

Council Highlights

Offsite Levies Bylaws

- At August 9, 2016's Regular Council Meeting, Council directed administration to "review the status of offsite levies of previously developed parcels within all basins, and further that administration bring forward the former bylaws regarding offsite levies from the Town of Lac La Biche and Lakeland County."
- Offsite levies help offset the cost of providing municipal services (like roads and utilities) when owners wish to develop their properties. Council hopes to improve consistency and fairness of the offsite levies system, and finding this information was the first step.
- Administration will bring further information on offsite levies for Council's consideration at the November 8, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

Amendments to the Municipal Development Plan for Area Structure Plans and Outline Plans (Bylaw 16-022)

- Area Structure Plans (ASPs) and Outline Plans are required for certain types of developments. Major residential, commercial, and industrial developments require a comprehensive ASP, where others require a less thorough outline plan before construction begins.
- Bylaw 16-022 (which amends the Municipal Development Plan) will require developers to create an ASP for the subdivision or development of two or more commercial or industrial lots (not including the remnant parcel).
- Council also passed a motion that administration research what other municipalities are doing in relation to what triggers an ASP for single parcels development.

Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) Convention (November 2016): Lobby Efforts

- Each year, Council attends the AAMDC convention and schedules meetings with provincial ministers. Council makes provincial officials aware of issues that Lac La Biche County faces, and lobbies for improved provincial services in our region. This year's convention happens in November.
- Council motioned that administration schedule meetings with the following ministers on these topics:
 - Brian Mason (Transportation) to discuss Highway 858.
 - Irfan Sabir (Human Services) to discuss Council's homelessness initiative.
 - Shannon Phillips (Environment & Parks) to discuss the recreation lease.
 - Danielle Larivee (Municipal Affairs) to discuss the County's specialized municipality application.
- Administration will prepare minister briefings, which will give ministers background on the County's issues before Council's meetings. Administration will present the briefings to Council at November 8's meeting for approval.

Council's Tactical Plan

- On August 30, 2016, Council and administration met with Doug Griffiths of 13 Ways Inc. for a tactical planning session. Council used the session to narrow its priorities for 2017, which include vagrancy, available serviced residential and commercial lots, policy and regulation that impede development, and the expansion of medical services.
- Council passed a motion to endorse the tactical plan to address vagrancy, develop serviced residential and commercial lots, improve policies and regulations to encourage development, and expand medical services.



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Homelessness Reduction Task Force: Draft Terms of Reference

- At August 16, 2016's Strategic Session, the County's public relations consultant—Marcomm Works—presented a discussion paper and recommendations to address local homeless issues.
- Council passed a motion at that meeting. The motion directed administration to prepare terms of reference for a task force that will address homelessness. The terms of reference will guide the task force as they work to alleviate homelessness in the County. At this meeting, administration presented the draft terms of reference for Council's consideration.
- Council motioned that administration schedule a start-up meeting with selected participants to review the draft terms of reference, and further that the recommendations be brought back to Council for endorsement.
- Administration will contact a small group of local agencies for a start-up meeting to review the terms of reference. Once the terms of reference are endorsed by Council, more groups and agencies will be invited to participate in alleviating homelessness in the County.