

Delegations

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

Lac La Biche Rotary Club

- Representatives from the Lac La Biche Rotary Club met with Council to discuss a possible partnership with the County to develop a fitness park in the hamlet of Lac La Biche.
- The club presented their idea for the park, which would include a number of stations that could be incorporated into a fitness routine, i.e. pull up bars, squat station, warm-up station, etc. The placement of these fitness stations along a walking trail in the hamlet was also discussed.
- The Rotary Club indicated that they would be willing to pay for the equipment and its installation, and asked that the County provide land for the park, as well as site preparation and equipment maintenance once installed.

Disposition of Delegations

- Council approved a motion directing Administration to look into possible options for the location of the proposed fitness park.

New Business

Approval for Job Evaluation and Compensation Plan

- Council approved \$37,675 to contract a human resources consulting firm to develop a standardized job evaluation tool. This tool will be used by the County's Human Resources department for the recruitment, remuneration and retention of County staff.
- The consulting firm will ensure that individual job descriptions are accurate and up to date. They will also conduct a market analysis of municipalities across western Canada, and update the County's pay grid to ensure that it is consistent with the pay standards in municipalities that are similar at to Lac La Biche County in size and structure.

Willow Park Cemetery Upgrades

- Council discussed potential upgrades to the County-owned Willow Park Cemetery in the hamlet of Lac La Biche. Councillors considered available options to improve the aesthetics of the centrally located site.
- At a Public Works meeting in July, Council directed Administration to investigate the cost to upgrade or replace the fence at the cemetery.
- Following a preliminary cost analysis, Administration estimates that installing a six-foot ornamental fence around the cemetery would cost roughly \$200,000. This figure includes the removal of the existing chain link fence and undergrowth, and the installation of 2,544 linear feet of wrought-iron fencing.
- Council debated the merits of installing a new wrought-iron fence around the cemetery. They also discussed installing wrought-iron fencing only along the main thoroughfare-facing boundaries of the cemetery, in order to decrease the cost of fencing, or simply repairing the existing chain link fence and increasing maintenance to the undergrowth and shrubbery located along the fence line.
- Council deferred the matter to future 2015 budget discussions for final resolution.

Amendment to Bold Center CNRL Running Track Fees

- Council amended the bylaw that outlines user fees at the Bold Center.
- In response to users of the CNRL Running Track, Council approved a flat rate for the Running Track at the Bold Center. The recreation facility offers a day pass that entitles the holder to a full day's use of all the facilities at the Bold Center and Portage Pool. Users who only wanted to access the Running Track requested a change to the fee schedule.
- The fee schedule now offers both a day pass and a running track pass.

AAMDC Aggregated Energy Program

- Council authorized Administration to enter into agreements with the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) and 8760 Energy to tender out the electrical supply to County facilities for a five-year period. The agreements, which will run until December 31, 2020, fixes the cost the municipality pays for electricity at County facilities at a flat rate, unaffected by market fluctuations. This should result in cost savings for the municipality over the five-year period.

Rich Lake Recreation and Agricultural Society Funding

- The Rich Lake Agricultural and Recreation Society is in the process of constructing and fundraising for their new community hall.
- Lac La Biche County entered into a Capital Assistance Agreement with the society to contribute \$350,000 towards the project. In the agreement, the County pledged \$175,000 to be released at the commencement of the project, and the remaining \$175,000 upon completion of the project.
- The Rich Lake society made a request to Council that the remaining funding be released early due to extenuating circumstances.
- Council requested more information about the current status of the project, and directed Administration to send a letter to the society indicating that the remaining \$175,000 in funding is in place and will be released upon the completion of the project as per policy and the signed agreement.
- Council has scheduled a Special Council meeting for Tuesday, October 21, 2014 to review the information requested by Council and to discuss the project.