

## **Delegations**

Delegations are individuals or groups who request permission to appear before Council to speak on a particular issue, or with whom Council has requested a meeting.

### Aurora Middle School Grade 6 students

- Grade 6 students from Aurora Middle School, who had been studying government in their Social Studies class, met with Council to discuss safety concerns on the south access road (90 Avenue) near the school.
- Students wrote Council a letter explaining their concerns—the absence of appropriate signage indicating that the area is a school zone and regulating speed on the access road. In addition, they pointed out that there is no sidewalk for pedestrians and that dust is an issue in the warmer months, further decreasing visibility.
- Students prepared a petition requesting enhanced signage along the road and presented it to Council.
- Council passed a motion directing Administration to research the County's Traffic Bylaw with respect to appropriate signage. Council also directed Administration to investigate costs for the development of a gravel walking trail along the access road and bring them forward for 2015 budget deliberations. Administration will also look into applying dust control on 90 Avenue during the dry season.

## **New Business**

### Topics for Discussion with Northern Lights School Division (NLSD)

- Council has a joint meeting scheduled with the NLSD board on March 4, 2015.
- Council discussed their chosen agenda items for the meeting.
- Some of the agenda items include: sports fields, railways, lands and the Joint Use Agreement.

### Agricultural Service Board Bursary

- Administration presented Council with an amended Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Bursary Policy and Procedure for their approval.
- The ASB awards two bursaries of \$1,000 annually to post-secondary students taking agriculture or agriculture-related programs in school.

- The revised policy and procedure includes an expanded advertising campaign in order to potentially increase the applicant pool. Previously the procedure required the bursary to be advertised for two weeks in the local paper. The new procedure requires the bursary to be advertised in the local paper as well as the County's newsletter, and in all area high schools, at Portage College and at applicable area learning institutions.
- Council approved the amended ASB Bursary Policy and Procedure.

#### Supply and Sale of Pesticide Policy and Procedure

- The sale of pesticides is federally regulated under the Pest Control Products Act and County staff are trained and certified to handle all pesticides used and sold by the County.
- Administration brought forward an amended Supply and Sale of Pesticide Policy and Procedure for the County.
- The sole amendment to the procedure is that in future, the County will only sell agricultural herbicides to residences with over 80 acres, or to residents who hold a valid Acreage Owner Pesticide Applicator Certificate.
- Council approved the amended Supply and Sale of Pesticide Policy and Procedure.

#### Veterinary Services Incorporated Contract Renewal

- Lac La Biche County participates in the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) program. The program provides assistance to livestock producers by helping with the cost of veterinary services in partnership with the local municipality. The program also promotes the local practise of veterinary medicine.
- The County is one of 16 municipalities that take part in the program. There are 172 producers registered in the VSI program within the County.
- Council approved renewing the contract with VSI annually through 2020.

#### Mutual Fire Aid Agreements

- Council approved a motion directing Administration to revise/update existing mutual aid agreements for fire services with neighbouring municipalities and jurisdictions and to enter into new agreements where necessary.
- Mutual aid agreements outline the roles, responsibilities and costs for requesting the response of fire services from an outside jurisdiction.