



Public Works Committee Meeting

August 19, 2014

The Public Works Committee is a standing Committee of Council responsible for developing and evaluating matters of policy and providing oversight and recommendations for Transportation Services, Utilities and Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Management.

Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Update

- Resource Recovery Manager, Barry Kolenosky, reported on the department's projects and activities.

Transportation Services Update

- Transportation Services Manager, Brian Shapka, reported on the department's projects and activities.

Utility Services Update

- Utility Services Manager, Gary Siebold, reported on the department's projects and activities.

New Business

Beaver Hill Road Walking Trail

- At July's Public Works Committee Meeting, Council directed Administration to return with more information on several components having to do with the Beaver Hill Road walking trail.
- A small portion of the walking trail along Beaver Hill Road was raised roughly two feet during construction. Residents in this area have expressed concerns about reduced privacy as a result. Council discussed various responses to this concern, before passing a motion directing Administration to investigate how many homes are affected by the elevated portion of the walking trail. This information is required before more definitive solutions can be entertained.
- Council also discussed the options for separating the walking trail from adjacent parking lots near the north end of the road. In the interest of safety, Council directed Administration to paint lines separating the walking trail from nearby parking lots, as well as to paint bike lane lines along the entirety of the walking trail.
- Council also discussed the installation of benches and garbage and recycling receptacles along the walking trail.
- The final decision about the installation of these items will be made at a future Regular Council Meeting.

Highway 867 Ownership

- Alberta Transportation has requested that Lac La Biche County assume ownership of Highway 867.
- Half of Highway 867 is located in St. Paul County, and St. Paul is currently in negotiations with Alberta Transportation to take over their portion of the highway.
- Council directed Administration to continue negotiations with Alberta Transportation regarding ownership of Highway 867, in conjunction with St. Paul County.

Hamlet Sidewalk Concerns

- One of Council's road infrastructure priorities is the replacement or repair of sidewalks that are in disrepair in the hamlets of Lac La Biche and Plamondon. Money was set aside in the 2014 budget to complete some of these improvements this summer; however Transportation Services has encountered difficulty retaining contractors to do the work during this year's construction season.
- Council discussed the possibility of offering a long-term contract to a sole contractor for the completion of 25 km of sidewalk repair over a multi-year period.
- Council directed Administration to investigate this option further. In the meantime, Transportation Services plans to work towards getting some priority sidewalk areas repaired before winter sets in.