

Council Highlights

Delegations

Homeless Reduction Task Force

- Heather Stromquist, a representative from the Homeless Reduction Task Force, gave a presentation before Council on homelessness in Lac La Biche County. The Task Force had several recommendations to make.
- First, they recommended bringing forward a business case in the 2018 budget deliberations for a community case worker to champion homelessness reduction initiatives. This is already included in the 2018 proposed budget package, and Council will consider it at a future date.
- The Task Force also suggested developing a communications plan to increase community acceptance of homelessness; enlisting the services of the Alberta Rural Development Network to provide accurate homelessness counts every two years; lobbying the provincial and federal governments to allocate more funding to mental health programs; investigating grants to set up a community housing organization; and seeking seed funding for low-income and social housing projects in Lac La Biche County.
- Council will consider these recommendations at a later date.

New Business

Cannabis Dispensaries

- Administration noted that there are some parts of cannabis legislation that municipalities have control over, including the minimum distances that cannabis dispensaries must be from buildings like schools.

- Council asked Administration to bring forward recommendations on cannabis dispensaries and use in the County.

Meeting with Minister Kathleen Ganley

- Through MLAs Scott Cyr and David Hanson, Lac La Biche County was invited to a meeting on rural crime in northeastern Alberta with Minister of Justice Kathleen Ganley. The meeting will take place on Monday, March 19 during the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties convention.
- Council appointed Mayor Omer Moghrabi and Chief Administrative Officer Shadia Amblie to attend on Lac La Biche County's behalf.