

**Delegations**

Delegations are individuals or groups who request permission to appear before Council to speak on a particular issue.

Portage College – Water Resources Strategy

- Representatives from the Portage College met with Council. They provided an overview of Portage College's Water Resources Training Program, outlining their plans to build a water resources lab within Lac La Biche County.
- Lac La Biche County Council and Portage College's representatives will continue discussing this initiative into 2015.

**New Business**2015 Interim Operating Budget

- Council passed several motions that will allow administration to continue delivering services in 2015.
- Council adopted 50% of the 2014 operating budget as the 2015 interim operating budget. This budget will let County staff serve the public while Council deliberates the 2015 operating budget.

2015 Preliminary Capital Budget

- A capital budget consists of money set aside for projects (like road construction) and equipment (like graders).
- Administration presented a preliminary set of projects and equipment to be tendered out or purchased in January 2015.
- Council chose to defer discussing the capital budget until a special Council meeting set for early January.

2015 Bronze Sponsorship – Coalition for a Safer 63 & 881

- Council renewed its membership with the Coalition for a Safer 63 and 881 – an organization dedicated to improving safety conditions on Highways 63 and 881.
- Council agreed to purchase a bronze sponsorship for \$10,000, which will help fund the Coalition's work.

Alberta Community Partnership Grant – Highway 63 Emergency Road Rescue Response Project

- Athabasca County applied for the Alberta Community Partnership Grant, which would allow their community to start a Highway 63 emergency road rescue response program. But, Athabasca County needed endorsement from Lac La Biche County Council.
- Council endorsed Athabasca County's application, and pledged participation in the project.

Connecting Canadians Program – Letters of Support

- The Connecting Canadians program promises to bring better broadband internet service to 98 percent of rural Canadian households.
- Local internet service providers (ISPs) MCSNet and CCI Wireless plan to use Connecting Canadians funding to improve internet infrastructure and bring internet to unserved areas in the County.
- Council passed a motion to give all local ISPs letters of support for the grant program.

Civic Centre at McArthur Place

- Council and administration have discussed turning McArthur Place back into the County's civic centre, moving Council Chambers from the County Centre back to McArthur Place.
- Council asked administration to draft a long term plan for the move. Council will discuss it further during budget deliberations.