



Council Highlights

Delegation from the Plamondon Playground Funding Committee

- The Plamondon Playground Funding Committee received \$83,900 from the Canada 150 Grant Program, which covers part of the cost of building a new playground in the hamlet of Plamondon. The total project cost is \$205,015. The committee must match the \$83,900 with non-federal dollars in order to receive the Canada 150 grant. The committee came before Council to ask for help funding the project.
- The committee also explained that they'll have to borrow cash to build the playground, since the Canada 150 funding won't be released until March 2018.
- Council made a motion to direct administration to add \$65,000 to the 2016 operational budget for the Plamondon playground project.
- Council also directed administration to bring back a plan that will allow the County to assist the committee with interim financing.

Amendments to the Municipal Development Plan for Area Structure Plans (ASPs) and Outline Plans

- Council gave first reading to bylaw 16-022, which will allow them to modify the Municipal Development Plan (bylaw 13-020).
- Major residential, commercial, and industrial developments require a comprehensive Area Structure Plan (ASP), where others require a less-thorough outline plan before construction begins.
- In order to make it clearer when ASPs and outline plans are required, administration came up with a scoring system that allows staff to determine when a development requires an ASP or outline plan.
- Council motioned that administration bring forward revisions that outline triggers for commercial and industrial lots. Bylaw 16-022 will come forward at a future Council meeting for second and third reading.

Terms and Conditions for Public Auction of Tax Recovery Properties

- According to the Municipal Government Act, Council can stage public auctions of property to recover unpaid taxes. There are currently seven properties in Lac La Biche County that can be put up for public auction.
- To ensure a fair process, Council accepted a similar set of terms and conditions to those that the City of Spruce Grove used to sell land.
- Administration will schedule, advertise and conduct the public auction in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Budgeting a Finance Intern Position for the 2017 to 2018 Term

- Alberta Municipal Affairs offers a program that allows municipalities to host an intern hoping to gain experience in municipal government administration. The province covers a large part of the cost.
- Because of previous successes with the program, administration wishes to apply once again for an intern. This time, the staff member will work closely with the finance department.
- Council motioned that administration should go ahead with the application.

FCSS Board Grant Recommendations

- Council approved two grants: one for Hope Haven Women Shelter's annual Walk for Hope (a \$2,500 Family & Community Support Services grant), and another for Lac La Biche Victim Services' P.A.R.T.Y. program (an \$8,100 Community Social Services grant).



Amendment to Bylaw 08-070: Bylaw 16-025 Lac La Biche County's Family & Community Support Services Advisory Board

- Council also discussed authorizing the Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Advisory Board to spend funds that Council budgeted. That way, Council doesn't have to approve every grant that the advisory board has already approved. Council deferred this decision to a future meeting.

Appointment to Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

- The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) is a quasi-judicial board that hears appeals on subdivision and development decisions.
- The SDAB is comprised of two members of Council and eight members-at-large (citizens from the general public). Members-at-large are appointed for three-year terms.
- One member-at-large position has remained vacant. Council received an applicant, and motioned to appoint Dan Anderson to the SDAB for a term ending September 27, 2019.