

# Council Highlights

## Delegations

### Athabasca Watershed Council

- Mr. Brian Deheer and Ms. Marie Bay Briener, representatives from the Athabasca Watershed Council (AWC), made a presentation to Council on the AWC's recent activities.
- The AWC was established in 2009, and focuses on stewardship of the Athabasca watershed by engaging with and educating the public.
- The AWC invited Lac La Biche County Council to become a member, and to contribute ideas to their upcoming Municipal Forum.
- Council thanked AWC for their presentation.

### V3 Companies of Canada Ltd.

- Mr. Steven Reichert and Mr. Nick Pryce, representatives from V3 Companies of Canada Ltd., provided an update to Council on the 101 Avenue (Main Street) Water & Sewer Replacement project. They also presented options for downtown revitalization in the hamlet of Lac La Biche.
- These projects are still in early planning stages, and Council will choose how to proceed at a future meeting.

## New Business

### Policy and Procedure PI-30-010: Private Driveway and Road Maintenance

- Administration made changes to Policy and Procedure PI-30-010: Private Driveway and Road Maintenance to better meet the needs of County residents.
- Significant changes include a clearer distinction between purchasing flags for driveway clearing and the free service that the County provides for senior citizens and citizens with disabilities,

especially those who live in subdivisions. Staff also changed the policy from a time limit to a length limit for driveway clearing services, and requires residents to purchase additional flags if the driveway exceeds 300 metres.

- Council approved the revised policy, and recommended that a minimum of 30 metres of driveway length be required for the purchase of a flag.

### Councillor Conference Attendance Policy (CS-11-004)

- Council discussed a draft Councillor Conference Attendance Policy (CS-11-004), and their desire to limit the amount of councillors attending conferences.
- A revised version of the policy will be brought forward at a future meeting.

### Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Bylaw

- The *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) requires Lac La Biche County to have a Code of Conduct for Elected Officials Bylaw passed by July 23, 2018.
- The MGA outlines specific topics that the bylaw must cover, along with sanctions if the code is breached. The Chief Administrative Officer cannot enforce the code, and councillors cannot be disqualified from Council if there is a breach.
- Council discussed the draft Code of Conduct Bylaw that Administration supplied, and talked about the process that the public will follow to make complaints.
- Council motioned that a request for decision be brought forward with revisions to the public complaint process at a future meeting of Council.



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### Enhanced Policing Agreement: Service Type Decision

- After discussion on increasing levels of rural crime, Council directed Administration to proceed with additional training required for two Enforcement Services staff members to attend Level 1 Peace Officer training. This will allow two existing County Peace Officers to have more authority. Council approved an increase in Enforcement Services training budget of \$13,000 to cover the cost of training.
- Council also directed Administration to clarify with the RCMP that Lac La Biche County is requesting two enhanced officers for general duty policing.

### Public Sprinkler Protection Program

- Sprinkler systems are often installed to better protect homes from windblown embers in the event of wildfires, especially in rural areas.
- Lac La Biche County Fire Rescue plans to offer sprinkler protection kits for the public to purchase and pre-install on their properties. Similar programs have been successfully implemented throughout North America.
- Council directed Administration to initiate a public sprinkler protection program for County residents.

### Safety Codes Program: Fire Discipline

- Lac La Biche County currently does not have accreditation for the fire discipline of the Alberta Safety Codes Act, while 243 other Albertan municipalities do.
- Administration recommended that Lac La Biche County become accredited in order to save costs and play a more direct role in preventing structure fires.
- Council directed Administration to move forward with accreditation in the Safety Codes: Fire Discipline and undertake required steps for accreditation.