



# Council Highlights

## Delegations

### Lakeland Interpretive Society

- Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lac La Biche County, the Lakeland Interpretive Society operates the Lac La Biche Regional Museum & Discovery Centre on the lower floor of McArthur Place.
- Society representatives approached County Council on June 13, advising that the MOU is set to expire in November of this year.
- The group also expressed interest in a multi-year agreement for grant funding, an increase to this year's operational funding grant, and the creation of a task force to determine future facility needs.
- After a discussion, Council passed a motion to have Administration research and report the value of space, related utilities and funding that is provided to the museum.
- Councillors also voted to provide the Society with an additional \$15,000 in operational funding for 2017.

## New Business

### Elinor Lake Road Paving

- Council had previously allocated \$7 million for paving a portion of Elinor Lake Road in the County's budget for 2017. Administration presented three different options for proceeding with the project, two of which had completion dates in 2018.
- After a discussion, councillors did not commit to any of the options presented. Council voted to approve design as well as land acquisition, and tender the project in 2017.

### Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (Phase 2)

- Improvements to the County's Water Treatment Plant are expected to continue this year. Council decided to approve the initiation of the tender process for Phase 2 of the project.
- The upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant will enhance the plant's performance, making it easier to prevent water shortages.

### Approval of the South Lac La Biche Major Area Structure Plan

- Council gave second and third readings to Bylaw 17-006, and in doing so, formally approved the South Lac La Biche Major Area Structure Plan.
- An Area Structure Plan (ASP) is a special land use document created to guide subdivision and development in a specific area. The South Lac La Biche Major ASP pertains to lands in the hamlet of Lac La Biche's southern portion, including the highway bypass route.

### Boat Launch Maintenance Plan

- Administration presented information on the ongoing repairs to County-run boat launches. Several launches suffered damage from ice movement this past winter.
- Last year, Council budgeted \$100,000 for boat launch improvements. That money is expected to be used this year to widen the approach to the North Shore launch and to create parking at the Sunset Bay launch.
- In addition, all launches will receive updated signage explaining water depth, recommended boat sizes and more information.

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### **Requests For Proposals for Capital Projects**

- Council allocated funds in the County's 2017 budget for installing a gazebo/amphitheatre in McArthur Park, and for beautifying the roundabout near the front entrance to the Bold Center multiplex.
- Council authorized Administration to use a Request For Proposals (RFP) process for each project, meaning the County will seek proposals from contractors to complete the work.

### **Support for 2017 Pow Wow Days**

- After the June 13 meeting's in-camera session, Council voted to approve special events funding for Pow Wow Days, including in-kind support and allowing use of the recreation grounds in the hamlet of Lac La Biche. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Request For Proposals for Auditing Services**

- As a government organization, the County is required to undergo a financial audit each year.
- The last time the County solicited auditing proposals, it was for the 2012-2016 fiscal years. The term of that agreement has now come to an end, and the County will seek proposals for the 2017-2021 fiscal years.

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