



Council Highlights

Plamondon Arena Fees for 2016 to 2017

- The County took over operations of the Plamondon Arena in 2015. After researching comparable fees, administration presented recommendations for fees to Council in October 2015, which was approved until April 1, 2016.
- Administration presented a new 2016-2017 fee schedule, which Council approved. They will be included in the revised Recreation Facility User & Rental Fees bylaw.

Review of Hamlet of Plamondon & Area Structure Plan Document

- Council passed a motion that OPUS Steward Weir, a County contractor, should begin the community engagement phase for the Hamlet of Plamondon & Area Statutory Plan (Area Structure Plan) by holding an open house in Plamondon. They'll gather input on the document before Council completes first reading of the Area Structure Plan.
- The plan will be used to decide on future development in the area.

Policy PI-61-003: Development Agreement

- Administration presented a revised version of the County's Development Agreement, which developers and the County use to approve (or not approve) new buildings or improvements.
- At September 27, 2016's regular Council meeting, Council reviewed the policy. They asked that it be revised with a 'developer-friendly lens' to ensure that the document showed that the County is 'open for business.'

- Council made two motions. First, they passed a motion that the long form agreement state that the security amount should be no more than 100% of the cost of infrastructure for subdivision plans registered before the installation of infrastructure. Second, they motioned that the Senior Manager of Planning & Development forward the draft Development Agreement to legal counsel and internal sources for review, and to incorporate any changes before presenting the document to Council at a future meeting.

Delegation: Telus Communications Inc.

- Representatives from Telus Communications Inc. met with Council to discuss wired and wireless services in the County. They noted a \$1.1 million investment in the Plamondon Area, meaning a new cell phone tower, to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2016.
- Telus also noted that they're building a 700 MHz tower near Hylo, on the junction of Highways 855 and 63. Construction will begin in first quarter of 2017.
- Finally, Telus reviewed a new smart hub service, which allows both urban and rural customers to create wireless hotspots for high speed internet.

Recognizing Rene Bourque

- Council discussed different options for recognizing Rene Bourque, an NHL player from the County. Council passed a motion that administration come back at a future Council meeting with options to recognize Mr. Bourque's accomplishments.



Vegreville's Case Processing Centre Relocation

• The federal government is relocating the Town of Vegreville's Case Processing Centre by December 2018, and moving 228 jobs out of the area. Vegreville has asked Council to provide a letter in support of keeping the Case Processing Centre in their area. Council agreed, and motioned that administration draft a letter of support.

Amendment to LLB County FCSS Advisory Board Bylaw and Appointment to Board

• Council amended Bylaw 16-025 (Lac La Biche County FCSS Advisory Board). The amended bylaw allows the local Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Advisory Board to approve FCSS grants without going through Council first. The grants that they choose to give are, however, still reported to Council.

• Council reappointed Hazzle Costa to the FCSS board for a term ending October 31, 2019.

Discussion: Council's 2017 Capital Priorities and Philosophy

• Administration asked Council to provide a wishlist of capital projects that they'd like to see completed in 2017 for inclusion in the proposed budget. Capital items can be items like road construction, new buildings, or replacement equipment.

• Council's ideas included looking at all parts of the County for project ideas, and taking on smaller projects that tend to be forgotten amidst the larger ones.

Letter of Support: Portage College Museum of Aboriginal Art & Artifacts

• Council motioned that the County should provide Portage College with a letter of support for a grant. The grant is from Alberta Foundation for the Arts. Should their application be successful, the grant will help fund their Museum of Aboriginal Art & Artifacts.