



## **Council** **Highlights**



### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - May 31, 2018**

#### **FCSS Annual Report**

- Athabasca County FCSS Manager Debbie Wood presented the 2017 FCSS Annual Report to Council.
- The report outlines the work conducted by FCSS over the last year and provides information about individual programs.
- Wood said people are becoming more familiar with the services and programs offered by FCSS and agencies in the Athabasca region.
- She added programming and services are being delivered to families in all regions of the County on an ongoing basis. The [2017 FCSS Annual Report](#) is available for review on the Athabasca County website.

#### **Special Council Meeting**

- A Special Meeting is being organized by the Town of Athabasca which the Councils from the Village of Boyle and Athabasca County are invited to attend.
- The items for the agenda were still being finalized. Athabasca County Council asked that pool fundraising, rural education funding, cannabis, the rural transportation Pilot Program, and the road by the new school and pool be added to the agenda.
- The meeting will take place on June 21, 2018 at the Athabasca Regional Multiplex.

#### **Brick School Steering Committee**

- The Brick School Planning and Design Steering Committee now has all of its members.
- Athabasca County Council appointed Gilbert Williams as its Member At Large to the Committee.
- The Committee will help gather input for future uses of the Old Brick School in Athabasca.

#### **Skeleton Lake Stewardship Assoc.**

- Council welcomed a delegation from the Skeleton Lake Stewardship Association (SLSA). Don Johnston, Stephen Curial and Brian Curial updated Council on the ongoing work of the association to bring more spring runoff into the Skeleton Lake basin.
- SLSA recently applied for an inter-basin transfer with Alberta Environment to divert a portion of the spring runoff into Skeleton Lake. The water would come from Crazy Creek which flows into Flat Lake and is proposed to be transferred via a swale that would need to be constructed between the creek and lake.
- The delegation said they are in the initial stages of speaking with landowners along the creek and swale. Alberta Environment is still reviewing their application. They requested a letter of support from Council for the inter-basin transfer.
- Before offering a letter of support, Council decided to seek additional hydrology data from SLSA, as well as any reports on consultations with affected landowners. They will be brought to a future Council meeting.

#### **Community Assistance Grants**

- Council reviewed a recommendation from the Recreation Board to provide Community Assistance Grants to local organizations who applied for them.
- The Recreation Board recently held an information session for organizations operating community halls. As a result, the number of applications for the grant increased from previous years.
- Athabasca County allocates \$40,000 per year for the program in its annual budget and all requests over \$5,000 must receive Council approval.
- In the end a total of 11 community organizations operating halls in the County received grants to help them maintain and/or upgrade their halls.