



## **Council Highlights**



### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - August 30, 2018**

#### **Public Hearings**

- Council held two public hearings to amend the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan redistricting a parcel of land (SW 24-71-17) from Rural Use to Special Recreation Area.
- The hearings were held after advertising the proposed changes online and in the local newspaper. The applicant proposes to create a 50-site recreational vehicle park and agri-tourism feature to enhance existing amenities of the stay and play recreational area.
- Other than the applicant, there were no written submissions and no presentations made at the hearing by members of the public.
- Council adopted the proposed changes to the parcel of land and it is now redistricted to Recreational Commercial.

#### **Justice Minister Invitation**

- Alberta's Chief Crown Prosecutor will not be attending a future meeting of Council to start a dialogue about the sentencing of those convicted for property crimes.
- Council made the invitation to help address the concerns of residents regarding repeat offenders living in the region and the level of property crime.
- Councillor Dwayne Rawson suggested the matter be taken to another level and as a next step made a motion to send a letter of invitation to the Alberta Justice Minister. The motion was unanimously carried by Council.

#### **Boyle Spray Park Opening**

- Council received an invitation to attend the Grand Opening of the Boyle Spray Park on September 4, 2018.
- Athabasca County contributed \$50,000 towards the cost of building the spray park. A motion authorizing all members of Council to attend was carried.

#### **Organizational Meeting**

- Each year Athabasca County Council meets at an organizational meeting to talk about involvement in various boards and commissions and make appointments to them.
- The meeting is also the occasion where Councillors elect and appoint a Reeve and Deputy Reeve by secret ballot.
- The meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am on October 10, 2018.

#### **Bridge Demolition**

- Council reviewed an Administrative Report outlining costs for the demolition and reclamation of the bridge over Little Pine Creek near Colinton.
- The report recommended the acceptance of a bid from Formula Alberta Ltd in the amount of \$154,040.
- The bridge was decommissioned approximately 6 years ago and Council felt its removal is important for public safety. A motion accepting the recommendation was carried.

#### **Pool & Fitness Centre Update**

- Council received an update from Ms. Janene Kargus of the Athabasca Regional Multiplex Society Pool and Fitness Centre fundraising campaign.
- Council heard that 41% of the fund raising goal has been reached and 50% of timeline for the campaign is complete.
- Kargus will continue to work and build relationships with the community, as well as local organizations and businesses.
- Her work will include providing sponsorship opportunity packages to businesses and naming rights to portions of the facility and equipment.