

The Public Works Committee is a standing Committee of Council responsible for developing and evaluating matters of policy and providing oversight and recommendations for Transportation Services, Utilities and Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Management.

Public Works Departmental Updates

Environmental Services Update:

- Environmental Services Manager, Barry Kolenosky, reported on the department's projects and activities:
 - Reviewed submissions on Waste Container Provision and Transportation of Waste Materials RFP #1-15.
 - Preparing for Environment Week (May 31, 2015 - June 6, 2015).
 - Started initial Geoware waste management software training with staff.

Transportation Services Update:

- Interim Manager of Public Works, Brian Shapka, reported on the department's projects and activities:
 - Spring road bans implemented.
 - Spring programs have been initiated, i.e. spot graveling, culvert steaming, beaver control, spring roadside cleanup, pothole patching and street sweeping.
 - Summer programs are scheduled, i.e. re-gravelling, oiling, dust control, line-painting, approach construction and crack filling.
 - 85,000 tonnes of gravel crushed at Fork Lake Gravel Pit.
 - Discussed options for line re-painting on Beaver Hill Road.

Utility Services Update:

- Utility Services Manager, Gary Siebold, reported on the department's projects and activities:
 - Completed installation of sanitary sewer trunk main to service Lac La Biche West.
 - Completed installation of sedimentation and erosion controls on the Red Deer Brook pipeline crossing of the sewer trunk main and are continuously monitoring water quality to remain in compliance with Code of Practice as directed by AESRD.
 - Proceeding with TransCanada and Chinook Energy to make natural gas supply changes at TransCanada's site.

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- Collecting information to prepare a briefing to Council about the benefits and drawbacks to fluoridation in the water treatment process. Council approved a motion to invite Alberta Health Services representatives to present the pros and cons of fluoridation as a delegation to Council. Council also directed Administration to research the reasons behind the City of Calgary's decision to discontinue fluoridation.

New Business

Road Maintenance

- Council and Administration discussed the County's current road maintenance policies and procedures after Council members brought forward concerns from residents in certain rural areas.
- Council would like to see a more comprehensive road maintenance policy/procedure for the summer months. Council approved a motion to have the summer road maintenance level of service discussed by the Transportation Master Plan Committee.

Littering Education and Enforcement Communications Plan

- Lac La Biche County continues to experience a high volume of Waste Bylaw-related infractions. Administration prepared a Communications Plan for an educational campaign about littering, illegal dumping, unsecured loads and improper Curbside Pick Up disposal and the possible fines for these activities. The education campaign began in spring/summer 2014 and will continue in 2015, with a greater focus on enforcement.
- Informational brochures, radio ads and articles in the County's Intouch newsletter and on the County website and Facebook page will be used to educate the public about the County's Waste and Community Standards Bylaws and the possible fines for infractions.

Large Item Pick Up Program

- The County's Large Item Curbside Pick Up program is an annual service offered to residents living in the hamlets of Lac La Biche and Plamondon.
- In past years, some residents have not followed the guidelines for the Large Item Pick Up program, creating safety hazards for other residents and staff.
- This year, radio ads and informational postcards were used to notify residents of the guidelines for pick up. Items that do not meet the guidelines will not be picked up.



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Business Recycling Survey

- Local businesses have expressed interest in having the County provide recycling services—currently the business sector are using private service providers for recycling collection.
- Administration is proposing to complete a survey of area businesses regarding their recycling needs, in order to assess the possibility for future service provision.