



Regular Council Meeting May 17, 2016

# **Council Highlights**

#### **2016 Mill Rate Options**

- Administration presented Council with scenarios related to this year's tax rate. One scenario showed that, if Council kept mill rates the same as 2015, they'd see a revenue increase of 2.9 million compared to 2015. Other scenarios showed the impact of reducing mill rates on public revenue.
- Council deferred this item to a future special meeting.

#### **Comparable Cash-In-Lieu Parking Fees**

- Council asked administration to research how other municipalities implement cash-in-lieu parking fees.
- Administration will bring this item for discussion again at June 14, 2016's Regular Council Meeting.

## Proposed Parking Requirements in Hamlets for the Revised Land Use Bylaw

- Local businesses have had concerns about providing parking in downtown Lac La Biche. Administration proposed a solution where most of downtown Lac La Biche would be exempt from parking requirements based on their area. Instead, businesses would only need to ensure that they have enough employee parking.
- Council directed Administration to proceed with their recommendations. They also asked administration to develop parking time restrictions for main street Lac La Biche.

### Jubilee Hall Conceptual Drawings and Museum Space Requirements

• Lac La Biche County has been in discussion with the Lakeland Interpretive Society about relocating the Lac La Biche Regional Museum, currently located in the basement of McArthur Place. The museum needs more space to display its current artifacts.

- Administration presented several concepts that showed how Jubilee Hall's exterior could be renovated to house the Lac La Biche Museum.
- Council discussed the possibility of grant funding that could cover the cost of renovations.
- Council will consider the cost of an architect at the May 24, 2016 Council meeting, who will draft more thorough Jubilee Hall renovation plans. They committed that Jubilee Hall will be repurposed to hold the Lac La Biche Regional Museum.

### Alexander Hamilton Dog Park and Community Gardens

- At a previous meeting, Council committed to turning the Alexander Hamilton Park into an off-leash dog park.
- However, Alexander Hamilton Park also houses free community gardens. To prevent garden damage and offer security from canines, Administration proposed spending \$15,000 to fence off the garden area.
- After debate, Council elected to build a fence.