

Early Childhood Mapping Initiative

- Representatives from the Greater Lac La Biche CHILD (Children's Health Improvement and Lifestyle Development) Coalition briefed Council on their participation in a five-year research and programming initiative aimed at improving early childhood development in Alberta.
- The Coalition supported testing in the Lac La Biche County region, took part in distributing the results for the area, and implemented activities to help improve early child development.

Cancellation of September 9, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

- Council cancelled the September 9, 2014, Regular Council Meeting to attend a Strategic Planning Session.
- Council approved an additional Special Council Meeting on September 2, 2014, following the Policy and Priorities Committee Meeting to address time sensitive issues slated for the September 9 meeting.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending July 31, 2014

- Administration presented Council with the monthly Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for July.

2014 GIS Operating Budget Increased

- The County uses a Geographic Information System (GIS) to map spatial data (i.e. roads, land ownership, water/sewer infrastructure and geological information) in the County.
- Based on the review of the budget for the 2014 GIS program, budgeted funds, when compared to actual expenditures, were not accurate.
- Council approved an increase to the GIS operating budget of \$115,000—from \$257,341 to \$372,341.

Expansion of the Community Organics Recycling Enhancement (CORE) Program

- Lac La Biche County is expanding its pilot home composting program from 40 households to 60 households, due to demand.
- The CORE program teaches successful home composting, and supplies the necessary materials for participating residents.
- The expansion will increase the cost of the program by \$2,500. (The original program cost for 40 households was \$5,000.)
- Online resources for all residents interested in effective home composting can be found at laclabichecounty.com.

Potable Water

- Administration briefed Council on the County's Water Conservation Policy.
- Water reservoir levels had dropped below 70 per cent on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21, triggering the implementation of water conservation measures in the County. The decreased reservoir levels were caused by blue-green algae blooms and high water turbidity.
- The County's water conservation measures ensure that the County has the capacity to provide a safe water supply to customers and necessary reserves for emergency and fire protection.

Telus Cell Tower

- Last year, Telus requested a development application to build a new cell tower near Plamondon to improve cell service in the area. While the project was initiated, it has never been completed.
- Council directed Administration to lobby Telus via letter for the completion of the cell tower project in Plamondon.