

Policy and Priorities Committee Meeting

September 1, 2015

The Policy and Priorities Committee is a standing Committee of Council responsible for reviewing policies, bylaws, plans, studies and other County activities that are in a draft or planning stages in order to provide Administration with direction. Recommendations may be made during Policy and Priorities (POP) meetings, but final decisions regarding bylaws and policies must be referred to future Regular Council Meetings.

CAO Report

- CAO Shadia Amblie updated Council on the County's latest recruitment efforts. Administration continues to fill key positions in the organization.

New Business

Lakeland Interpretive Society

- Council signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in 2012 with the Lakeland Interpretive Society. In the MOU, Council committed to looking for a permanent location for the Lakeland Interpretive Society's museum.
- With recent water problems in the basement of McArthur Place, the Society is searching for another location to display County artifacts.
- Council deferred making a decision on the Lac La Biche Museum's new location until October's Strategic Session.

Plamondon Main Street Beautification

- Councillor Rick Olson made a case for beautifying Plamondon's streets. This is a potential capital project for the 2016 budget.
- Council directed Administration to gather information on the cost and scope of the project before 2016 budget discussions. Administration will present a report at a later date.

Grants Update

- Administration continues to apply for a variety of federal and provincial grants. These grants help cover the cost of capital projects throughout the County.
- Though Administration was unsuccessful in the last two grant competitions, they continue to apply for new ones whenever they become available.



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- Council accepted the briefing as information.

Discussion of Capital Budget Priorities

- Administration asked Council to begin building a wish list of capital projects (roads, local improvements, etc.) for 2016.
- Council will provide their lists to Administration at the next Regular Council Meeting on September 29.

Water Fluoridation and Vote of the Electors

- Council discussed water fluoridation—do they want to remove it from the County's water supply?
- Administration briefed Council on options to gather public input. Potential options included a non-binding vote of the electors, which could either be called now, or added to the ballot in the 2017 municipal elections.
- Council will discuss water fluoridation at a future meeting.