

New Mayor to Take Oath of Office

- County Council discussed having Mayor-Elect Omer Moghrabi take his oath of office as soon as results are official on Friday, July 25. The new Mayor will be sworn in at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 25 at County Centre. Results are official at noon.

Statement of County Revenues and Expenditures through June 30, 2014

- Senior Manager, Dan Small, presented his monthly snapshot of the County's year-to-date revenues and expenditures (for the period ending June 30, 2014) to Council.

Event Sponsorship Budget

- Council approved a \$15,000 increase to this year's Event Sponsorship budget of \$25,000. The extra money will be used to help support the Plamondon Mud Bogs and Portage College Golf Tournament.

Department Name Change

- Lac La Biche County's Social Planning Department will instead be known as Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and Community Development.

Engineering Services Retained for Large Developments

- Council approved a motion directing County Administration to retain the services of engineering and planning consulting firms, in order to meet the demand created by significant new developments in the region.
- Due to the day-to-day project requirements of the County's Planning and Development and Utilities departments, Administration will be hiring consultants to support the needs of the larger and more complex developments that are underway in the area.
- Towards this end, Council also approved an increase of \$75,000 in the 2014 budget for engineering services.

Fire Department Apparatus

- Council amended the 2014 Fire Services budget to include the purchase of a 75-foot ladder fire truck.
- There are 21 buildings that are three stories or higher in Lac La Biche County, including the multi-million dollar Bold Center facility. Many of these buildings are located on the south side of the railway tracks in the hamlet of Lac La Biche.
- Administration will look for storage for the ladder truck on the south side of Lac La Biche, in order to ensure swift firefighting response to the Bold Center, hospital, senior`s facility and apartments located there.
- The ability to fight fires from above can reduce the amount of structural damage caused by a fire, and ensure greater rescue access.

Airport Expansion Study

- In 2013, the County hired consultants to do a study of the Lac La Biche airport, looking into a possible relocation and expansion.
- The expansion is not going forward as laid out in the study, however Council made the document public this week. It is available on [laclabichecounty.com](http://laclabichecounty.com) under the documents tab.
- County Administration and Council are working with airport stakeholders to undertake improvements that will enhance existing amenities and structures at the airport.