

Canada 150 Grant Application

- In honour of Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017, the federal government is currently offering \$150 million in funding for enhancing or upgrading existing community facilities across the country.
- Council discussed possible projects which would be eligible for the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Funding.
- Council approved a motion directing Administration to apply for a Canada 150 grant to revitalize the playground and area at McArthur Park. Should Lac La Biche County be chosen to receive a grant, the County will match the amount of funding offered by the federal government for the project.

Existing Water and Wastewater Systems Capacity Report

- Council approved the recently finalized Lac La Biche County Existing Water and Wastewater Systems Capacity Report, an overview and long-term plan for the County's water and wastewater utility services.
- The report took inventory of the current capacity of the County's water and wastewater systems and provided infrastructure priorities for long-term capital project planning.

Revision of Lac La Biche County's Waste Reduction Goals

- On May 6, 2013, Council passed a motion setting a waste reduction goal for the County—to reduce the amount of waste entering the municipality's landfills and transfer sites by 80 per cent over seven years.
- To reach this goal, the County implemented the Curbside Pick Up Program, a program which has since been expanded. The municipality has also established expanded recycling and waste management programs for residents and commercial industry at the County's landfills and transfer sites.
- Despite these enhancements, the County is currently at a diversion rate of lower than 40 per cent, and as low as 15 per cent in some service areas. A report by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities indicates that even a 50 per cent waste reduction target is a relatively ambitious goal for the average municipality.
- In order to realign the County's waste reduction goals with a more realistic target, Council passed a motion resetting the goal to 40 per cent waste reduction at County landfills and transfer sites as part of a 10-year waste reduction plan.

Everybody Gets To Play Funding

- Council approved an addition of \$5,000 to the Recreation budget for the 2015 year to support an Everybody Gets To Play fee assistance program.
- Everybody Gets to Play™ is a Canada-wide initiative developed by the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association and supported by local municipalities that aims to make recreation more accessible for children and youth in low-income families.

Revised Bold Center Sponsorship and Advertising Policy

- Council approved an updated and revised Bold Center Sponsorship and Advertising Policy. The new policy, which will replace the former Facility Advertising Policy, will provide direction on advertising practices and sponsorship rates, packages, perks and discounts.

Elected Official Ward Open Houses Policy

- Council approved an Elected Official Ward Open Houses Policy which authorizes Councillors to hold one open house in their ward per year, at an estimated cost of \$1,000. This cost would cover advertising the event, room rental, refreshments and County staff time, should they be required to facilitate the event.