

The Public Works Committee is a standing Committee of Council responsible for developing and evaluating matters of policy and providing oversight and recommendations for Transportation Services, Utilities and Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Management.

### **Transportation Services Update**

- Transportation Services Manager Brian Shapka reported on the department's projects and activities.
  - The final stages of the Beaver Hill Road improvement project are underway. Concrete work is complete and landscaping is in progress. The final layer of asphalt will be set once landscaping is finished. The project is expected to be complete by the end of July or beginning of August, weather permitting.
  - Council will be taking their second "road tour" of Lac La Biche County's roads with Transportation Services on Friday, July 18 to assess the current state of County's roads and to identify priorities for repair and maintenance.
  - Dust control application across the County is complete.
  - Transportation staff have been crack sealing, spray patching and re-oiling selected County roads.

### **Utility Department Update**

- Utilities Manager Gary Siebold reported on the department's projects and activities.
  - The Biological Nutrient Removal waste water treatment plant is online and preparing a Request For Decision (RFD) for Council to request additional funding in order to expand the septage receiving system, allowing more truck haulers to deposit waste concurrently.
  - A new gas main line and gas service lines are being installed in the back lane of 101 Avenue in the hamlet of Lac La Biche.
  - An additional two-inch fill line will be installed at the Lac La Biche Airport Truck Fill Station on July 16, 2014.
  - Utility staff are performing maintenance on County fire hydrants.
  - Residential and commercial natural gas services are being installed for new developments in the region.
  - Two main water line valves and a handful of service water line valves are scheduled to be excavated and repaired.

**Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Update**

- Resource Recovery, Environment and Agricultural Services Manager Barry Kolenosky reported on the department's projects and activities.
  - The Community Organics Recycling Enhancement (CORE) home composting program community roll-out is underway. Advertising for the program is ongoing, with a registration deadline of July 25, 2014. (To find out more about the program, visit [laclabichedcounty.com](http://laclabichedcounty.com)).
  - Weed inspection program is underway.
  - 2014 spraying program is underway.
  - Roadside mowing program is underway.
  - Annual Agricultural Appreciation Day was a success, with 140 attendees.
  - Corporate Green Plan initiatives have been launched.
  - On-going beach and lake sampling is underway.
  - Mad About Science summer program for children is underway.

**New Business**

**Spray Park**

- Administration brought forward a briefing to Council on the progress of the proposed Spray Park project in McArthur Park.
- County resident Sharalee Richard and her family approached Council in 2013 and offered to donate \$250,000 towards a Spray Park in Lac La Biche in memory of husband and father Paul Richard. Council contributed an additional \$225,000 to the project in the 2014 budget.
- The goal of both the Richard family and the County is to have the project complete with a grand opening date of June 10, 2015.
- Council discussed the merits of two proposed sites near McArthur Park.
- The next step in the process will be a site meeting with Spray Park engineers, the Richard family, Administration and Councillors on July 23, 2014. Administration will continue to report to Council regularly on this matter.

Holowachuk/Young's Beach Walking Trail

- Council discussed the progress of the proposed plan for a walking trail in the Holowachuk/Young's Beach area.

Dust Control in Sentinel Park

- Council discussed concerns regarding dust control in the industrial park. While a permanent fix for the oiled roads in Sentinel Park is not in the 2014 budget, Council discussed long-term and short-term options.
- Council also approved a motion directing Administration to investigate the cost for improvements to the roads in the industrial park for 2015 budget discussions in the fall.

Road Maintenance in the Hamlets

- Council discussed the condition of the roads in the hamlets, as well as the progress of the Transportation Master Plan. Council would like to see Administration create and adopt an annual road improvement program which will prioritize roads for resurfacing and repaving. Council approved a motion directing Administration to provide a general cost analysis for the resurfacing of one kilometre of asphalt. This information will aid Council in budgeting for road maintenance and improvements in 2015.