

Organizational Meeting Delay

- Council agreed to postpone today's Organizational Meeting – where councillors divvy up committee responsibilities and set their meeting schedule for the following year – to Thursday, October 30, 2014.

Overview of Revenues and Expenditures for the period ended October 22, 2014

- Administration gave Council an overview of the 2014 budget, comparing the 2014 budget to actual spending.
- Because 81% of the year had passed, approximately 81% of the budget should have already been spent. Some budget categories and capital projects came in over budget, while others came in far under budget. But, overall, administration had spent about 81% of the 2014 budget.
- Council accepted the budget overview as information.
- Council also agreed to start thinking of capital projects (like major construction projects) that they'd like to see in the 2015 budget.

Joint Use Facilities Agreement with Northern Lights School Division (NLSD)

- Since September 2014, a new high school has been attached to the Bold Center. Because Bold Center staff and Northern Lights School Division (NLSD) staff want to work together to care for the Bold Center and new school, both parties thought it would help to have a joint use agreement in place.
- Staff from both facilities got together and drafted an agreement. The agreement helps each party understand their responsibilities, outlining things like which facilities each side can use, how to book Bold Center and school facilities, and how to manage parking.
- NLSD had already given its verbal approval, but Council needed to give the agreement a final look.
- After discussion, Council approved the Joint Use Facilities Agreement.

CAO Bylaw and Employment Conditions Policy Update

- At October 7, 2014's Policy and Priorities Committee Meeting, Council asked administration to amend the CAO bylaw. Council wanted to add a provision in the bylaw that asks the CAO to report to Council all significant structural changes made to the organization. Council also suggested adding a standard form for employment contracts that the CAO must follow.
- Administration made these changes, amending both the CAO bylaw and the County's Human Resources policies.
- Council passed the amended bylaw and policies.

Appointment of New Fire Guardians

- Fire guardians do the important work of approving fire permits. The County usually appoints peace officers or firefighters as fire guardians, giving them the power to issue fire permits. However, Lac La Biche County hasn't had enough guardians to meet demand.
- The County's Manager of Fire Services asked for Council's permission to increase the number of fire guardians for the 2014 to 2015 season.
- Council gave its approval.