

The regular meeting of the Lacombe County Council was called to order by Reeve Law at 9:00 a.m. on July 11, 2019 in the Council Chamber of the Lacombe County Administration Office.

Present

Present: Reeve P. Law; Deputy Reeve, K. Wigmore; Councillors, J. Ireland, B. Knight, D. Kreil, B. Shepherd, and K. Stephenson; County Manager, T. Timmons; Director of Corporate Services, M. Minchin; Director of Operations, B. Cade; Director of Planning, D. Freitag; Safety Coordinator Glynnis Croken and Administrative Coordinator, D.M. Grant.

**C/360/19
Agenda**

Mrs. Law inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were two additions to the agenda.

5.12 Salary and Wage Committee meeting date
14.3 In-camera – Intergovernmental Relations
Move Item 5.3 to follow 14.3 In-camera

Moved by Mrs. Knight that the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/361/19
Minutes**

Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the minutes of the June 13, 2019 County Council meeting be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/362/19
Road Closure Request
Rge Rd 1-0, SW 29-39-
28-W4M
Motion Lost**

Mr. Timmons referred to the request for the closure and subsequent sale or lease of Rge Rd 1-0 within the SW 29-39-28-W4M and the SE 25-39-01-W5M. County staff have inspected the road allowance and due to the potential future challenges that the sale of this portion of road right of way could pose as well as County Policy OP(14) that states the County will generally not lease, sell or otherwise dispose of statutory road allowances, their recommendation is that the request for closure and sale be denied.

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that Council direct the County Manager to proceed with the process to close Rge Rd 1-0 and that this proposal be circulated to interested parties for comment, and further, that a report on the comments and cancellation request be presented at the August 22, 2019 Council meeting.

Motion Lost.

**C/363/19
Tees Outdoor Rink
Revitalization Project
Funding Approved**

Mr. Minchin referred to the Tees Agricultural Society proposed project to renovate the Tees' outdoor rink. The project includes the resurfacing of the rink's asphalt surface as well as the replacement of its wooden dasher board system. Ancillary to these major upgrades, the project would also see the replacement of the existing lighting structure with new LED lights and improvements to the skate shack. The proposed project has a total budget of \$45,550. The Society has assigned contractor prices for the project; however, some of the work may be carried out by volunteers. The Society is seeking 50% or \$22,775 from the County. The balance of the funding would come from the Society's casino account.

Moved by Mrs. Knight that Lacombe County Council contribute \$22,775 toward the Tees Outdoor Rink Revitalization Project, and, furthermore, this contribution be funded from the County's Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/364/19
Policy AD(24)
Respectful Workplace -
Amended**

Ms. Croken stated that as a result of Bill 30, the changes to the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Act in 2018 included new obligations for employers to address violence and harassment in the workplace. The Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Code Part 27 Violence and Harassment was also amended with specific elements now required in policies for harassment and violence prevention.

Lacombe County Policy AD(24) Respectful Workplace has been revised to ensure legislative compliance for both the harassment and violence prevention policies. These revisions include:

- Clarification of disrespectful behaviour and harassment;
- Statement on commitment to eliminate or control the hazard;
- Additional responsibility for staff and others at County work sites;
- Declaration to investigate; and
- Enhanced procedures for the process.

Ms. Croken addressed questions from Council.

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that Lacombe County Council approve Policy AD(24) Respectful Workplace, as amended.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/365/19
Asphalt Operation/
Hauling Extended
Hours**

Ms. Paradis reported that currently, Lacombe County requires all gravel pit operations to abide by standard hours of approval, as required by conditions of approval and development/haul agreements. The standard hours of approval are Mondays to Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from May 1 to October 31, and 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from November 1 to April 30, with no hauling on Sundays or holidays. If extended hours are required beyond this, operators must notify neighbours in advance of the work with a detailed schedule and mitigate concerns to the County's satisfaction before County approval is given for the request. It was requested by one operator that Council reconsider these standard hours of approval, as it was felt the current process was too cumbersome and time consuming for the operators to bid on night time paving contracts.

Administration asked a number of municipalities in Alberta how they approached gravel pit development and night time asphalt plant operation and asphalt hauling. All municipalities who responded had limits to hours, very similar to the County's standard hours. Other municipalities limit hours by way of conditions of approval on development permits, requiring operators to enter into development agreements, and/or by way of Gravel Extraction Overlay District regulations. No municipalities are currently allowing 24/7 asphalt operations or asphalt hauling to accommodate night time paving contracts.

Following Council discussion at the June 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, the County Manager was directed to prepare a report regarding that if night time paving takes place the adjacent landowners must be notified by the permit holder; that current permit holders be informed of this proposed change; and further, that this report be presented at a future Council meeting.

Ms. Paradis and Mr. Freitag addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that County Council

- 1. Receive the report regarding night time paving for information;***
- 2. Amend the standard hours of approval for asphalt operation and asphalt hauling to allow for extended hours to be considered as part of a development permit application, subject to Municipal Planning Commission approval; and,***
- 3. Direct the County Manager to inform current operators with approved asphalt operations of the changes and advise them of their opportunity to apply for a revised development permit.***

Carried Unanimously.

**C/366/19
Red Tape Reduction
Initiative**

Mr. Timmons stated that the Government of Alberta has recently launched a red tape reduction initiative. According to the Province's media release, this initiative, which is supported by the Red Tape Reduction Act (Bill 4), aims to cut red tape by one-third to reduce costs, speed up approvals and make life better for Albertans and businesses.

The Province is inviting red tape reduction ideas from all Albertans. In addition, the RMA has asked that member municipalities share their ideas with them by July 15, 2019 to assist them in their engagement efforts with the Province. Following is the list of red tape ideas developed by County staff:

1. Eliminate the requirement for intermunicipal development plans and intermunicipal collaboration frameworks between municipal districts that share a common boundary.
2. Reduce the length of time it takes Alberta Municipal Affairs to approve MSI grant applications. The current approval process takes 10 – 12 weeks.
3. Establish a consistent date for notifying municipalities of the provincial education tax requisition.
4. Grant municipalities more authority regarding its activities within road allowances, particularly with respect to wetlands.
5. Expand opportunities for earning wetland credits.
6. Consolidate and improve the wetland and public land on-line application portals.
7. Streamline the wetland application and approval process.

8. Expand the list of approved/accredited wetland restoration agents to include municipalities.
9. Ensure that constructed or restored wetlands are developed in the same region as the disturbed wetland.
10. Discontinue the requirement for subdivision appeals on properties containing bodies of water to be heard by the Municipal Government Board (rather than the local authority).
11. Conduct a consultation and review process of the OH&S requirements for non-profit organizations.

Moved by Ms. Kreil that the County Manager be authorized to submit the red tape reduction initiatives, as noted above, to the Government of Alberta and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta.

Carried.

***C/367/19
Ponoka County
Lacombe County ICF
Discussion Protocols
Approved***

Mr. Timmons stated that a meeting with Ponoka County for the purpose of discussing the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) process will be scheduled in the near future. As has been done with the Towns of Eckville, Bentley and Blackfalds and the Villages of Alix and Clive, the respective Councils approved the ICF discussion protocols prior to the first ICF meeting. Deputy Reeve Wigmore and Councillor Knight have been appointed to sit on this committee. Mr. Timmons reviewed the discussion protocols with the Councillors.

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that County Council approve the Ponoka County/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Discussion Protocols.

Carried Unanimously.

9:54 a.m. Mr. Peter Duke and Mr. Brian Mitchell and Mr. Norm Taves entered the meeting.

Staff Introductions

Ms. Richer-Poth introduced Melissa Briscoe who has assumed the role of Human Resources Coordinator. Council welcomed Ms. Briscoe to the County.

10:05 a.m. Ms. Richer-Poth and Ms. Briscoe withdrew from the meeting.

***C/368/19
Bylaw No. 1300/19
First Reading***

Mr. Duke stated that Taves Management on behalf of Transand Inc. is seeking permission to rezone approximately 148.81 ac on Pt SE 29-40-22-W4M, west of the Hamlet of Mirror from Agricultural 'A' District to Business Industrial 'I-BI' District. This is being requested in order to facilitate a Dry Bulk Facility for the purposes of transporting and distributing frac sand.

The proposal includes a 4,000 metric tonne storage and transfer facility which consists of ten silos (each holding 400 metric tonnes), three overhead loading bins on scales, and a 120-foot-tall elevation leg used for transferring product to and from the storage silos. The looped rail track allows for a full set of rail cars to be delivered and unloaded directly on site. The sand is stored in the silos and trucked to locations across Alberta. A six-car parking lot, and a 12 foot by 60 foot office/control room is also part of the proposal.

The applicant has completed a number of studies, the results of which indicate that the site is suitable for the intended use. There are a number of items that will need to be addressed during the development agreement/development permit stage. These include: intersectional upgrades at the Hwy 50 and RR 22-4 intersection, ongoing monitoring of noise levels complete with a mitigation strategy, Alberta Environment clearance for the proposed outlet into Parlby Creek and confirmation from a professional engineer which outlines the reasons why a constructed wetland is not possible and why a dry pond was chosen.

The public meeting that was held was very well attended and a good cross section of opinions were presented. The applicant has addressed a number of the concerns that were raised at the meeting including the mitigation of dust creation with both plant design and dust control measures, asking their truckers not to use engine retarder brakes. The loop design of the track also allows the facility to contain the rail traffic to their site, eliminating the need to block roadways when shuttling rail cars.

The facility meets the County's Municipal Development Plan policies which direct the location of these types of commercial and industrial uses and represents a compatible use directly adjacent to both Hwy 50 and an existing CN railyard.

Mr. Duke and Mr. Freitag addressed questions of Council.

10:11 a.m. Ms. Makus, Mr. Boras and Mr. Burlock entered the meeting.

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that Bylaw 1300/19, a bylaw of Lacombe County to change the zoning of approximately 60.22 ha (148.81 ac) on Pt SE 29-40-22-W4M, from Agricultural 'A' District to Business Industrial 'I-BI' District as generally shown on Schedule 'A'

Be now read a first time.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/369/19
Bylaw No. 1300/19
Public Hearing***

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that in the matter of Bylaw No. 1300/19:

- 1) that a public hearing be held on August 8, 2019 commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Lacombe County Administration office;***
- 2) any person present at the public hearing will be heard upon recognition of the Chair; and,***
- 3) the publication of the notice of the public hearing be advertised in local papers.***

Carried Unanimously.

10:36 a.m. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Taves withdrew from the meeting.

***C/370/19
Lacombe County
Agricultural Tour***

Ms. Makus stated that Lacombe County has organized and hosted agricultural tours in the past. In August 2011 a tour featuring the east side of the County was held; August 2012 featuring the west side of the County; and in June 2017 a development tour which provided the opportunity to see first hand some of the projects, developments and businesses that are located in the County was hosted.

Lacombe County will be hosting an agricultural tour on August 23, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The tour will include three on-farm sites as well as a long table dinner, including:

- Deep Roots Farm – Gourmet Garlic (south of Joffre)
- Lacombe Research Station – Beef Unit Tour (Lacombe)
- Blindman Brewery – Facility Tour (Lacombe)
- Aspen Springs Event Centre – Long Table Dinner (west of Lacombe)

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that the report on the Lacombe County agricultural tour on August 23, 2019 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

10:40 a.m. Ms. Makus, Mr. Boras and Mr. Burlock withdrew from the meeting.

Mr. Timmons presented the Committee of the Whole meeting notes and recommendations from June 5, 2019 and June 26, 2019.

***C/371/19
Changes to Policies
RC(1) and RC(2)
tabled***

Moved by Mrs. Kreil that consideration of any changes to Policy RC(1) and RC(2) be tabled.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/372/19
Review of Funding
Formula for Policy
RC (6) Library
Support***

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the County Manager be directed to review the funding formula for Policy RC(6) Library Support; and further, that a recommendation regarding this matter be presented at a future Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/373/19
Review of Policy RC(9)***

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that Policy RC(9) County Support of Community Programs, Events and Activities be reviewed at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/374/19
Policy RC(10)
Remain Unchanged***

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that Policy RC(10) Operating Support of Historical, Cultural and Tourism Visitor Information Services remain unchanged.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/375/19
Town of Sylvan Lake
Funding Request for
Pogadl Park Project**

Moved by Mr. Ireland that the County Manager be directed to develop a report regarding the Town of Sylvan Lake funding request for the Pogadl Park project; and further, that this report be presented at a future Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/376/19
Committee of the
Whole Meeting Notes**

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that the Committee of the Whole minutes of June 5, 2019 be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/377/19
Discussion on
Recreational Funding**

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the discussion on Lacombe County recreational funding be received for information.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/378/19
Committee of the
Whole Meeting Notes**

Moved by Ms. Kreil that the Committee of the Whole minutes June 26, 2019 be received for information

Carried Unanimously.

**C/379/19
Council Self-
Evaluation**

In April 2018 Council was presented with the Lacombe County Council Self-Assessment Questionnaire. Council was in agreement that the form is an effective tool as a review of Council's process and functionality and recommended that the self evaluation be completed every six months.

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that the Council Self-Evaluation be completed at the August 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/380/19
Salary and Wage
Schedule Review
Meeting Date Set**

Moved by Mr. Stephenson that a meeting date of November 6, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. be set for the purpose of reviewing Salary and Wage Schedules.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/381/19
Bylaw No. 1301/19
First Reading**

Mr. Freitag stated that the County's subdivision policy in the Agricultural "A" District is outlined in the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) in Section 3 – Our Agricultural Community. There are generally three types of subdivision allowed; first parcel out, fragmented parcel and agricultural subdivisions. The rules and regulations for these three subdivision types are all outlined by policy. One of the types of subdivisions that is not covered by policy is boundary adjustments. Lacombe County has allowed boundary adjustments to be considered since they took over subdivision approval from the Red Deer Planning Agency in the 1990s. The Planning Agency also allowed a variety of boundary adjustments during their time approving subdivisions prior to the County becoming the approving authority.

Over the past several years the County has been receiving a variety of different boundary adjustment applications where the landowners were trying to align their parcel boundaries to meet their farming practices; and in some cases, create separate title to redundant parcels to allow for them to be separated from the farming practices. Typically, the landowners reduced the number of titles total to create larger tracts of land under title. In all cases, no additional titles were created.

With the increase in boundary adjustment applications, a report was presented to the Council Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss whether the County should implement policy within the MDP to address boundary adjustments moving forward. Council did direct staff to develop a policy that restricts boundary adjustments to only those properties where other subdivision regulations are met.

As a result of Council's recommendation staff are bringing forward Bylaw 1301/19 which will amend the MDP to create policy to address boundary adjustments to ensure they meet current MDP policies. Staff are proposing to add the following sections to the MDP:

Policy 3.8 Boundary Adjustments

Boundary adjustments are necessary from time to time to help address encroachment issues, correct boundary alignment complications, allow for existing acreages to reduce the size of their parcel putting more land back into the farming operation, and for a variety of other reasons. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that where boundary adjustments are

requested that they still will conform to the subdivision policies of this section.

Policy 3.8.1

A boundary adjustment of an existing subdivision or quarter section line may be considered if the following criteria are met:

- a) the boundary adjustment conforms to other subdivision policies in this Section; and/or
- b) the boundary adjustment results in no increase in the size of either parcel.

Mr. Freitag addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that Bylaw 1301/1,9 a bylaw of Lacombe County to amend the County's Municipal Development Plan, Bylaw No. 1238/17

Be now read a first time.

Carried.

***C/382/19
Bylaw No. 1301/19
Public Hearing***

Moved by Mrs. Knight that in the matter of Bylaw No. 1301/19:

- 1) that a public hearing be held on August 8, 2019 commencing at 9:15 a.m. at the Lacombe County Administration office;***
- 2) any person present at the public hearing will be heard upon recognition of the Chair; and,***
- 3) the publication of the notice of the public hearing be advertised in local papers.***

Carried Unanimously.

***C/383/19
Recess for MPC
Meeting***

Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the meeting recess in order to conduct a Municipal Planning Commission meeting. Time: 11:14 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

***C/384/19
Reconvene***

Moved by Ms. Knight that the meeting reconvene.

Carried Unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all Councillors, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Cade, Mr. Minchin, Ms. Plewis and Ms. Grant in attendance.

1:00 p.m. Ms. Rose Marie Smith and Ms. Kim Street, both with the Eckville Playground Society, entered the meeting.

Rose Marie Smith, Vice President and Kim Street, grant writer for the Eckville Playground Society provided a presentation on the Eckville playground highlighting the following:

- Life expectancy of current playground
- Safety report/Upgrades needed for existing playground
- Redundant equipment
- Company chosen – Playworks
- New playground design and estimated cost
- Possible donations
- Funding applications made
- Fundraising efforts by Society

1:16 p.m. Ms. Smith and Ms. Street withdrew from the meeting.

***C/385/19
Eckville Playground
Society Presentation***

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the presentation from the Eckville Playground Society be received for information; and furthermore, the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation to be presented for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Council Reports

Ms. Kreil reported on the following:

- Medicine River Watershed Meeting

- Medicine River Crime Watch
- Supper Meeting with Summer Villages
- Rimbey Crime Watch
- Kuhnen Natural Area Grand Opening
- Lacombe County Farm Safety Day
- Seniors Conversation in Eckville
- Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater Commission

1:20 p.m.

Mr. Freitag entered the meeting.

Ms. Knight reported on the following:

- Kuhnen Natural Area Grand Opening
- Lacombe County Farm Safety Day
- Clive Parade and Funfest
- Boomtown Trail
- Ponoka IDP
- Nova Tour
- Transand Open House
- Synergy Alberta

Ms. Shepherd reported on the following:

- Kuhnen Natural Area Grand Opening
- Lacombe County Farm Safety Day
- Nova Tour
- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Transand Open House

Mr. Stephenson reported on the following:

- Kuhnen Natural Area Grand Opening
- Nova Tour
- Sylvan Lake IDP

Mr. Wigmore reported on the following:

- Lacombe Recreation Board Meeting
- Rural Crime Watch
- CAEP Annual General Meeting
- Ponoka IDP
- Gull Lake IDP
- Nova Tour
- NRDRWSC
- Transand Open House

Mr. Ireland reported on the following:

- Red Deer River Watershed
- Kuhnen Natural Area Grand Opening
- Staff Recognition Barbeque
- Lacombe County Farm Safety Day
- Alix Ag Society
- Alix Library
- Transand Open House
- Buffalo Lake Dry Island Butterfly Count

Ms. Law reported on the following:

- Open house at Westerner Exposition Association
- Blaine Calkins – Rural Crime Bill
- East Lacombe 4-H Club
- Blackfalds IDP and ICF
- Red Deer College Announcement of President
- Kuhnen Natural Area Grand Opening
- Lacombe County Farm Safety Day
- Joint Council Meeting
- Lacombe County Staff Recognition Barbeque
- Lacombe Foundation
- Lacombe Library
- Ponoka Parade
- Canada Day Flag Raising at Lacombe Legion
- Shallow Gas Meeting at Legislature Building

Carried Unanimously.

CAEP Fall Engagement
Session for Elected
Officials

Mr. Timmons referred to the CAEP Fall Engagement Session for Elected Officials, CAOs and Municipal Reps being held in Sylvan Lake on Friday, September 13, 2019. Registration for this workshop closes Monday, August 26. It was agreed that a decision on who will be attending this session will be made at the August 8, 2019 Council meeting.

C/387/19
Proposed Tax Relief
For Shallow Gas
Producers

A discussion took place in regard to the Government of Alberta's announcement to provide tax relief for shallow gas producers. In an effort to provide immediate relief to the producers, the Government will be asking municipalities to reduce taxes on shallow gas wells and pipelines by 35% effective this tax year. For the 2019 taxation year the Province will offset the municipal revenue shortfall by reducing the amount of education tax required to be sent to the Province. The Government will then conduct a full review of the assessment system to establish assessment values that more accurately reflect asset values.

Council expressed concern that it will become a regular occurrence to have property taxes used for relief year after year. As nine of the fifteen municipalities that are most impacted by this are within the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Central Zone, it was agreed that a meeting will be set up to meet with these municipalities to discuss the impacts and ramifications that will be placed on municipalities.

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that a meeting invitation be extended to the RMA Central Zone municipalities that are being most impacted by the Alberta Government's proposed tax relief measures for shallow gas producers.

Carried Unanimously.

C/388/19
Consent Agenda

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Inquiries

Ms. Shepherd inquired how fire department access is gained to a property if a security gate is in place. Mr. Timmons responded that the firefighters will do what they must in order to gain access. Ms. Shepherd further stated that Red Deer County has requested a map of all farm yards showing where fuel tanks, etc. are located on the properties. Mr. Timmons commented that this is not a service that Lacombe County provides.

Mr. Ireland stated that the Haunted Lakes Golf Course is considering requesting tax relief from the County this year.

Mr. Ireland inquired as to the status of the clean-up of unsightly properties in the Hamlet of Joffre. Mr. Freitag responded that letters have been mailed out to property owners which included a deadline of July 12th for the clean-up to be completed. If the deadline is not met, enforcement actions to ensure compliance will be initiated.

Mr. Ireland reported a patch of weeds between Highway 2 and the Tru-Kare property that should be investigated.

Mrs. Knight inquired if there is a schedule of requirements for parties to follow when holding public meetings. Mr. Freitag indicated that all persons conducting public meetings are given a very clear guide as to what is expected to be presented at public meetings. Mr. Timmons will review the process for conducting public meetings.

Mr. Stephenson inquired about the status of the stop order issued on the cannabis production facility north of Blissful Beach. Ms. O'Driscoll indicated that the stop order had been withdrawn as the occupants provided a Health Canada permit for medicinal marijuana. Mr. Timmons stated that anyone who is concerned about the operation should contact Health Canada.

C/389/19
Authorization to
Attend Meeting

Ms. Law reported that she had attended a meeting in Edmonton in regard to tax relief for shallow gas producers.

Moved by Mr. Ireland that Reeve Law receive authorization to attend the July 2, 2019 meeting in Edmonton with the Municipal Affairs Minister.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/390/19
In-Camera**

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the meeting recess in order to enter into an in-camera session for the purpose of discussing land donation and an in-camera item update. Time: 2:35 p.m.

**C/391/19
Reconvene**

Moved by Mr. Stephenson that the meeting reconvene. Time: 3:25 p.m.

**C/392/19
Land Donation
Agreement**

Moved by Mr. Wigmore that the County Manager be authorized to enter into a land donation agreement for land southwest of the Town of Blackfalds.

Mrs. Knight requested a recorded vote.

In Favour

John Ireland

Dana Kreil

Paula Law

Barb Shepherd

Keith Stephenson

Ken Wigmore

Opposed

Brenda Knight

**C/393/19
Town of Blackfalds
Funding Request for
Inclusive Playground
Approved**

Mr. Minchin informed Council of a funding request received from the Town of Blackfalds under the County's RC(1) Policy for an inclusive playground to be located on Town of Blackfalds property and located on Vista Trail has been received. According to the Town of Blackfalds this playground would be the only inclusive playground in Lacombe County.

The total cost of the project has been identified at \$457,000. The Town is partnering with the Optimist Club of Blackfalds to move the project forward. The Optimist Club along with a number of the service clubs have committed \$23,500 toward the project. An additional \$48,000 in in-kind donations in the form of materials and labour have also been committed to the project. The group is seeking CFEP funding of \$125,000 and an additional \$76,000 in community fundraising to meet its project funding goal. To round out the budget for the project, the Town is seeking \$59,500 from Lacombe County.

Mr. Minchin addressed questions of Council.

Moved by Mr. Stephenson that Lacombe County Council contribute \$50,000 toward the Blackfalds Inclusive Playground Project; and furthermore, that this contribution be funded form the County's Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

Carried Unanimously.

**C/394/19
Adjourn**

Moved by Ms. Kreil that the meeting adjourn. Time: 3:52 p.m.

REEVE

COUNTY MANAGER