

Council Highlights

Delegations

Youth Member for Lac La Biche County Library Board

- Ms. Loraine Anderton and Ms. Maureen Penn, representing the Lac La Biche County Library Board, advised Council that the board wished to amend its bylaws so that a youth member and youth ambassador could be added to the board.
- The board currently has nine members, two of whose terms are almost over. The delegates explained that the board wants to have youth perspective and input on matters, while encouraging local youth to take an interest in community service.
- Council voted to accept the proposed changes to the board's bylaws.

Proposed Landmark for the Hamlet of Plamondon

- Mr. Leo Piquette, a private citizen, and Ms. Chantal Gauthier-Vaillancourt, representing the Plamondon-Lac La Biche branch of the Alberta French Cultural Association, presented an idea for the hamlet of Plamondon.
- The delegates presented a concept for a giant violin, which would serve as a unique landmark while highlighting the local community's culture and heritage.
- Council voted to consider the idea at an upcoming budget meeting.

New Business

Tables at Regional Health Foundation Valentine's Gala

- The Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation is holding a fundraising Valentine's Gala on

Saturday, February 11.

- Council voted to reserve two tables at the event, at a cost of \$2,400.

Terms of Reference for Homelessness Reduction Task Force

- In keeping with a tactical plan formed for Council in the fall, County Administration has met with various community agencies to begin forming a Homelessness Reduction Task Force. The draft Terms of Reference for this initiative were presented to Council for approval.
- Council voted to approve the Terms of Reference and directed Administration to bring back recommendations from the Task Force for appointing a chairperson.
- The Task Force's objectives are to determine the extent of homelessness in the local community, to identify best practices for reducing homelessness in rural communities, and to recommend a sustainable approach for doing so in Lac La Biche County.

Tourism Development Plan

- County Administration has been seeking ways to support creating a Tourism Development Plan for the municipality, and has been advised that the project could be eligible for funding through the provincial Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) program.
- Council voted to have Administration determine the cost of creating a Tourism Development Plan and later request funding equal to 50 per cent of that cost. This is because projects that already have dollars dedicated to them will be given priority in the CARES program selection process.