

Council Highlights

Hamlet Entrance Sign

- Administration presented several options for replacing hamlet signs in Lac La Biche and Plamondon.
- Council accepted the briefing as info, and passed a motion that administration bring forward a refined design for concepts 1 and 4, including landscaping.
- Council made a motion to clean up the existing entrance signs and the areas around them, and to procure the refurbishment of existing Lakeland Provincial Park gateway signs.
- Finally, Council directed administration to draft a bylaw on the management of third-party signage and advertising on County property and fixtures.

CSS Grants Program Review

- Community Social Service (CSS) grants are distributed by Lac La Biche County, and intended to fund services and events that are not funded by Family & Community Support Services (FCSS). FCSS is a provincial initiative that funds preventive social services, programs, and events, with 80% of the funding from the province and 20% from the County. CSS grants are, by contrast, funded entirely by the County.
- Council discussed the FCSS and CSS grant programs, as well as and changes that administration recommends making to County policies. Council discussed the differences between FCSS and CSS grants, authorities for the grant process, insurance liability for event grants, inspection responsibilities for community buildings, writing letters of support, and the costs and benefits of bingo halls.
- Council made several motions, including that:
 - Administration review, update, and clarify the following procedures, specifically CM-71-001 (Recreational/Cultural Operational Funding Request), CM-71-002 (Capital Projects Assistance Grant), CM-71-004 (Community Action Grant), CM-71-005 (Ad Hoc Funding), CM-71-015 (Event Sponsorship), and CM-72-002 (Community Social Services Grant).

- Administration review the golf course operating agreement, report back to Council on any proposed changes, and provide Council with copies of that agreement.
- Administration amend the CSS policy to have Council approve applications.
- Administration develop a program that sees community facilities inspected regularly, outlining who is responsible for obtaining the inspection and who endures the cost.
- Administration develop a policy that outlines the procedures for writing letters of support to organizations that request them for use in grant applications.
- Administration review and revise policy CM-71-015 (Event Sponsorship), and that it's brought forward to the Policy Review Committee for consideration.
- Administration bring forward a Request for Decision that outlines the costs and benefits of reducing taxes for the bingo hall.

Response Letter to Devon Canada

- Ms. Nadine Barber, Vice President of Government and Public Affairs with Devon Canada, wrote a letter to the County dated September 30, 2016. The letter requested clarification on a number of topics, including the County's application to become a specialized municipality, Devon Canada's tax burden, the County's projected infrastructure deficit, and the County's revenue versus spending.
- Council motioned that administration send a letter to Devon Canada responding to their inquiries requesting clarification on matters discussed at the consultation sessions on specialized municipality status, and further that the letter is brought forward to October 25, 2016's Regular Council Meeting for Council's consideration.