

## **Delegations**

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

### Northern Beat Dance Academy

- The Northern Beat Dance Academy requested a meeting with Council to discuss concerns about an increase in room rental rates at the Bold Center and the financial impact on the Dance Academy's ability to provide dance training for Lac La Biche County youth.

### Active Kids Society

- The Active Kids Society met with Council to discuss extra funding for the construction of a new playground to replace the decommissioned play structure at Vera M. Welsh Elementary School.

### Rich Lake Recreational and Agricultural Society

- The Rich Lake Recreational and Agricultural Society met with Council to present blue prints and cost estimates for their new agricultural centre and community hall, and to request the release of funds budgeted for the project in the County's 2014 budget.

## **Disposition of Delegations**

### Northern Beat Dance Academy

- The Dance Academy has been renting the CALA Room at the Bold Center at a rate based on a previous rental agreement for the McArthur Room, created prior to the construction of the Bold Center. In order to bring room rental rates to current norms, new subsidized rates for youth groups have been implemented. This would bring the Academy's annual rental fees from \$2,000 for roughly 40 hours per week to \$23,000. After discussing the impact of the large increase on the Dance Academy, Council decided to increase the rate incrementally over a three year period, allowing the Dance Academy to budget accordingly.

Active Kids Society

- During budget discussions earlier in the year, the Active Kids Society requested a County contribution of \$90,000 towards the new playground. Council committed \$25,000. After hearing the presentation made by the Society—who have already raised over half of the \$450,000 required to build the playground—Council decided to fund the full \$90,000 originally requested, in both monetary and in kind contribution.

Weekly Recyclables Pick Up

- In the interest of reducing the amount of waste going into County landfills, and in response to the requests of residents, Council approved the expansion of the Curbside Pick Up program in the hamlets and subdivisions to include a weekly recycling pick up. Previously recyclables were picked up bi-weekly. The program will be launched in September with recycling and waste being picked up on the same day every week. Residents will not be charged for the service until October. The extra cost for weekly recycling pick up will be \$3 per month starting in October—an increase from \$15 to \$18 per month for garbage and recycling pick up.

New Landfill and Transfer Site Hours

- In the interest of providing better service in an efficient and cost-effective manner, Council approved a new schedule of landfill and transfer site hours of operation. The new schedule increases the hours of landfills and transfer sites open during peak operations. The new schedule also gives consideration to accommodating the seasonal fluctuations of incoming waste and recyclables. Hours at certain sites have been expanded into the evening to ensure that residents can access sites after work. The new landfill and transfer site hours of operation will be effective September 1, 2014. The new schedule will be advertised in the coming months online and in the Your County InTouch newsletter.

Pow Wow Beer Garden

- Council approved the service of liquor in the entertainment district on the main Pow Wow grounds during Pow Wow days, August 1 to 3, 2014. In order to obtain a liquor licence for the beer gardens, the Pow Wow Association required the landowner's consent.