



Council Highlights

Delegation: RCMP Sergeant Henry VanDorland

- RCMP Sergeant Henry VanDorland updated Council on police matters, including staffing, crime statistics, and the detachment's ongoing renovation.

Delegation: McArthur Park Storm Water Outfall Designs

- Nick Pryce, the director of engineering firm V3, presented several options on how to either fix or relocate the current storm water outfall in McArthur Park.
- Council motioned that administration go forward with option D, which will shift the outlet east of McArthur Beach, and north of the Paul Richard Memorial Spray Park.

Bylaw 16-025: Lac La Biche County Family & Community Support Services Advisory Board

- Bylaw 16-025 will give the Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Advisory Board the authorization to spend budgeted funds. The board will be allowed to approve grants, but must report to Council.
- Council gave the bylaw first reading. The bylaw will need to undergo another two readings before it comes into effect.

Legal Advice Policy (CS-14-004)

- Lac La Biche County's Legal Advice Policy (CS-14-004) was introduced in December 2012. It outlines the responsibilities of employees and elected officials when seeking legal advice on behalf of the County. Administration recommended several options for amending the policy to clarify ambiguities and prevent potential abuses.
- Council chose to allow the Mayor the power to obtain legal advice where the issue involves the Office of the Mayor. This authority is limited to matters pertaining to the Chief Administrative Officer or matters related to councillors'

conduct. Unless authorized by resolution of Council, the Mayor cannot seek legal advice on behalf of councillors for matters relating to pecuniary interests or conflicts of interest.

- Administration will bring forward the amended policy at October 13, 2016's special Council meeting for Council's final review.

Ward Boundaries for the 2017 General Municipal Election

- Administration presented to Council current statistics from the 2016 Municipal Census. These stats show the County's breakdown of population by ward. Administration explained the process for changing ward boundaries (which, if desired, must happen well before the 2017 General Municipal Election, and with advertised public consultations).
- Council is scheduling a strategic session to discuss ward boundaries in more detail.

Lac La Biche County Wildland-Urban Interface Plan

- The Wildland-Urban Interface Plan examines the risk wildfires pose to seven rural communities in the County. It also contains recommendations that mitigate the risk of wildfires in these communities, as well as general recommendations that apply to all at-risk communities in the County. These recommendations call attention to planning and building practices that make a subdivision or development more resilient to wildfires.
- Council was concerned about the plan's potential impact on the Land Use Bylaw. They motioned to bring it to a future meeting of Council to discuss the relation between the plan and Land Use Bylaw.



County Funding for the 2017 Canadian Indoor 3D Nationals (Archery)

- Council motioned that the County provide \$25,000 in total cash and in-kind support to the Lakeland Archers, who will hold the 2017 Canadian Indoor 3D Nationals (for archery) at the Bold Center from April 14 to 16, 2017.

Lac La Biche Pow Wow and Fish Derby Association: Confirmation of Support to Heritage Canada

- The Pow Wow and Fish Derby Association has applied for a grant of \$88,500 from Heritage Canada's Building Communities through Arts and Heritage program. They wish to use the funds to add a multicultural component to Pow Wow Days in 2017.
- As part of the grant application, Heritage Canada requires confirmation of financial and in-kind support from municipal government. Council motioned to provide confirmation of their support.

Canada 150 Fund: Replacing Interpretive Signs

- The Canada 150 Fund is a federally-funded program that allows for up to \$50,000 in funding for projects that celebrate Canada's culture and history in commemoration of Canada's 150th anniversary.
- Administration proposed replacing interpretive signs around the hamlets of Lac La Biche and Plamondon. These signs highlight the region's historical, cultural, and natural features. The Canada 150 Fund could cover 50% of the project's cost.
- Council suggested that the interpretive sign on the Old Trail Road be considered for replacement, and motioned that administration should apply for the grant in the amount of \$10,000. Should the application be successful, Council will cover the other half of the project cost (\$10,000).

Application for Specialized Municipality Status

- Following public consultations in August 2016, the County has been preparing an application to become a specialized municipality. Specialized municipality status would, among other things, allow the County to maintain its split taxation rate.
- Administration needed Council's feedback on expanding the boundaries of urban service area around the hamlets of Lac La Biche and Plamondon. Businesses in the urban service area benefit from a lower tax rate.
- Council motioned to accept the revised urban service areas for Lac La Biche and Plamondon, and to submit them to Alberta Municipal Affairs as part of the application for specialized municipality status.
- They also motioned that the County's specialized municipality status application request to grandfather in the existing property tax rate ratio, as contemplated and calculated by Bill 21.

Peace Officer Program

- Council motioned to reclassify the current Peace Officer Supervisor position to a level 1 Peace Officer, but that motion was defeated. Council passed a motion to fill the vacant Peace Officer position with a level 2 officer.
- Council also motioned that administration investigate the municipal police force program and the RCMP enhanced policing program.