

# Council Highlights

## Urgent Matters

### Letter of Support for the Lac La Biche Pow Wow & Fish Derby Association

- Council voted to approve a draft letter of support for the Lac La Biche Pow Wow & Fish Derby Association, so the organization can more effectively apply for grant funding through the provincial Community Initiatives Program. An application intake was expected on January 15, 2018, so this item was added to the agenda under "Urgent Matters."

## Delegations

### Ian Ferguson, Assessor

- The County's assessor, Ian Ferguson, explained the property assessment process and current trends to Council. Assessment determines a property's value, and mill rates set by Council later in the year determine how much of that value is taxable.
- Mr. Ferguson says that Lac La Biche County is still growing, although most recent growth has been in the residential sector.

## Portage College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Portage College's Manager of Community Relations, Rick Flumian, presented an overview of the college's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The college is planning several community events in 2018 to mark its golden jubilee.
- Council voted to approve \$50,000 in sponsorship and in-kind support for the college's anniversary. The funds will be used to support multiple events throughout the year.

## New Business

### Grader Maintenance Efficiencies

- In response to a Councillor's query about grader beats and maintenance in the southern part of the County, Administration presented information on that topic. Administration's opinion was that a grader could be moved to the Craigend area to improve operational efficiencies.
- After a discussion, Council voted to reallocate a grader to the Craigend area, and approved \$16,000 in additional funding for grader storage in that district.