



Council Highlights

Delegations

Rich Lake Recreation & Agricultural Society

- The Rich Lake Recreation & Agricultural Society is in the process of building a new community centre and “agriplex” in Rich Lake. The Society has received quotes from various contractors for completing the project.
- The County has already contributed to the project through capital funding grants. Society representatives approached Council on June 20 to present updated information.
- Councillors directed County Administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Society for further funding. Through this MOU, the County will commit to allocating funds up to \$600,000 for completing the new community centre, as long as the Society receives matching funds.

Lakeland Out Of The Elements Shelter Society

- The Lakeland Out Of The Elements Shelter Society operates a homeless shelter in the hamlet of Lac La Biche. The shelter is now open 24/7 to both male and female users.
- Society representative Bernice Mechor advised that the shelter needs additional space in order to accommodate more users. Later in the meeting, Council voted to have Administration investigate options for expanding shelter space.

Lac La Biche Gymnastics Society

- The Lac La Biche Gymnastics Society requested the County’s support in obtaining equipment for a gymnastics program in the local area, advising that many children and families currently need to travel to access that kind of programming.

- Council approved \$40,000 for the purchase of new equipment. In order to recoup that cost, the equipment will be leased to the Society for \$8,000 annually for five years.
- A community recreation survey that was conducted four years ago identified gymnastics programming as a top need in the area. The Society is aiming to start offering programs in the fall of 2017.

New Business

Alberta Lake Management Society Workshop Sponsorship

- The Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) is hosting a two-day workshop at the Bold Center on September 29 and 30. This event is held annually, and this will be the first time it takes place in Lac La Biche County.
- Council voted to provide \$3,000 in sponsorship for the upcoming workshop.

Pilot Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Program

- To help reach the County’s waste diversion goals, Administration recommended running a pilot program for curbside collection of leaf and yard waste. The County had previously carried out a survey, to gauge eligible residents’ support for the idea.
- After a discussion, Council approved a pilot program for eligible properties within the hamlets of Lac La Biche and Plamondon, using existing curbside containers. The program will run from July 10 to October 2, 2017, with collection taking place on Mondays.



Capital Funding for New Bridge

- The County had previously applied for grant funding from Alberta Transportation to help replace a deteriorating bridge across the Beaver River. The application was successful, leaving the County responsible for only 25 per cent of the capital costs.
- Council voted to approve \$258,750 in capital funding to support the installation of a new two-lane replacement bridge.

Terms of Reference for Bold Center Sports Field Development Task Force

- The County and Northern Lights Public Schools are in the early stages of collaborating to develop outdoor sports fields at the Bold Center, where J. A. Williams High School is located.
- Administration presented draft terms of reference for a joint task force that will work to address this need. Councillors voted to approve the terms of reference as they were presented.

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