



## Council Highlights



### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - June 12, 2018

#### Council Remuneration

- The way councillors are compensated is changing as of July 1 following discussions at the Policy Review Committee and this week's Council meeting.
- Instead of receiving per diems, subsistence and communication allowances, reimbursement for travel time, a supervision/community liaison allowance, mileage to attend regular meetings and for travel within their division, and an allowance for the Reeve and Deputy Reeve, councillors will receive an annual salary that will encompass all of these forms of compensation.

##### New Annual Salaries

Reeve	\$54,600
Deputy Reeve	\$49,500
Council Member	\$45,000

- The change comes as the result of a 2016 report from an independent consultant (which was updated in 2018) and recommended that Council move to an annual salary.
- Other forms of compensation include the provision of a tablet computer, and when travelling outside of county boundaries, elected officials will receive mileage and subsistence.
- The system is easier to administer and should result in a net-zero impact on the overall compensation currently allocated to Council.

#### Grassland Homecoming

- County Council received an invitation to attend the Grassland Homecoming and Centennial Celebrations scheduled to run June 29, 30 and July 1st.
- The event is The invitation included a request for the Reeve to speak at the event's closing ceremony which will take place on Sunday, July 1 at 12 pm in the community centre.
- A motion was carried to have Reeve Splane, and other members of Council attend the event.

#### Road Repairs

- Council discussed the need for both emergency short-term repair and permanent repair of County roads and agreed that work needs to start immediately.
- Crews will immediately begin repairs to roads with one-way access and key traffic corridors.
- One of the greatest concerns this year is the widespread presence of frost boils that soften the surface of the road and make travel difficult.
- To permanently repair them, sections of the road will have to be completely excavated, a new base created, and the road surface finished with gravel.
- Many County roads were built in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Council also agreed to discuss longer term solutions and the costs of improving the quality of road infrastructure.

#### RV Park Moratorium

- Council reviewed a report about the establishment of recreational vehicle parks within Athabasca County.
- The report contained information to help Council consider the economic benefits of the parks in the municipality and ways to put in place mechanisms to control the effects of them on neighbours and county infrastructure, caused by OHVs, dust, septic and noise.
- A motion to accept the report as information and to not pursue a moratorium on the development of RV parks was defeated (For - 4, Opposed - 5).
- A second motion to accept the report as information and implement a moratorium on Recreation Vehicle Parks was carried (For - 7, Opposed - 2).
- Council felt holding off on the development or expansion of more RV parks would be prudent until the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan are complete.