

Capital Equipment Replacement Reserves

- At the July 27, 2015 Strategic Session, Council directed Administration bring forward the allocations for capital equipment replacement reserves as discussed to the next Regular Council Meeting for ratification. (See Council Highlights for the July 27, 2015 Strategic Session for more details.)
- Council approved the transfer of \$6,155,696 from the County's Capital Reserve Fund to the Capital Equipment Replacement Reserve to create a fund for replacing graders, plows and trucks, when necessary. Council also approved \$1,435,216 for the 2015 contribution to the newly created fund, which will have money budgeted annually to support the program.
- Council approved the transfer of \$2,465,517 from the Capital Reserve Fund to the Capital Fire Apparatus Replacement Reserve to create a fund for replacing emergency and fire response vehicles and equipment, when necessary. Council also approved an additional \$233, 950 for the 2015 contribution to the fund.

Capital Project Reserve Allocations

- Council approved the allocation of \$26 million in reserve funds towards the following future capital projects:
 - Four-year hamlet sidewalk replacement program: \$3,600,00
 - Four-year hamlet resurfacing program: \$5,600,000
 - Old Trail paving project: \$19,500,000
 - Replacement of underground utilities, 104 Street from 101 Avenue to 101B Avenue: \$1,222,000
 - Replacement of underground utilities, Lakeview Crescent: \$3,320,000
 - Class 3 cell at Beaver Lake Landfill: \$605,000

Urban Service Area Boundary and Specialized Municipality Status Update

- At recent meetings, County Council has been discussing the possibility of seeking specialized municipality status with the province in order to better service the County's urban and rural populations.
- Administration has been researching the impact to the County should it become a specialized municipality. Research indicates the County may have to assume greater financial responsibility for roads and policing as a specialized municipality.

- Council directed Administration to prepare additional draft maps of the possible expansion of the urban service area, and the impact on policing and roads in the County.

Council Governance Review Task Force

- A subcommittee of Council will be reviewing and updating all Council-related policies, like the Council Remuneration Policy and Council Code of Conduct.
- Council approved a Terms of Reference to guide the subcommittee and appointed Councillor Phillips, Councillor Nowak and Councillor Siebold to the Council Governance Review Task Force.
- The subcommittee will include three members of Council with the Mayor as an ex officio member, and two members of Administration. The purpose of the policy review is to ensure that all Council policies are up-to-date and reflective of current municipal best practices.

Facility Allocation Policy and Procedure

- Administration brought forward a draft policy and procedure that will set out guidelines for the fair and consistent allocation of the County's recreation facilities, taking into account the needs of multiple user groups.
- Council provided feedback to staff and directed Administration to bring forward the facility allocation policy and procedure, as well as a revised pool and ice allocation procedure and facility rules and regulations for review to a future Council meeting.

Reusable Bag Campaign

- Council approved \$12,300 to support the County's Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC)'s Reusable Bag Campaign.
- The funding, under ESAC's Promotional Supplies and Contracted Services budget, will go towards the purchase of reusable, collapsible boxes that will be given out during an educational campaign in the fall that will encourage the use of reusable shopping bags and the reduction of plastic bags.

State of Agricultural Disaster

- Due to near-drought conditions and a serious grasshopper infestation in the County this growing season, the County's producers are forecasting low cereal and oil seed yields and extremely low hay and feed yields, and Council declared a state of agricultural disaster.
- Council directed Administration to write letters to federal and provincial officials, notifying them of the County's declaration and suggesting some options for relief; things like shared lease grazing, freight subsidies and financial aid for crop insurance.

Council Chamber Location Options

- Council discussed the various options for creating a civic centre/Council Chambers at McArthur Place.
- Council was in favour of potentially relocating Council Chambers to the second tower of McArthur Place, and directed Administration to determine the cost of the move, including any required renovations.