



Regular Council Meeting April 25, 2017

# **Council Highlights**

#### **Delegations**

#### **Auditors - Financial Statements for 2016**

- Each year, a third party conducts an audit of Lac La Biche County's financials. Mr. Michael Epp, an auditor, gave a presentation to Council on the County's financial statements for 2016.
- After the delegation, Council accepted the audit findings letter as presented, and approved the 2016 Annual Financial Statements and 2016 Financial Information Return.
- The 2016 Annual Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report are available at laclabichecounty.com, or as paper copies on request.

#### **New Business**

# **Council Meeting Schedule (2017 Summer Recess & Election Period)**

- Mr. Dan Small, Senior Manager of Finance & Grants, presented to Council regarding a tentative Council meeting schedule during the summer months and the municipal election campaign.
- Council will recess for two weeks in July, and cancelled the July 18 and 25, 2017 Council meetings.
- Council will not recess during the election period. The regular scheduled meetings for September 19 and 26, 2017 and October 10 and 24, 2017 will be held.
- Council cancelled the scheduled regular meetings of the Public Works, Transportation Master Plan, Agriculture Service Board, and Policy Review committees between September 18 and October 30, 2017.

### Tender Award - Dumasfield - 90 Ave East & 91 Ave West Extension

Council awarded Tender TR-32-2017-08 90
 Avenue East and 91 Avenue West Extensions and Dumasfield Stormwater Pond Base and Paving with underground service improvements to Rockhard Contractors Inc. at a \$1,557,863.23 plus GST.

## **Amendment to Visitors Information Centre Services Contract**

- The Lakeland Interpretive Society and the Association Canadienne Francaise de l'Alberta regionale de Plamondon-Lac La Biche are contracted to run visitor information centres for Lac La Biche County's tourists. However, during the winter months, the County's visitor information centres (VICs) see reduced demand.
- The Plamondon VIC will be open between May long weekend to August 31 for 40 hours a week, including Saturdays in July and August.
- From May long weekend to August 31, Monday to Sunday, the Lac La Biche VIC will be open from 9 am to 5 pm. From September 1 to May long weekend, Monday to Friday, the Lac La Biche VIC will be open between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

## Tax Rate Bylaws 17-007 and 17-008 - Urban Rural Mill Rates

- Council amended Bylaw 17-007 by reducing the mill rate for the urban non-residential category to 10.1688 mills (0.0101688 per \$1000 of assessed value).
- Councillors set tax rates for 2017 by passing Bylaws 17-007 and 17-008. A full list of mill rates will be available on the County website, and as a bill stuffer.





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#### **Council Orientation**

 Council approved \$9,000 for post-election training, and to secure the services of George B. Cuff & Associates to facilitate the orientation workshop in November 2017.