

Statement of County Revenues and Expenditures through September 15, 2014

- Senior Manager, Dan Small, presented the monthly snapshot of the County's year-to-date revenues and expenditures (for the period ending September 15, 2014) to Council.

Spray Park

- At the September 2, 2014 Special Council Meeting, Council made a motion to move the Richard Memorial Spray Park from behind the baseball diamonds, closer to the McArthur park playground and beach area.
- At this meeting, Administration briefed Council about the cost implications of the requested move.
- Because the new site is farther away from the existing sewer lines, and due to the low elevation of the area, a septic tank and pump system will be required. This system will cost roughly \$50,000 to install and \$1,000 annually for operation and maintenance.
- Council approved the installation of deep surface infrastructure necessary for the Spray Park this fall. Council also directed Administration to work towards the design and tender of ancillary buildings required for the project (i.e. washrooms, etc) to be constructed in the spring of 2015.

Ice Allocation Policy

- In an effort to provide equitable opportunities for ice time at the Bold Centre, Administration developed an Ice Allocation Policy. Among other guidelines, the policy outlines a priority ranking for user groups during prime time in the regular season.
- Council approved the policy, after making two amendments—changing “Lac La Biche County” to “Lac La Biche Region” in order to include the area's Metis Settlements and First Nations Reserves in the prioritization of youth groups; and ranking Portage College hockey practises above County programs and public skating in the ranking order during prime time in the regular season, in order to support the college hockey program.

Lac La Biche County Recreation, Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan – Plamondon Region

- Lac La Biche County is undertaking a comprehensive regional Recreation, Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan that will guide future investment and development in public leisure spaces over the next 20 years.
- The first portion of the Master Plan looked at the Plamondon region and was prepared by community development consultants through public consultation in 2013.
- Council officially adopted the Plamondon Region Recreation, Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan. The next step will be completing the same planning for the remainder of the County.

Bold Center Fees

- In response to the concerns of Bold Center users, Council discussed the current rate for an adult day pass--\$8 entitles the pass-holder to a full day's use of all of the Bold Center's facilities, as well as Portage Pool. Residents have expressed a desire for a cheaper rate solely for the use of the third floor running track.
- Council directed Administration to implement running track-only fees at the Bold Center and to make the necessary changes to the bylaw to reflect the new rates.

Enforcement Services

- Council is reviewing the composition of the County's enforcement services and Peace Officer Program.
- The County introduced the Peace Officer program in 2008 in order to enhance public safety and security. In 2008 the program was comprised of one Community Peace Officer (CPO) who also acted as the Manager of Protective Services, and another individual employed as a Patrol Officer.
- Two additional full-time CPOs were added in 2009, followed by an Animal Control Officer in 2010. CPOs are designated as Level 1 (trained to enforce provincial laws and statutes) or Level 2 (trained to provide bylaw enforcement and animal control).
- Between 2011 and 2013 another CPO was added as a security guard at the Bold Centre and two more CPOs and a Community Resource Officer were added to the Protective Services department.
- Since then, the Manager of Protective Services and two Level 1 CPOs left their employment with the County, and one Level 1 CPO is on maternity leave.
- Currently there are three Level 2 CPOs providing bylaw enforcement and animal control services in the County.

Regular Council Meeting
September 23, 2014

- On August 7, 2014 Council held a Strategic Session to meet with representatives from Alberta Justice and Solicitor General (facilitator of the province's Peace Officer Programs) and local RCMP, and to discuss the future of enforcement services in the County.
- Council asked Administration to return with more information regarding budget implications and possible frameworks for the County's enforcement services.
- Administration brought forward a suggested framework along with funding estimates. The recommended framework included:
 - One Manager/Level 1 CPO to patrol the Hamlet of Lac La Biche and oversee enforcement services.
 - Two Level 1 CPOs, each of whom will patrol three specific wards.
 - A School Resource Officer (Level 2)
 - Three Level 2 Bylaw Enforcement/Animal Control Officers, who will work closely with Planning and Development and Resource Recovery and Environment to enforce County bylaws and community standards.
- Alternatively, Administration proposed the option of replacing one of the CPO positions with a funded RCMP officer position, a practise that happens from time to time in rural municipalities.
- Council deferred the matter to a Special Council Meeting to be held before budget to give the matter more deliberation before making a final decision.