

Organizational Meeting

October 30, 2014

An Organizational meeting of Council is held annually as required by the Municipal Government Act. At the Organizational meeting, Council establishes the selection of Deputy Mayor, dates and times of Council meetings, and membership on committees and boards for the upcoming year.

Deputy Mayor Appointed

- Lac La Biche County Council appointed Councillor John Nowak to the position of Deputy Mayor, effective immediately.

Procedural Bylaw

- Council discussed changing the format of Council meetings to improve work flow and to allow for greater feedback during the Public Input Sessions held at all Regular Council meetings and Policy and Priorities Committee meetings.
- It was suggested that public hearings be held in the morning, with Planning and Development items to follow, as these tend to take the most time to deliberate. It was also suggested that Council break for lunch between 1 and 2 p.m. and hold the Public Input Session between 12:15 and 12:45 in order to allow concerned residents to address Council during their lunch hour. Typically Public Input Sessions are held in the afternoon, starting anywhere between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.
- Council also decided to schedule certain *in camera* agenda items earlier in the day, where possible, in order to increase the amount of time available for discussion.

Committee Appointments

- Council discussed the various appointments of Councillors to both internal and external committees and boards.
- Council deferred finalizing certain committee appointments until all Council members could be present. (Councillors Haymour, Thompson and Richard were unable to attend the Organizational meeting due to prior commitments.)