



## Council Highlights



### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - January 9, 2018

#### Meeting Schedule Changes

- County Council decided to cancel the February 22, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and reschedule it to February 26, 2018. The change is necessary to allow members of Council to attend the 2018 Alberta Beef Conference.
- The Agricultural Services Board (ASB) meeting originally scheduled for January 24, 2018 was also rescheduled. It will now take place on January 26, 2018.

#### Lot Consolidation Bylaw

- Council invited Mr. Alfred Arbter of Kamberley Development Group Ltd. to attend the meeting to explain a proposed lot consolidation within NE 20-66-21 W4M. First reading of the bylaw took place at the December 28, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.
- Mr. Arbter provided details of his proposed 16 one-acre lot, bare land condominium development. It will be marketed to the 45+ age group (adult community) with single level bungalows (1,200 to 1,500 sq. ft in size) and located 18 kms east of Athabasca along Hwy. 55.
- After discussing the proposed consolidation Council carried motions for second and third reading approving the Bylaw 014-2017 and the lot consolidation.

#### Joint Council Meetings

- A Joint Council Meeting with the Village of Boyle was held on Monday, January 8 and a second with the Town of Athabasca, on Wednesday, January 10 at the Athabasca County Administration Office.
- Many issues were discussed between the elected officials in our region.
- Minutes of the Special Meetings, and those from the Regular Council Meeting are available by visiting our website and looking under the Local Government tab.

#### RCMP and Policing

- Each year the RCMP requests input from Athabasca County Council to determine regional priorities for their Annual Performance Plan. Council discussed the increase in patrols of rural areas, ATV use concerns, response times, and the formation of an RCMP Citizen Advisory Group as items to discuss. The Boyle and Athabasca Detachment Commanders have been invited to meet with Council to discuss these items.
- Council also approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Athabasca County and the RCMP for coordinating their services with those of the County Peace Officer. The MOU is a standard agreement with the RCMP that is renewed every five years.
- An opportunity to meet with the Commanding Officer of the RCMP's K-Division and a representative of the Alberta Solicitor General's Office was presented to Council. The meeting is organized annually to coincide with the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) 2018 Spring Convention. The proposed meeting will discuss rural crime, a long-term plan for Boyle's Integrated Traffic Unit and a proposal to create an RCMP citizen advisory group.

#### Equipment Purchases

- Council was presented with a proposal by the Infrastructure Services Department to trade-in a dozer for an improved model to improve reliability. The County is receiving a trade in value of \$411,425 for the used machine and will purchase the new one for \$441,425.
- County Council elected to purchase four new Tier 3, 140M Caterpillar graders to replace machines which are close to the end of their service life. Two graders that are currently in service will be replaced in the immediate future, while the remaining two units will be traded in when their operational hours expire in a few months. They are being purchased for a price of \$428,950 per unit.