

Council Highlights

Delegations

Delegations are individuals or groups who request permission to appear before Council about a particular issue, or with whom Council requests to speak.

WSP and the Plamondon Beautification Plan

- Mr. Jim Blaney, Ms. Janis Fong, and Ms. Tennille Thompson, representatives from engineering firm WSP, presented concepts for beautifying the hamlet of Plamondon. The proposed areas recommended for upgrades include 96A Avenue to 98 Avenue, 98 Avenue to Ecole Plamondon School, Ecole Plamondon School to 100 Avenue, 100 Avenue to 101 Avenue, and 101 Avenue to 102 Avenue.
- Council discussed the potential cost of the project, and outlined parking concerns if the road narrows and changes from angle to parallel parking. WSP presented three concept options, which were developed with stakeholder feedback.
- Council accepted the presentation as information, and will discuss the beautification project further at future meetings.

New Business

Hamlet Entrance Signage

- At a previous meeting, administration presented several concepts to update hamlet entrance signage throughout the County. Administration presented updated versions of the concepts based on Council feedback, and Council chose two options to support.
- Administration will seek updated pricing information for Council's consideration.

Old Conklin Trail Repairs (km 70 to 104)

- The County has received complaints that maintenance on the Old Conklin Trail is inadequate, specifically kilometres 70 to 104. These complaints were discussed at the November 1, 2016 Public Works Committee Meeting—the committee recommended that the decision of what to do with the road be brought before Council.
- Council increased the Transportation Services operating budget by up to \$150,000 to perform road repairs on the Old Conklin Trail.

Rich Lake Rec & Ag Society: Request to Use County Grant for Firewall, Backfilling, and Doors

- In a letter dated October 31, 2016, the Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society informed Council that they wished to use a portion of their capital grant funding to build a firewall between the community centre and riding arena. This was required by the building inspector. They also wished to backfill around the riding arena and community centre, purchase overhead doors for the riding arena, and do exterior and ceiling work on the riding arena.
- Council authorized that the society be authorized to use up to \$50,000 of the \$200,000 capital grant for these projects.

Grant Funding for Festival of Trees

- Council passed a motion to increase the grant for in-kind funding to the Lac La Biche Lions Club for the 2016 Festival of Trees event from \$5,000 to \$8,005.08.



Council Meeting Dates for 2017 Budget Discussions

- Council agreed to hold special meetings to discuss the 2017 County budget on the following dates:
 - Thursday, January 12, 2017;
 - Friday, January 13, 2017;
 - Thursday, January 19, 2017;
 - Friday, January 20, 2017;
 - Monday, January 30, 2017;
 - Thursday, February 2, 2017;
 - Thursday, February 9, 2017;
 - Thursday, February 16, 2017;
 - Thursday, February 23, 2017; and
 - Friday, February 24, 2017.