

New Business

Cadets to Lease Jubilee Basement

- Earlier this year, Council directed Administration to clean and repair the Jubilee Hall basement, so that user groups might be able to use the space.
- With renovations complete, Council passed a motion to enter into a one-year lease with the Lac La Biche Cadets.

Rezoning Bylaw No. 14-039; Calnash Trucking Limited; SE 18-67-14-W4M; from Agricultural District to Rural Industrial District

- A rezoning application was submitted on September 18, 2014 to rezone 11 acres of SE 18-67-14-W4M from Agricultural District to Rural Industrial District under the County's Land Use Bylaw. As the use of the lands were not in compliance with the provisions of the current agricultural zoning, a rezoning application was necessary for the applicant to continue to use the land for the industrial storage of materials and equipment, as well as drilling rig maintenance.
- It was noted that the proposed rezoning did not conform to the County's Municipal Development Plan (MDP)—the future predominant land use of the property and surrounding land is designated agricultural in the MDP.
- First reading of the rezoning bylaw was approved by Council on October 28, 2014. As per procedure, a public hearing was held on November 25, 2014. The applicant spoke in favour of the rezoning, while one adjacent landowner spoke in opposition.
- Following the public hearing, Administration received several letters regarding the rezoning. Council approved a second public hearing in order to ensure all submissions for or against the rezoning were read into record and all affected parties had an opportunity to speak.
- A second public hearing was held January 13, 2015 and written submissions were read into record and presentations were provided for and against the proposed rezoning.
- On January 27, 2015 the second reading of the proposed rezoning bylaw was defeated unanimously by Council, effectively denying the rezoning of the property. Administration will be working with the landowner to bring the use of the land into compliance with the agricultural zoning laid out in the Land Use Bylaw.

Draft Land Use Bylaw Discussion—Medical Marijuana Facilities

- Council and Administration are currently in the process of reviewing, revising and updating the County's Land Use Bylaw (LUB), a zoning bylaw that governs land use and development in the municipality. Since the bylaw is intended to be a comprehensive document that addresses all possible land use activities now and into the future, Council discussed regulations and guidelines for federal Medical Marijuana Facilities, one of many land use activities addressed in the draft LUB.
- At a January 13, 2015 Council meeting, Administration was directed to research the provisions laid out for Medical Marijuana Facilities in other municipalities.
- Medical Marijuana Facilities are authorized by Health Canada and are a federally-sanctioned commercial enterprise.
- Council reviewed the Medical Marijuana Facilities provisions laid out in the Land Use Bylaws of Calgary and the County of Northern Lights.
- Council passed a motion accepting the requested briefing brought forward by Administration, as information.