



Council Highlights



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - October 9, 2018

Flood Hazard Study

- Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) has reached out to the County to request a letter of support to perform a flood hazard study in the region.
- Council voted in favour of providing the letter with the condition that updates be provided to Council while the study is being completed.
- The letter is to seek grant funding from the federal government to perform the study.
- The study will be managed under AEP's Flood Hazard Identification program (FHIP).
- The study will cover 6 km along the Tawatinaw River, 6 km along the Athabasca River, as well as 7 km of Muskeg Creek.
- The study will identify potential short term and long term hazards in the study areas. This will be important information for the County as current development rules make municipalities responsible for regulating development in floodway areas.
- Expected completion of the project is spring 2020, at which point the County will receive copies of all the data collected.

Regional Pool Funding

- Council voted to have administration reach out to surrounding communities to seek financial contributions for the new pool project.
- This decision allows Fundraising Coordinator Janene Kargus to focus on private and corporate donations for the facility.
- The current funding arrangement includes the County as a partner responsible for 60% of project costs and the Town of Athabasca responsible for the remaining 40% excluding any incidental or ancillary costs.

Safety Codes

- Council voted to withdraw the County's accreditation to issue provincial safety codes permits. After we relinquish our accreditation The Alberta Safety Codes Council will be responsible for issuing and enforcing safety codes within the County.
- The County is required to provide notice and a transition plan to ensure services are not interrupted.
- Once the change is implemented applicants will work with the Alberta Safety Codes Authority to obtain permits.
- One advantage of the change is that applicants will be able to choose their safety code service provider.
- This change has no impact on the current process for obtaining Development Permits.

Organizational Meeting

- Council held their annual organizational meeting October 10th.
- Councillor Larry Armfelt was elected Reeve. Reeve Armfelt first served in this position in 2008.
- Councillor Travais Johnson was elected Deputy Reeve. This is Councillor Johnson's first term on Council.

Rural Crime

- Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Kathleen Ganley declined the invitation by Council to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss rural crime.
- Minister Ganley's indicated she would be happy to meet with Council or a representative in Edmonton instead.
- Council voted to send a representative to Edmonton to meet at Minister Ganley's convenience.