

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.

Auditor's Report

- Mr. Michael Epp, a representative from accounting firm Hawkings, Epp, Dumont LLP, presented the County's 2015 Audited Financial Statements. The firm delved into the County's financial documents, making sure that the County's financials were properly tracked and documented.
- Mr. Epp gave Lac La Biche County a 'clean opinion', which means that the auditors found no problems with County finances.

Letter of Support: Plamondon Playground Fundraising Committee

- The Plamondon Playground Fundraising Committee recently won a Canada 150 grant of \$83,200 to build a new playground. However, the total cost of the new playground is \$200,112, and their grant stipulates that they must find non-federal funding to cover the remaining amount.
- The Fundraising Committee wrote to Council asking for a letter of support. The letter would help the committee solicit donations and apply for non-federal grants.
- Council motioned that administration should send the Plamondon Playground Fundraising Committee a letter of support.

Landfill and Transfer Station Hours of Operation

- Operators have had difficulty opening and closing landfills and transfer stations on time. Before opening and closing, operators must do safety checks and ensure that the landfill and its equipment is in working order. Operators have put in a lot of overtime.
- Council discussed how to solve this problem. They motioned that transfer stations will open 15 minutes later and close 15 minutes earlier, and that landfills will open 30 minutes later and close 30 minutes earlier. The extra time will allow operators to perform their necessary safety duties.

Curbside Pickup Program: Mandatory Participation

- In the past, residents were allowed to opt out of the curbside pickup program. That, however, contravenes Waste and Resource Recovery Management Bylaw 15-034, which says that every household eligible to participate in the program must participate.
- Administration informed Council that staff would begin enforcing the bylaw. Every resident eligible for curbside pickup must pay for the service.

Canadian Ramp Company (CRC): Summer Tour

- The CRC offers a pumptrack tour to communities that submit an application before May 5, 2016. A pump track uses up and down pumping motion to propel bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, and scooters. This is a way to gauge public interest in having a permanent pumptrack.
- Council directed administration to apply for the program. feedback and direction to Planning and Development staff regarding the ongoing development of offsite levies based on the proposed guiding principles.