



Council Highlights

Decorative Street Lights on 101 Ave to Beaver Hill Road

- Council allocated \$323,066.70 to partner with Fortis to complete decorative street lighting on 101 Ave to Beaver Hill Road.
- Councillors also instructed administration to bring forward options to upgrade incandescent lighting to energy-efficient LED lighting in the hamlets of Lac La Biche and Plamondon.

Transfers Between Budgeted Line Items

- To speed up routine decision-making between regular Council meetings, Council approved a policy that allows the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to transfer up to \$50,000 from one budget item to another in a non-emergency situation between meetings.
- The CAO must still keep Council informed of all budget transfers.

Sale of Surplus Fire Services Equipment

- The Fire Services department has two surplus cascade systems. The cascade system includes 2 to 3 tanks of compressed air, an air manifold, and hoses. They fill portable tanks with compressed air. The tanks are worn as part of firefighters' protective equipment.
- These cascade systems were not being used at Rich Lake or Owl River's halls, and their maintenance is expensive. Council chose to sell these cascade systems.

Plamondon Tanker 173 Salvage

- Last spring, Plamondon Tanker 173 (a Fire Services vehicle used to transport water and other equipment to emergencies) was involved in an accident and written off.
- The County must pay the insurance company a \$12,000 salvage fee to regain possession of the vehicle, which contains equipment and parts that far exceed the value of the salvage fee.
- Council approved the buyback of Tanker 173 for \$12,000.

Video Conferencing Abilities in the County

- In order to better serve clients and County staff that need video conferencing for meetings or interviews, administration proposed purchasing a Logitech Group video conference system for the View Point Room at the Bold Center. The cost will be \$1,500.
- Council approved the purchase.

Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society: Discussion

- Council directed administration to send a letter to the Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society and the Rich Lake Golden Age Pioneers, advising members that County funding will not be allocated to the refurbishment of the old hall.

Legal Advice

- Administration presented a revised legal advice policy to Council. One major change includes new wording that clarifies the circumstances under which the Mayor is allowed to seek legal advice without a resolution of Council. Without a resolution of Council, the new policy restricts the Mayor to seeking legal advice on the employment of the Chief Administrative Officer, or matters related to the conduct of Council members.
- The change doesn't mean that previous mayors have abused their ability to seek legal advice in the past. It's simply to shore up the wording of a policy.
- Council deferred this to a future Council meeting.



Regular Council Meeting September 13, 2016

Briefing: Ward Boundaries Bylaw

- Administration advised Council that, should they wish to redraw the current ward boundaries, the bylaw must be modified no less than 180 days before the election. To allow time for advertising and the submission of public petitions, administration suggested that Council complete first reading of the revised bylaw no later than January 24, 2017.
- Council deferred the briefing to September 27, 2016's regular Council meeting.

Public Playgrounds in Lac La Biche County

- Council discussed various playgrounds throughout Lac La Biche County. Council took particular interest in the Light of Christ Catholic School's playground, and the progress of the Vera M. Welsh Elementary School's playground.
- Council motioned to send a letter to the Active Kids Society and Northern Lights School Division to confirm when the rubber portion of the Vera M. Welsh playground will be completed, which will provide disability access.