

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.

Whitecaps Swim Club

- Representatives from the Whitecaps Swim Club met with Council to discuss changes made to their user agreement at Portage Pool. Representatives say these changes detrimentally impact the swim club and would like to revise the binding 2015-2016 rental agreement contract to address these changes.
- Previous to 2015, the swim club had exclusive use of the pool from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, from September to June, as per their rental agreement.
- Pool staff are committed to providing opportunities for all pool users, and a new Pool Allocation Policy and Procedure was adopted in 2014. In the 2015-2016 rental agreement, the swim club's lane allotment was reduced to four lanes from 4 to 5 p.m. and three lanes from 5 to 5:30 p.m. The reduced lane allotment was introduced by pool staff to accommodate swimming lessons during the prime 4 to 8 p.m. time slot. Space was reduced based on the new Pool Allocation Policy and Procedure, the Aquatic Services Strategic Plan, regional swim team comparisons and Whitecaps bather totals in previous years.
- Whitecaps representatives listed the negative impacts of this reduced lane allotment on their swimmers:
 - Swimmers of differing skill levels are being overcrowded in the lanes, increasing the risk of collision and impeding the ability of the swimmers to train successfully.
 - Swim club programs that require the use of the whole pool have been cut, including water polo and width sprinting.
 - Children taking lessons at the same time often inadvertently intrude on swim club lanes.
- Council directed Administration to work with the swim club to find a resolution that may satisfy all parties.

New Business

Event Sponsorship Funding

- Council approved an additional \$6,777 for Event Sponsorship funding to meet the needs of community groups through the end of 2015.

County/Community-Owned Playgrounds

- At a previous Council meeting, Administration was directed to prepare a briefing updating Council on the current state of all playgrounds within the County, to aid Council in planning budgets for playground updates and maintenance.
- There are 16 playgrounds in the County, six of which are on community property and not owned or maintained by the County—in Hylo, Owl River, Rich Lake, Craigend, Normadeau and Plamondon. The remaining 10 in Dumasfield, Holowachuk Estates, Sunset Bay, Mystic Beach, Missawawai Phase 2, McArthur Park, Lakeview Estates, Young’s Beach, Mission Village and Fork Lake campground are all owned and maintained by the County.
- Three of the County’s playgrounds—in McArthur Park, Lakeview Estates and Young’s Beach—require replacement. Five are in good condition—those in Dumasfield, Holowachuk, Sunset Beach, Mystic Beach and Missawawai Phase 2. Two require upkeep and maintenance—those in the Fork Lake campground and Mission Village.
- After assessing the community-owned playgrounds, County Facilities staff recommend that the playgrounds in Craigend, Normandeu and Plamondon be replaced, while those in Hylo, Owl River and Rich Lake require maintenance.
- All of the playgrounds require new signage to comply with regulations—playgrounds must display signage that states the manufacturer, the owner and the age group the playground was designed for. The 2016 budget will reflect the cost of installing this signage.
- Council will take this information into consideration when deliberating the 2016 budget. Currently there is \$100,000 in the capital budget for playgrounds, some of which will be spent on updating signage and equipment replacement in 2015. The remainder will be carried over to 2016. Depending on budget discussions, additional funds may be allocated for playground updates or replacement.
- In addition to this discussion, Council directed Administration to draft a policy and procedure with guidelines for funding and maintaining County playgrounds fairly and equitably.

Relocation of Council Chambers

- At a previous meeting, Council directed Administration to prepare cost estimates for the work required to relocate Council Chambers from County Centre to McArthur Place.
- Administration came back with a preliminary estimate of roughly \$210,000 which would include renovations to the front counter at McArthur Place and to the room that will house Council Chambers on the second floor. This cost would also include the price of necessary audio/visual equipment for Council Chambers, window blinds, floor coverings, building code compliance and a contingency fund of 20 per cent for unforeseen moving and renovation costs.

- The cost to repurpose the room currently used for Council Chambers at County Centre and any required relocation of County staff will be brought forward to Council at a later date.
- Council directed Administration to move forward with the plan to relocate Council Chambers to McArthur Place, and to prepare a briefing on the options available for the best use of space for office allocations in County facilities.

2016 Golf Tournament Partnership with Portage College

- This fall, Portage College expressed interest in hosting a joint golf tournament with Lac La Biche County. Both organizations hold a fundraising tournament in the summer—Portage for programming and the County on behalf of the Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation.
- Portage has suggested that the County and the college pool resources to host a premier joint event and split the proceeds. The college's portion of the proceeds would go towards simulator labs for Practical Nursing and Paramedic programs with the County's portion going towards medical equipment and services for the region, through the Health Foundation.
- Council directed Administration to meet with representatives from Portage College and discuss the terms for respective contributions towards the tournament and the equitable disbursement of proceeds afterwards.

Installation of Security Fence at Plamondon Landfill

- Council approved an additional \$17,832 to the 2015 capital budget which will allow Environmental Services to install a security fence at the Plamondon landfill.

Waste and Resource Recovery Bylaw Update

- Administration brought forward an updated Waste and Resource Recovery Bylaw for Council's review, which included updated tipping fees for industrial, commercial and institutional waste and recycling, as well as for construction and demolition waste and recycling.
- The draft revision was vetted through the Solid Waste Committee (a small committee of Council) and contains changes based on their recommendations.
- Council discussed the changes and then directed Administration to make amendments to the proposed bylaw revision based on Council's direction and bring it back for a second review.