



# Council Highlights

## New Business

### Public Auction of Tax Recovery Properties

- In accordance with Alberta's *Municipal Government Act*, Lac La Biche County is planning a public auction of six properties that owe taxes. County Administration makes every effort to contact affected property owners prior to holding an auction, but a public sale has been tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2018.
- A motion to accept Administration's proposed terms and conditions for the auction was passed unanimously. More information about the auction will be advertised early in 2018, and Administration will continue working to collect taxes in arrears before the auction takes place.

### Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application

- The new Municipal Government Act requires all municipalities in Alberta to create Intermunicipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks with one another. These are planning documents, intended to help municipal governments work together.
- After a discussion, Council voted to partner with the County of St. Paul, Municipal District of Bonnyville, County of Two Hills, County of Vermilion River and Smoky Lake County. The group will apply to the Alberta Community Partnership grant program, and any funds received will be for the purpose of creating Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks between the partners.

## Revised Council Meeting Schedule

- Effective January 1, 2018, Council will start following a new Regular Council Meeting schedule. Until further notice, Regular Council Meetings will be held on the first, third and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

## Authorization for Portage College to Expend Funds for Facility Design

- The County and Portage College have jointly created a Water Resources Management Task Force, to facilitate new programming.
- Council voted to authorize the college to use up to \$800,000 in unspent funds that had been allocated to the Task Force. The funds will be used to prepare a tender-ready design for the college's proposed Water Resource Management Education Centre.