



Council Highlights



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - December 11, 2018

Draft ICF - Village of Boyle

- The approval of first reading for Bylaw 027-2018 served as a first step towards reaching a final Intermunicipal Collaboration Agreement (ICF) with the Village of Boyle.
- Council was presented with an initial draft of the agreement, which was developed between County and Village Administrations.
- The draft will be reviewed by both municipalities and discussed at a joint Council meeting scheduled for January 2019.
- Alberta's new *Municipal Government Act* requires municipalities that share a common border to develop both ICFs and Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDP).
- There are a total of 16 ICFs and IDPs to be completed by Athabasca County with neighbouring municipalities. The agreements with the Town of Athabasca and the Village of Boyle need to be completed before April 20, 2020.

Brick School Steering Committee

- Athabasca County, the Town of Athabasca and the Brick School Steering Committee continue to move forward with finding a future for the historical structure.
- A Request for Proposal seeking a consultant to conduct a public consultation and help determine community interest was issued in September 2018. Since that time the Brick School Steering Committee reviewed the proposals and made a recommendation to Council.
- County Council passed a motion to authorize the Brick School Steering Committee to proceed with contracting Manasc Isaac for the Brick School Building Revitalization Use Study and Plan Design, not to exceed the grant amount of \$200,000.
- Updates on the project will be brought to both Councils as the project moves forward.

Athabasca Archives

- Council considered the funding request of a delegation representing the Athabasca Library and Archives Board.
- The delegation requested an annual contribution of \$1,000 to help cover some additional costs of operating the archives.
- In the past the County hasn't directly contributed to the operation of the archives.
- The Archives holds information of interest to County residents including annual reports, homestead records, maps, community history books, school registers and long term history of the region and its people. On average six people go to the archives weekly to conduct research.
- Council carried a motion to approve a contribution of up to \$1,000 per year for the Athabasca Archives, to be reviewed annually.

Boyle Arena Support

- Council discussed a request from the Village of Boyle to contribute towards the cost of adding a female dressing room in the Boyle Arena.
- Approved was a 50% cost share for capital cost of the dressing room at the Boyle Arena, based on a maximum total cost of \$25,554. Funds will be taken from the 2019 budget.
- Athabasca County supports a variety of recreational and community amenities in Boyle including the arena.
- Council also discussed progress with the addition of signage at the facility recognizing the County's contributions over the years.