

Development Application

- Development occasionally occurs in the County without the developer obtaining approved permits, which is a safety and liability issue, as well as problematic for strategic land use planning. The County's current Land Use Bylaw allows for fines up to \$10,000 for beginning development without obtaining the proper permits from the County.
- Council discussed a recent contravention of the Land Use Bylaw by a developer and approved a fine of \$2,000 for clearing land and erecting a chain link fence for a storage yard without permits.

Waste and Resource Recovery Bylaw

- Council approved changes to the schedule of fees in the County's Waste and Resource Recovery Bylaw (15-034).
- Previously, tipping fees for industrial, commercial and institutional waste and recycling were based on the size of the load (i.e. fees were charged for a pick-up truck bed, two-tonne trailer, etc.).
- The County has invested in weight scales at Beaver Lake and Plamondon landfills in order to more accurately track incoming waste as required by Alberta Environment and Parks, as well as to charge tipping fees on a more equitable basis.
- Tipping fees for industrial, commercial and institutional waste, as well as construction and demolition, will now be charged based on the weight of the load and not the size. This means that large, light loads will cost less than previously.
- As of January 1, 2016, tipping fees for industrial, commercial and institutional waste will be \$50 per tonne, and unsorted waste containing recyclable material will be \$100 per tonne. (The purpose of the higher fee for unsorted waste is to encourage recycling.) Tipping fees for construction and demolition waste will be \$50 per tonne and unsorted waste containing recyclable materials will be \$100 per tonne. There will continue to be no tipping fees for residential waste up to 500 kilograms; any amount above 500 kilograms will be charged \$50 per tonne.
- Tipping fees will be reviewed by Council after a period of one year.
- County tipping fees continue to be among the lowest in northern Alberta and recover only 47 per cent of the operating costs for disposal. Fifty-three per cent continues to be subsidized by the County.

Strategic Priorities

- In 2014, Council worked to develop a Strategic Priorities Chart and Work Program.



Regular Council Meeting
November 24, 2015

- Council directed Administration to establish a date in early 2016 to hold a Strategic Session of Council to discuss and set strategic priorities for Council and the municipality in the form of an updated Priorities Chart and Work Program.