

Council Highlights



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Regular Council Meeting | June 26, 2018

Sustane Technologies

Sustane Technologies Ltd. offers technology to reduce landfill waste. Council directed Administration to get more information on Sustane Technologies Ltd. and their municipal solid waste transformation initiatives.

Amendments to Municipal Land Lease Policy

Among other changes, the proposed Land Lease Policy PI-61-004 has been simplified and allows Administration to enter into a lease agreement for 1 to 5 year terms at fair market values. Council adopted the amended policy.

Adoption of the Encroachment Agreement and License of Occupation Policies

Council adopted Encroachment Agreement Policy PI-61-014, which will guide how the County will enter into encroachment agreements. Encroachment agreements are used by Albertan municipalities to deal with encroachments from adjacent private parcels onto municipal lands. They do not grant landowners the permission to install an encroachment, but rather to deal with encroachments that built in error. Council also adopted License of Occupation Policy PI-65-015, which licenses temporary activities on County-owned lands. These agreements allow residents to enter into a short-term agreement (1 month to 1 year) to use County land for an administration fee, rather than entering into a long-term lease.

Amendment to Bylaw 16-001 Planning and Development Fees and Charges

Based on the new planning and development policies outlined above, Bylaw 16-001 Planning and Development Fees and Charges needs a few changes to reflect these policies' fees. For instance, minor encroachment agreements come with a fee of \$500, and major encroachment agreements will be determined by Council based on fair market value. Council gave the amended bylaw first and second readings. The amended bylaw will come back to Council for third and final reading at a future date.

Dates for Special Council Meetings for the 2019 Budget

Council scheduled the following dates to discuss the 2019 County Budget, the 2020 - 2022 Operating Plan, and the 2020 - 2024 Capital Plan at 10 am at Council Chambers in McArthur Place:

- Tuesday, October 30, 2018
- Thursday, November 1, 2018
- Friday, November 2, 2018
- Thursday, November 8, 2018
- Thursday, November 15, 2018
- Monday, November 26, 2018
- Thursday, November 29, 2018
- Monday, December 3, 2018
- Thursday, December 6, 2018
- Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Rezoning Bylaw 18-013 and Rezoning Bylaw 18-014

After public hearings, Council gave Rezoning Bylaws 18-013 and 18-014 second and final readings. Bylaw 18-013 allows the owners to rezone a portion of Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 1023466 from an agricultural district to an on-site estate residential district 2. Bylaw 18-014 allows the landowners to rezone a portion of NW-30-66-W4M (a parcel adjacent to Highway 36 approximately 1.5 km south of the hamlet of Lac La Biche).

Utility Rates

At the May 1, 2018 Regular Council Meeting, Council directed Administration to bring forward to a June Council meeting information on actual utility costs versus fees charged. This is a comprehensive project that requires an in-depth review of the operational and capital costs of all utilities. Council asked Administration to bring forward a utility rate review briefing for Council's consideration in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Council accepted the Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for the period ended May 31, 2018.

CAO Quarterly Department Highlights

April 1 to June 30, 2018

The County publishes quarterly annual reports to provide a summary of the County's high-profile operations to the public. Administration presented the CAO Quarterly Department Highlights for April 1 to June 30, 2018, which Council accepted as information.

Follow Up Action List Review

Administration presented the follow up action list, which staff use to track Council's motions and requests. Council accepted the follow up action list as information.

2019 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference will be held in Quebec City from May 30, 2019 until June 2, 2019. To ensure accommodations close to the conference, Administration is proposing booking hotel rooms and registering Councillors as early as possible. Council directed Administration to secure accommodations for Council. Once the conference agenda is released, each Council Member will determine conference attendance and Administration can proceed with conference registration. Administration will bring forward FCM Conference info to Council once it is available.

Long Term Planning and Visioning

Administration looked for clarification from Council on their expectations for a strategic session for long-term planning and visioning for the County. Council will cancel the upcoming Strategic Session: Long-Term Planning & Visioning, previously scheduled for July 5, 2018, and instead change the topic to cannabis legislation. Administration will schedule a full-day workshop for either July 11 or 12, 2018, dedicated to the development of long-term planning, and to hire a facilitator to deliver this workshop at a total cost of \$3,500.

Mayor's Golf Tournament

The Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation wishes to rename their annual tournament to the Mayor's Golf Tournament, and to receive in-kind support from the County in the form of staff or Councillors' time. Council motioned that the Mayor's Golf Tournament is hosted in 2018 in support of the Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation, subject to the Foundation leading the planning and implementation of hosting this tournament. They also directed Administration to reach out to the Foundation to discuss this item.

Transportation of Patients

Council discussed transporting patients to and from medical appointments outside of the County. Administration will reach out to the Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation to get more information

Public Input Session

Ms. Agnes Ramsay attended Council as a delegation to appeal residential tax increases and shared concerns about other matters. Council accepted the delegation as information. Council also motioned that Administration forward a letter to Ms. Ramsay regarding her presentation, and outline possible provincial financial assistance options for low-income seniors.

Lakeland Industry and Community Association Board

The County is located on the edge of the Beaver River watershed, which the Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) Board oversees through green initiatives and environmental advocacy. Council discussed the Board's name change from the Beaver Watershed Alliance to LICA, and motioned to acknowledge that Councillor Colin Cote will continue to serve on LICA.

Commonwealth Agriculture Conference

The Commonwealth Agriculture Conference has been held biennially in Commonwealth nations across the world (including Canada), and is designed to give delegates a taste of the agriculture industry in the region of the host country. The 28th conference will be held at the Edmonton EXPO Centre from November 5 to 8, 2018. Council motioned that Councillor George L'Heureux attend the conference on Council's behalf. If Councillor L'Heureux is unable to attend, Deputy Mayor Colette Borgun will attend.

Lac La Biche County Visitor Friendliness

Working Group

Administration proposed a County-led Visitor Friendliness Working Group including representatives from Lac La Biche County, Lac La Biche and District Chamber of Commerce, Alberta Parks, Plamondon and District Community Development Society, the Lac La Biche Canadian Native Friendship Centre, Portage College, the Visitor Information Centre, and the Mission

Historical Society. The group would implement the Visitor Friendly Assessment and Action Plan. The group would operate for three years, at which time the need for its existence would be reassessed. Council approved the working group terms of reference.

4Board Meeting

A 4Board meeting was recently held between the Region One Aboriginal Business Association, the Lac La Biche and District Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures in Lac La Biche, and the County. The meeting brought together four of the core groups to discuss the County's economic development. Council was briefed on how the meeting went and the next steps.

Awarding of TR-32-2018-07: 2018 Hamlet Street Resurfacing & Miscellaneous Work Tender

Council received four tenders for the 2018 Hamlet Street Resurfacing & Miscellaneous Work project at the Regular Council Meeting on June 12, 2018. Council awarded the project to E. Construction Ltd. for the sum of \$731,837.50 plus GST, whose submission met all the project requirements for the lowest price.

Airport Lease Renewal for Delta Helicopters

Delta Helicopters Ltd. wishes to renew their lease agreement with Lac La Biche County to use the Lac La Biche Aiport. They're also looking to expand their hangar and build additional parking at the Lac La Biche Airport, which will involve a significant investment by Delta Helicopters Ltd. Though the original lease was for a ten-year term, Administration proposed a 20-year lease with the County. Council elected to enter into an airport lease with Delta Helicopters Ltd. based on a 13-year term. The 13-year term will bring this lease in line with other existing leases that end in 13 years.

Old Trail Road and Walking Trail Gap

In 2016, Council delayed base paving and walking trail construction on a 700-metre stretch of the Old Trail until the right of way widening could be completed. While the remainder of the Old Trail has been paved, there is a 700-metre long gap that remains an oiled surfaced road. Council motioned that the Old Trail Road and Walking Trail Gap be completed to a paved surface, and further that \$976,800 be allocated for the project from accumulated surplus.

Nashim Drive Base and Pave

Traffic volumes on Nashim Drive have increased, and there is significant deterioration of the oiled surface. Given the increased traffic and poor condition of the road, Council motioned to base and pave Nashim Drive, reallocating \$1.2 million from the Lakeview Crescent project to fund the Nashim Drive base and pave in 2018.

Township Road 674

Due to a narrow right-of-way and spruce trees lining the road, Township Road 674 has been difficult to maintain. Council motioned to approve paving using a cement-stabilized base with cold mix surface in 2018. \$2.86 million in funding was re-allocated from the Township Road 682A (Mystic Beach) project to fund Township Road 674.

Prescription to Get Active Program

The Prescription to Get Active program encourages doctors to prescribe physical activity to patients. Patients can then bring that prescription to participating recreation or fitness centres in exchange for free access to the facility. Council approved implementation of the Prescription to Get Active (RxTGA) program effective September 1, 2018. They approved two-month free access to Portage Pool and the Bold Center to all patients prescribed activity through the RxTGA program.

Sentinel Industrial Park Storm Pond

Administration gave an update on the Sentinel Industrial Park Storm Pond.

Committee Appointments: ASB, FCSS, and SDAB

Council appointed Ms. Debbie Burdek to the Agricultural Services Board (ASB), Ms. Jana McKinley to the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Advisory Board, and both Mr. Ken Warkentin and Mr. Peter Pelletier to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB).