



# Council *Highlights*

## Ward Boundaries for the 2017 Municipal Election

- As requested at December 13, 2016's Regular Council Meeting, administration prepared ward boundary bylaws for Council's consideration.
- The bylaws included adjustments to current ward boundaries for a 9-member Council in order to distribute population more evenly across the wards. There were also two options for a 7-member Council.
- After discussion, Council chose to leave existing ward boundaries and the number of elected officials as is.

## Approval of 2017 Interim Operating Budget

- To ensure that the County continues to operate in 2017 while Council decides on the upcoming year's budget, Council approved 50% of the 2016 operating budget for 2017. This will allow administration to continue to provide services, like road clearing and town water.
- Council will discuss the 2017 budget in January and February 2017.

## Off-Site Levies Update

- Administration made a presentation on the mechanics of off-site levies and responded to Council's questions.
- After discussion, Council directed administration to draft a bylaw to repeal all provisions and bylaws that allow the County to charge off-site levies, and that this proposed bylaw be presented at a future meeting of Council.
- Council also requested a briefing that explains the operation of off-site levies, and which calculates the fees collected through the program by fiscal year for each of the past five years.