

Special Council meetings are scheduled outside of the regular Council meeting schedule when emergent and timely issues arise.

Child Mind Services

- During the presentation of the Family and Community Support Services and Community Development budget on February 19, Council expressed concern over the cost of the Child Mind Service at the Bold Center.
- At \$2.50 per half hour per child, or \$5 for two to four children per half hour, the revenue generated by the Child Mind Service was roughly \$7,000 in 2014 with a total cost of just over \$200,000.
- Hours of operation are Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon and Monday to Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. between September and March. Reduced hours are offered from April to August, Monday to Friday 9 a.m. until noon and 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. In 2014, 2248 Child Mind visits were logged.
- Council approved the reduction of the Child Mind Service budget, with a maximum net budget expenditure of \$150,000 for 2015. This may result in a slight increase in the cost of Child Mind Service and/or the reduction in hours of operation.

Bold Center Sponsorship

- Council discussed the potential for increasing future sponsorship at the Bold Center in an effort to assist with offsetting the cost of programming, and in order to build relationships with local and regional industry.
- Administration is looking to develop new agreements and sponsorship packages to meet current marketing standards and trends.

Bold Center Statistics and Usage

- Administration presented Council with an overview on the usage statistics at the Bold Center.
- The Bold Center has seen a consistent increase in users, user groups and room bookings since 2011. Enrollment in fitness programs and adult recreation sports leagues have steadily increased. Membership and drop-in revenues have also grown over the past few years.
- Administration is currently working to streamline booking processes for user groups in order to more efficiently track usage at the Bold Center.

2015 Budget Adoption

- Council approved the County's 2015 operating budget of \$50,660,809 and capital budget expenditures of \$25,776,981.
- Numerous capital projects are slated to begin in 2015. The County's new annual sidewalk replacement program will see roughly 20 kilometres of sidewalk replaced over the next five years in the hamlets of Lac La Biche and Plamondon. Just over two kilometres of road will be repaved in the hamlets, while the municipality's regravelling program continues on the County's rural roads. Over \$300,000 will be spent constructing and repairing boat launches, while \$1.9 million is earmarked for community grants in 2015.
- The County's complete budget document will be available on laclabichedcounty.com in the near future.