



Council Highlights

Update on Fort McMurray Evacuee Emergency Reception Centre

Regional Fire Chief John Kokotilo updated Council on efforts to help Fort McMurray evacuees. The Bold Center has returned to regular operations, with donations moved to the Archery Club (beside Jubilee Hall) and meals served at McArthur Place. County staff consolidated and inventoried donations in the salt shed at County Centre. All staff hours and costs have been tracked, and will be charged back to the Alberta Government. Mr. Kokotilo told Council that meals and donations will continue until the provincial government advises otherwise.

Health Foundation Update

Council received a delegation from the Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation. Representatives briefed Council on the structure of the foundation, their efforts to apply for charitable status, and their overall vision.

The health foundation's goals include: enhanced medical care at the William J. Cadzow Health Centre, expansion of new services and equipment, and providing scholarships to post-secondary students taking health-related programs. They have upcoming fundraising events planned, including the Golf Fore Health Tournament, a Festival of Trees banquet, and a Valentine's gala. The foundation's next project is to purchase a CT scanner and other diagnostic equipment.

Result of the Request for Proposals for Visitor Information Centre Services

Visitor information services provide tourists and visitors with maps, lists of services, and advertisements for activities. Lac La Biche County received a single application to provide visitor information services, from the Lakeland Interpretive Society (LIS) and l'Association Canadienne Francaise de l'Alberta regionale de Plamondon-Lac La Biche (ACFA). 2016 services will cost \$65,000. Council made a motion to enter into a three-year agreement with the LIS and ACFA.

Amendments to Off-Site Levy Bylaw

Council wished to amend the County's offsite levy bylaw. Currently, when a developer wishes to subdivide or develop a small section of a large parcel of land, the County must collect an offsite levy for the entire parcel of land. Bylaw 16-010, to which Council gave second and third readings, allows Council to defer, waive, or alter the requirement for collecting off-site levies.

Old Trail Boat Launch and Paving

Council approved \$170,000 for the installation of utilities and paving of road and parking areas at the Old Trail boat launch.

Updated 2016-2019 Communications Plan

The 2016-2019 Communications Plan ensures that communication procedures used across Lac La Biche County are well-coordinated, effectively managed, and responsive to the information needs of Council, staff, and the public. The plan, in short, guides how information about County programs and services gets shared.

Administration recently updated the plan, and set priorities for the next three years. Council adopted the new plan with minor amendments.

Airport Improvements

County Council approved \$500,000 for improvements at the Lac La Biche County airport, which include the construction of 12 hangar lots and the relocation of parking lot access.

Council Appointment to the Chamber of Commerce

Deputy Mayor John Nowak is resigning from sitting as Council's representative at Chamber of Commerce meetings. Council accepted his resignation, and agreed to wait until the organizational meeting in October 2016 to assign another councillor. In the meantime, Council requested a monthly update from the chamber.