon being sworn in, Mrs. Muir expressed her appreciation to fellow trustees for their support.

Ms. Barb Maddigan, Trustee for Ward 2 represents the Whitecourt area. Ms. Maddigan also thanked trustees for their support in electing her to the Vice-Chairman position.

The Board Chair and Vice-Chair are elected annually at the Northern Gateway Organizational meeting. As Board Chair, Mrs. Muir has a primary duty of assisting with the operation of the Board in achieving its goals and ensuring that each member of the Board has the opportunity to be heard and understood by their fellow trustees. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair assumes all of the Board Chair's duties and responsibilities.

Welcome the 3 returning and 6 new trustees to the Board this year:

Sarah Healy – Onoway
Diane Hagman – Mayerthrope
Linda Wigton – Whitecourt
Ethan Thesen – Fox Creek
Anita Portsmouth – Valleyview Rural
Judy Muir – Alberta Beach
Barb Maddigan – Whitecourt
Gerry Steinke – Valleyview
Sherry Jeffreys - Sangudo

Presentations: Capital Funding Allotment Utilization

Onoway Junior/Senior High School Track and Field Project:

In January 2014, a new replacement school was announced for Onoway and community. In February 2015, the clearing started on the old track, so the new replacement school could be built. The demolition of the old track started in March 2015.

The move to the new school started in the summer of 2016 for opening in September 2016. Wilco Construction gets the contract to build the new OJSH track and field to commence in May 2017.

The project is worth \$728,000 plus tax. Funding has come from many sources. \$93,000 from the facilities funding from the NGPS Board in the 2016/17 school year.

Expect the field to be off limits till Spring 2018, and available when it is fully released from the contractor.

Sangudo Gets a Facelift:

All of the bushes were removed along the front wall of the school, a trench was dug and weeping tile was put in and the trench was filled with rocks. A culvert was dug and piping placed underground to draw the water away from the front of the school and out to the field. We had a rock garden constructed and ordered 2 planters for the front of the school. A new tree was planted to replace the old dying tree. A cement pad was poured to put the buddy bench on.

Sangudo received \$31,841.00 in capital funds from Division office for this project.

Mayerthorpe High – Health Care Aide Program:

The renovations for our own Health Care Aide program MHS medical wing are completed. There are currently 24 students across several school divisions registered for the 2017-2018 session. A thank you goes out to NGPS's Gateway Academy for their persistence and passion to see this program through.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will take place **Tuesday, November 14th, 2017** commencing at **5:00 p.m.** at the Division Office in Whitcourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 780-778-2800 or 1-800-262-8674.