

Local Improvement Levy Bylaws (Eagle Haunt and Claude Lake)

- Council approved Local Improvement Levy Bylaws for the Claude Lake and Eagle Haunt subdivisions. The levy, which will be paid by benefitting property owners in the subdivisions over a 15-year period, will pay for a portion of the water and sewer services installed in the two neighbourhoods by the County in 2014.
- A local improvement is a construction project undertaken by the municipality that benefits only one area, instead of the municipality as a whole. These projects are paid for, in whole or in part, by the benefitting property owners through the local improvement tax.
- Homeowners in Claude Lake and Eagle Haunt submitted a petition in 2007 requesting the local improvement and authorizing the additional local improvement tax on their annual property taxes to help pay for the service.
- Because of the time lapse in petition and construction, the County notified all affected landowners prior to initiating construction in 2014 and gave them the final option to submit a petition to stop the project. No sufficient objections were voiced.
- The local improvement tax will be added to benefitting landowners' property taxes over a 15-year period.

Property Taxation Bylaws

- Council approved the County's 2015 Property Taxation Bylaws.
- Municipal tax rates will remain at the same as in 2014.
- Tax and assessment notices will be mailed out by May 22, 2015.
- The deadline for property tax payment is June 30, 2015. Taxes that are outstanding after June 30 will accrue penalties.

North Central (NC) Bulls Request for Ice Fee Reduction

- The North Central Bulls is an organization of four area minor hockey associations—Lac La Biche, Boyle, Athabasca and Plamondon. The goal of the group is to develop a regional rural competitive hockey club exclusive to the four communities and rotate hosting practices and games at the arenas located in these communities.
- Because many of the teams consist of residents from outside the County, out-of-County teams were charged the non-resident ice time rate in 2014, instead of the County's youth rate.
- Because of the partnership with the Lac La Biche Minor Hockey Association, the NC Bulls requested the right to access the County's youth rate for club play and practice time.



**Regular Council Meeting**  
May 12, 2015

- Council approved the reduction in fees and agreed to extend the County's youth ice time rate to the teams participating in the NC Bulls initiative.

2010-2012 Outstanding Balances

- Council agreed to write off a balance of \$39,005.00 in Bold Center activity and rental fees that remain outstanding from 2010-2012 in County financial files. The outstanding amount was attributed to inaccurate financial tracking and was written off in the interest of equitable treatment. Balances owing prior to 2013 that could not be confirmed with supporting information were included in this total.

Program for Adult Learning Multi-Year Funding

- Council approved another three years of funding for the Program for Adult Learning (PAL). PAL is an adult learning program that connects volunteer tutors with adults who would like to improve their reading and math skills.
- PAL had a three-year funding agreement with the County (2012-2015) for a Community Social Services grant of \$15,000 per year—\$45,000 in total.
- Council approved an additional \$15,000 per year from 2015-2017 to support PAL's projects and initiatives.