



Council Highlights

New Business

Council Orientation

- County Administration reviewed meeting procedures, conflicts of interest, remuneration and other topics to help new Council members settle into their roles.
- To familiarize Councillors with the County's operations, Administration explained how various departments work, the services they provide and the major initiatives they are proposing for 2018.

Mill Rate Ratio Discussion

- Mr. Dan Small, Senior Manager of Finance & Grants, provided an overview of the County's tax rate situation.
- The Province's new Municipal Government Act requires that the ratio between a municipality's highest and lowest tax rates be no more than 5:1. The ratio is currently 7.35:1 in Lac La Biche County.

- It is not yet known how long the County will have to comply with this requirement, but Administration has asked for a multi-year timeline. As Mr. Small explained to Council, options for complying include lowering the highest rate (rural non-residential), raising the lowest rate (residential), or both.

Meetings With Ministers at Conventions

- Councillors will attend the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association conventions later this month.
- Administration is scheduling meetings with representatives of Alberta Transportation, Alberta Community and Social Services and Alberta Justice and the Solicitor-General. These meetings will be opportunities for Councillors to explain their priorities and concerns to the provincial authorities.

Complete Council meeting minutes can be viewed on the County's website, after they have been reviewed and approved by Council.