



Council Highlights



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - May 8, 2018

Council Code of Conduct

- Athabasca County Council has adopted a Code of Conduct that will help meet requirements of the new *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*.
- The draft bylaw was presented to the Policy Committee in March and a revised bylaw approved by the committee on April 20. Council passed first reading of the Bylaw at its April 26 meeting and the final version this week.
- The purpose of the bylaw is to establish guidelines governing the conduct of councillors in reference to section 146.1 of the MGA.
- The bylaw was required to be in place by July 23, 2018. The Council Code of Conduct Bylaw can be viewed by looking for a link on the Athabasca County website.

Traffic Bylaw

- A new bylaw will help set speeds on specific roads within the County. The bylaw was developed jointly by the Enforcement Services and Infrastructure Services departments and it consolidates all existing speed bylaws.
- Previously, a new bylaw was created to set a speed limit on each specific road. Council will now be able to set or change speed limits on roads by amending a schedule attached to the Traffic Bylaw.
- A secondary focus of the bylaw was to increase penalties for willful damage to County roadways and address some common issues/complaints.
- Upon the request of a condo association board, it included a change to the originally presented bylaw in Mystic Meadows that reduces a speed from 50 km/h to 30km/h to increase safety.

Athabaska Ultra 100

- Council welcomed a delegation from the Athabaska Ultra 100 to update Council on Alberta's new ultramarathon, scheduled to take place July 27 to 29.
- The run is Alberta's longest, and Canada's second longest at 175.6 kms long (109.1 miles) it will showcase communities along the route of the run from Fort Saskatchewan to the finish line in Athabasca.
- There are volunteer opportunities to assist organizers of the event. Organizations and communities along the route will be able to showcase what they do. There will also be a chance for spectators to cheer runners on and take in a live music event on Saturday, July 28 at the Athabasca Riverfront.
- Athabasca County is considering a number of requests from the race to help support the event take place. The County's Tourism and Economic Development (TED) committee initiated the run and it has since been handed off to a board of directors.
- The Athabaska Ultra 100 is accepting up to 500 runners, each bringing a support team of three people.

Wandering River Youth Centre

- Council has decided to assist the Wandering River Youth Centre address an outstanding water bill that is the result of leaving an exterior garden hose run from November 24 through January 31.
- The centre is operated by the Plamondon and Wandering River Community Resources Society which provides services to youth and families, including daycare services.
- Due to the special circumstances Council elected to reimburse 75% of the \$7,830 bill. The remainder will be paid by the society. A request to be included in the County's Community Hall Assistance Program was also accepted. It will assist the Society to continue providing services to one of Athabasca County's most remote communities.