

# Council Highlights

## Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant Application

- Last year, the County received \$243,300 from the Alberta Community Partnership's (ACP) collaboration funding. This allowed the County to purchase wildland firefighting equipment for the County, Buffalo Metis Settlement, and Kikino Metis Settlement.
- ACP is offering grants again in 2016, with applications due December 16, 2016. Eligible projects this year must produce Intermunicipal Development Plans or Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks. These plans and frameworks allow municipalities like ours to work together with neighbours to provide services or infrastructure.
- The County of St. Paul approached Lac La Biche County as a potential partner, as well as the MD of Bonnyville, County of Two Hills, Smoky Lake County, and the County of Vermillion River. Together, these municipalities will create Intermunicipal Development Plans.
- Council passed a resolution to partner with the above municipalities on a grant application.

## New Position: Council and Legislative Assistant

- Administration presented a business case to Council for a new position, a Council and Legislative Assistant. The assistant would support Council with bookings, correspondence, and tracking messages and meetings.
- Currently, higher-paid staff are putting in overtime to meet Council's needs.
- Council chose to revisit this business case during the 2017 budget deliberations.

## Request to Expend Capital Funds for Expansion of the Access Road Berm at Plamondon Landfill

- Council passed a motion to allocate \$23,250 from the Environmental Services department's capital funding to increase the width of the Plamondon landfill access road from the scale to the active face.
- Staff will also install a berm in the northeast corner of the outside surrounding road.

## Accessible Stairs at Portage Pool

- To make Portage Pool more accessible for those with mobility issues, Council gave early approval for the 2017 capital purchase of accessible stairs. The budget for the stairs is \$7,000.

## Ward Boundaries for the 2017 General Municipal Election

- Council discussed current ward boundaries, and the possibility of reducing representation from a 9-member to 7-member Council.
- Council asked administration to prepare two bylaws for consideration at the December 20, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, which includes adjustment to the ward boundaries to reflect a 7-member and 9-member Council. They also asked that wards are balanced by population to meet the +/- 25% population guideline, and that geographical area, history, trading areas, and other factors be taken into consideration when designing ward boundaries.