



Council Highlights

2017 Budget: Capital Project Tour

Administration proposed tours of current construction (capital) projects throughout the County, as well as capital projects that Council might consider for the 2017 budget. Some of the locations Council will visit include the Lac La Biche Golf & Country Club, the Lac La Biche Fire Hall, the Lac La Biche Bottle Depot, the Lac La Biche Airport, subdivisions in the Lac La Biche Mission area, the Old Trail boat launch, and Plamondon's new RV disposal site.

The tours were expected to happen in May 2016, but the Fort McMurray evacuations delayed them. The tours will now happen in August 2016.

Rich Lake Community Hall

The old Rich Lake Community Hall has been in a state of disrepair for the past two years, with mold and asbestos in the building. Residents have been unable to use the hall for community events.

County administration spent \$15,000 to do an occupancy evaluation, and to determine how much it would cost to bring the old Rich Lake Community Hall up to minimum occupancy standards. It would cost \$330,000 to repair the building, eliminate moisture problems, install a new HVAC system, and do concrete work. Fixing the rest of the hall's problems would cost an additional \$58,000, along with an extra \$17,000 to supervise mold elimination. In total, repairing the hall would cost over \$400,000.

Completing construction on the new Community Centre (making the facility completely useable) would cost \$750,000, plus the cost of installing a new septic system.

The Rich Lake Recreation & Agricultural Society is applying for a Canada 150 grant to repair and complete its facilities. Because the society needs proof of Council's support to

apply for the grant, Council released \$200,000 previously committed to the new Rich Lake Community Centre. They also released 2016 operational funding for the Rich Lake Recreation & Agricultural Society.

Community Appreciation Event: Fort McMurray Evacuation

County administration is planning an event to thank the community for stepping up during the Fort McMurray evacuation. Administration were thinking of having a free outdoor concert at McArthur Place or the Bold Center.

Council motioned that administration should carry out a community appreciation event to recognize County residents' collaboration and volunteerism.