

## **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.

### Lac La Biche RCMP

- Representatives from the Lac La Biche RCMP detachment met with Council to present their annual report.
- Priorities for 2015 policing and law enforcement were discussed, including:
  - Enhanced traffic enforcement within the County.
  - Increased policing of the downtown business district in the hamlet of Lac La Biche.
  - Increased visibility in rural areas.
  - Drug trafficking.
  - Youth education.
  - Organized crime.
- Council expressed their appreciation for the good work done by the Lac La Biche RCMP, and their understanding that local RCMP provide law enforcement to a large area with limited manpower resources.
- RCMP also provided information on the planned update to the Lac La Biche RCMP detachment. Engineering plans for the new facility should be completed this fall, with construction to begin next summer.

## **New Business**

### Tender Awarded for 101 Avenue Back Lane Paving and Storm Sewer Project

- Council approved the awarding of the 101 Avenue Back Lane Paving and Storm Sewer capital project.
- The \$2.2 million dollar project will see the storm water drainage system replaced along the 101 Avenue back lane from 101 Street (i.e. Kentucky Fried Chicken) to Highway 36, and the lane repaved.
- Work is slated to begin this spring.

### Building Canada Fund

- The Building Canada Fund offers tripartite funding to municipalities for various infrastructure projects.
- Details for the Building Canada Fund for Alberta were recently released by Alberta Municipal Affairs. Every municipality can apply for up to \$9 million worth of funding. No more than two projects totalling \$9 million can be applied for, and the projects must meet criteria laid out by the Building Canada Fund to be eligible for funding. (If the County's projects were approved, the federal government would fund \$3 million, the provincial government \$3 million, and the County the final \$3 million.
- Council discussed various infrastructure projects within the County that would meet the criteria outlined by Building Canada. The deadline for grant applications is April 2, 2015.
- Council directed Administration to prepare a list of potential projects that would meet the fund's criteria. From this list, Council will choose the project(s) for which the County will apply for funding.

### Means of Passing a Budget

- At the December 23 meeting, Council directed Administration to research the best practise for approving a budget, whether by resolution or bylaw. In the past, Council has typically approved the County's budget by resolution.
- Administration polled neighbouring municipalities and all but one passed budgets by resolution.
- Administration also consulted Municipal Affairs with the Alberta Government, and was advised that while bylaws are advantageous in many instances, approving through resolution is preferred when dealing with budgets, as amendments can be made more quickly and easily with this method.

### Meetings with Ministers at Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) Spring Convention:

- Council discussed their meetings with provincial ministers planned for the upcoming AAMDC Spring Convention.
- Council will be meeting with:
  - the Minister of Seniors to discuss land for the recently announced continuing care facility for seniors in Lac La Biche;
  - the Minister of Health to discuss the status of the Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation;



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- the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to discuss environmental issues, and;
- the Commanding Officer of RCMP K Division to discuss the status of the Lac La Biche RCMP detachment improvements.