

Delegations

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

Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (PARTY) Program

- Local organizers of the PARTY Program met with Council to solicit support for the future of the program in the municipality. The PARTY Program works to raise awareness about the consequences of risk-taking behaviour by portraying vivid and realistic scenarios caused as a result of alcohol use, addiction, and a disregard for safety laws and standards. The first ever PARTY Program was held for the County's Grade 10 to 12 students in May 2014. The PARTY Program applied for and received a grant from the County for roughly \$4,000 towards the event in 2014, a portion of which went to renting space in the Bold Center. The PARTY Program delegation asked the County to enter into a five-year agreement with the organization in lieu of the community grant procedure. The requested five-year agreement would guarantee the PARTY Program the use of the Performance Arena and Devon Room at the Bold Center on the Tuesday before the Victoria Day weekend annually, free of charge.

Disposition of Delegations

PARTY Program

- All of Council agreed this preventative program was highly valuable to the youth of Lac La Biche County. Council disagreed whether or not to support the program with a five-year rental agreement. In order to keep accurate accounting of the County's contributions to community events, community groups are required to complete a grant application for funding, including funding for County facility rentals. Council decided that the County will continue to support the worthwhile event, provided the PARTY Program completes the grant renewal process annually.

New Business

Funding Agreement with Plamondon & District Community Development (PDCDS) Society

- Council directed Administration to enter into a funding agreement and to create a letter of commitment with the Plamondon & District Agricultural Society (under the umbrella of the PDCDS) for a total of \$1,500,000 of County support towards their arena renovation project over a three year period (2014 to 2016).

Lakeland Interpretive Society Stewardship Agreement

- Council agreed to a formal agreement with the Lakeland Interpretive Society—the organization that runs the Lac La Biche Regional Museum & Discovery Centre out of McArthur Place. The stewardship agreement gives the Society the jurisdiction to care for, maintain and display the County's artifacts and archives on behalf of the municipality. The agreement will be reviewed, with the potential for renewal, every five years. With this agreement in place the Society will also be able to apply for the provincial and federal grants available to Canadian museums.

Road Protection Permit

- Council approved changes to the County's Road Protection Permit Policy. The Road Protection Policy applies to private and public contractors hauling heavy loads on County roadways for industrial or commercial purposes. The intent is to protect the County's road infrastructure from damage.
- Significant changes to the policy include hauling restrictions during spring road bans and the security deposit required during this time period. The security deposit for hauls during the spring and summer has been increased to reflect current equipment and material prices. A security deposit will also be taken in the winter months to protect the road surface. Previously, a road protection permit was required if the hauler was transporting 10 loads a day—the new threshold will be six loads per day.

Utility Fees

- Council converted the Utility Fee Schedule Policy to a Utility Fee Bylaw. Rates for some utility services and deposits were increased in the new bylaw, to reflect current prices.

Some of the changes to utility fees include:

- Water meter deposit increased from \$125 to \$160.
- Meter Calibration Deposit increased from \$100 to \$150.
- Residential Sewer Rodding increased from \$90 per hour, regular time, to \$135 per hour, and \$100 per hour overtime to \$150 per hour.
- Residential Sewer Camera increased from \$125 per hour to \$200 per hour.
- Hydrovac service increased from \$160 per hour to \$180 per hour.

Amendment to Land Use Bylaw

- Zoning districts are established to promote compatible patterns of land use within the County. They also lay out development regulations and allow for the particular purposes and use of land in each district.
- In response to recent requests to rezone Agricultural District to Rural Industrial for the purposes of aggregate extraction, Council asked Administration to add a new definition and include it as a discretionary use in Agricultural District and Crown Land District in the County's Land Use Bylaw. This allows for aggregate extraction while ensuring that the broader uses allowed in Rural Industrial District are restricted.

Lac La Biche County Housing Task Force

- Council passed a bylaw to create the Lac La Biche County Housing Task Force. The Task Force will focus on increasing the number of rental housing units in the County by researching and recommending incentive options for Council to consider by the end of 2015. Councillors Hajar Haymour, Tim Thompson, David Phillips and Acting Mayor John Nowak were appointed to the Task Force.

Old Curling Rink/Jubilee Hall

- After the demolition of the Centennial Arena, Council also considered the demolition of the Old Curling Rink and Jubilee Hall. Several user groups, including the Lakeland Archers, have advocated for the continued use of the building. Council asked Administration to research the cost of ensuring that the building was operating at a minimum occupancy standard in February. A building inspector and structural engineer were contracted to inspect the building and a list of repairs and maintenance requirements were compiled. Council supported the continued use of the

Old Curling Rink and Jubilee Hall and allocated \$50,000 from reserves to bring the building to occupancy standards. Council also directed Administration to research the cost of internal work to the Jubilee Hall basement to bring it to a minimum standard for use.

Recreation Facility User and Rental Fees Bylaw

- Council approved a new Recreation Facility User and Rental Fee Bylaw in order to increase cost recovery and to bring outdated fees in line with current industry standards. The new fees were selected to be fiscally sustainable, covering supply costs and service levels, to be competitive with similar facilities and affordable and accessible for County residents. The new fee structure will be effective September 1, 2014 and will be available to residents in the near future.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) Fee Adjustment

- Council increased the appeal fee for the SDAB from \$25 to \$200. The increase is to pay for the costs associated with holding an appeal—staff time, board member remuneration and advertising. The revision will be effective August 1, 2014.

Appointments to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

- Lac La Biche County residents Brian Deheer and Mark Wiebe were appointed to serve on the SDAB, effective immediately. Their term will last until July 1, 2017.