

Council Highlights

Delegations

Lakeland Classic Wheels Club Event Funding (Winter Festival of Speed)

- Mr. Ken Staples, representing the Lakeland Classic Wheels Club, came before Council to discuss the 2018 Winter Festival of Speed. Mr. Staples described the upcoming event, noting that there will be a trappers' display on the lake, snowmobile trail rides, axe-throwing, and more, in addition to the regular races.
- The Lakeland Classic Wheels Club requested \$25,000 from Lac La Biche County to support this year's event, which Council approved in a Request for Decision later in the meeting. They also approved in-kind support.

New Business

Council Appointments to the Greater North Foundation and the Portage College Athletics Association

- Councillor George L'Heureux resigned from the Greater North Foundation, which deals with housing issues in our area, due to scheduling conflicts. Council appointed Councillor Jason Stedman in his place.
- Portage College invited Council to participate in the Portage College Athletics Association, which will guide the College's sports programs. Councillor Lorin Tkachuk was appointed to join the Association.

Briefing: Work Camps in the County

- Administration presented several options to amend the County's Land Use Bylaw as it relates to work camps. Currently, work camps must be established 20 km or more away from a hamlet boundary.

- After discussion, Council passed a motion that administration bring back a bylaw that amends the Land Use Bylaw, making it possible for work camps to continue to operate past 2018.

Briefing: Urban Forestry Policy

- To create a healthy 'urban forest' of trees on boulevards, in parks, and in other public green spaces, County administration presented a draft Urban Forestry Policy. The policy protects trees and encourages planting new ones.
- Council asked administration to bring back the policy for their final approval at a future Council meeting.

Briefing: Bond Administration

- Council has been concerned that the County's requirement for bid bonds has been hard for smaller local contractors to meet.
- Bid bonds are payments that contractors make to guarantee that they will take the job if selected, and reduce financial risk to the County. The County also uses other types of bonds to reduce project risks, including performance and material payment bonds.
- After discussion, Council directed administration to develop a policy on bonding, which will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Draft Terms of Reference for a Solid Waste Management Task Force

- Council is planning to create a four-member Solid Waste Management Task Force, consisting of the Mayor and three councillors. The task force would, among other duties, review the County's waste and recycling strategies, engage with and lobby government on the Waste Conversion Facility project, and review relevant bylaws and policies.



**Regular Council Meeting
February 6, 2018**

- Council directed administration to bring the Solid Waste Management Task Force bylaw forward for readings at the February 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

**Briefing: Meeting with Minister of
Municipal Affairs Shaye Anderson**

- The office of Minister of Municipal Affairs Shaye Anderson has invited Council to meet with him during the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties conference, which happens March 19 to 21, 2018.
- Council has accepted the invitation, and will talk to Minister Anderson about the following topics:
 - the freezing of assessment year modifiers;
 - the implementation of centralized designation industrial properties; and
 - the County's support for exemption of creating Intermunicipal Development Plans/ Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks with Smoky Lake and the MD of Opportunity.