



2018 Strategic Plan ✓

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**Athabasca County Council
and Administration**

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Action Item 1 - Develop an Asset Management Plan complete with inventory, value of assets, and costs of required foreseeable maintenance and/or replacement.

DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS
Both Council and administration need to know the entire fiscal picture of the County, before they can responsibly plan and budget for such identified projects as a new public works shop, an equipment replacement schedule, a pavement rehabilitation plan, a road maintenance plan, and a 5 year infrastructure plan.	Administration will determine the availability of grants and qualified consultants to prepare the plan and report back to Council as soon as possible.	

Action Item 2 - A resolution should be passed by Council and a letter sent to the Alberta Minister of Transportation indicating the County's desire to review the Highway 63 funding agreement, that allows the County to facilitate road rescue services on the highway.

DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS
The existing funding expires in August, 2018.	Council should pass the resolution as soon as possible and administration should then draft the letter to the Minister for the Reeve's signature.	

Action Item 3 - Complete the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan before the 2018 year end.

DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS
The Planning and Development department should review their provision of all services as well as the time it takes to process permits.	The Planning & Development department will complete the overall review and maintain updates to Council.	

Action Item 4 - Investigate options to increase the availability of seniors' housing

DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS
<p>There is a growing need for seniors' housing and for services to allow seniors to age in their own homes.</p> <p>A survey of County residents would help to identify and quantify precisely what those needs are. Restrictive planning regulations on the use of "granny" suites may be impeding the availability of such services.</p>	<p>Administration will see if there are existing surveys from other jurisdictions that may be of assistance in completing a needs analysis and will prepare a survey of County residents. The Planning department will review existing regulations and prepare a report to Council analyzing what regulations can be lifted and/or simplified. Reports will be presented to Council by 2018 year end.</p>	

Action Item 5 - Determine and inform the residents of Rochester about the costs of supplying regional water to their community.

DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS
<p>The residents of Rochester should be informed about the cost of supplying water services to their community.</p>	<p>This should be discussed further at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on December 14, 2017. The Finance Department can supply the estimated costs.</p>	

Action Item 6 - Investigate the idea of creating a Policing Advisory Committee

DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS
<p>A Policing Advisory Committee, as utilized in some other municipalities, may be desirable.</p>	<p>Council to discuss further in 2018.</p>	

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Action Item 7 - Consider the development of an unsightly properties bylaw.

DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS
An unsightly properties bylaw might be useful. This could be based on a community standards approach.	Administration is to bring a draft proposal to Council for discussion in 2018.	

Action Item 8 - Use the County newsletter to more effectively promote the County's accomplishments.

DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS
The County newsletter could perhaps be used more effectively in promoting the County's accomplishments on behalf of all residents.	Administration will review this idea and report back to Council in 2018.	

Action Item 9 - Investigate the overlap between issues of tourism and those of recreation and look for synergies.

DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS
There is a great deal of overlap between issues of tourism and those of recreation. It would be useful to have those issues discussed by both the Tourism and Economic Development Committee (TED) and the Recreation Board.	TED will approach the Recreation Board regarding this initiative.	