

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 District Natural Gas Co-op Ltd.

- Representatives from the Lac La Biche District Natural Gas Co-op Ltd. met with Council to discuss an in-camera matter. Council directed the Natural Gas Partnership Committee to work with the Gas Co-op. The Committee and Gas Co-op will discuss possible partnerships to improve service and make operations more efficient. Council also asked Administration to present options for a partnership between the County and Gas Co-op at a future Council meeting.

New Business

Cancellation of December 22, 2015 Council Meeting

- Council cancelled the December 22, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. All business from that meeting will be discussed at future regular or special Council meetings.

Waste and Resource Recovery Bylaw

- Council discussed a new tipping fees schedule in the amended Waste and Resource Recovery Bylaw. Council was especially interested in ways that the bylaw might be modified for ICI (industrial, commercial, and institutional) users.
- Council directed Administration to prepare a new fee schedule for ICI users that prices waste containing recyclable materials at \$50 per tonne.

Natural Gas System Operations and Maintenance Guidelines Policy

- The Rural Utility Branch regulates natural gas systems in Alberta. They created a document called the Quality Management Plan, a set of standards that, when followed, improve the safety of natural gas systems.
- Council endorsed the plan, then adopted the Natural Gas System Operations and Maintenance Guidelines Policy (PI-44-003) prepared by Administration.

Funding for Firefighter's Society

- Each year, County firefighters volunteer for the Santa's Anonymous project. The project provides food hampers and gifts for low-income families during the holiday season. Santa's Anonymous wished to rent Dr. Swift Middle School as a workspace to wrap gifts and prepare food.
- Administration presented Council with the opportunity to cover the rental costs of Dr. Swift Middle School. Instead, Council opted to provide firefighters with free use of the Jubilee Hall. They also made a donation of \$500 to feed Santa's Anonymous volunteers.

Support Bid to Host International Archery Competition

- Last year, the Lakeland Archers successfully hosted three national archery competitions in Lac La Biche County. This is the first time that any of these competitions were held in the County. This led the Lakeland Archers to create a committee that will bid to host the 2019 3D Archery Championship (an international competition). Securing the bid requires endorsement from the municipality where the competition would be hosted.
- Council agreed to endorse the Lakeland Archers' bid.

2016 Golf Tournament Partnership with Portage College

- Portage College invited Lac La Biche County to host a joint golf tournament in June 2016. Administration met with College representatives. If approved by Council, the College and County agreed that each would contribute equal funds to the tournament. The proceeds would be split evenly between the College and the County, with the College's half going to their health programs, and the County's half given to the Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation.
- Council agreed to the terms, and directed Administration to partner with Portage College on delivering a joint golf tournament in summer 2016.

RCMP Clerk Agreement

- Since 2003, Lac La Biche County has funded an RCMP Clerk position at the local RCMP detachment (35 hours per week). The clerk ensures officer and public safety by gathering full and accurate information. The clerk also takes care of phone and front counter reception, receives complaints from the public, and dispatches officers, among other duties. The clerk, in short, frees up a significant amount of time for RCMP officers, covering the bulk of administrative duties. According to a 2009 agreement, Lac La Biche County continues to fund this position each year unless Council passes a motion to dissolve the arrangement.
- The RCMP detachment asked for a 5-year RCMP Clerk funding commitment from Lac La Biche County Council. Council committed to funding the RCMP Clerk for the next five years.



Regular Council Meeting
November 10, 2015

Donation to Scratch and Sniff for Save Our Paws Rescue

- Scratch and Sniff operates the Save Our Paws Rescue. It shelters and treats stray cats in Lac La Biche County in the hopes of finding them a home. The County currently contracts Scratch and Sniff for their dog kennelling services, but their Save Our Paws Rescue does not charge the County to handle cats.
- In light of their work, Council agreed to donate \$2,000 for Scratch and Sniff's annual Save Our Paws Rescue fundraiser (which happened on October 25, 2015)
- Council also directed Administration to research the costs associated with addressing cats as part of Lac La Biche County's animal control program.