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Council Highlights

January 29, 2015

POLICY OP(46) MAINTENANCE OF RESERVES AND PUBLIC LANDS

Council was presented Policy OP(46) Maintenance of Reserves and Public Lands. The policy has been developed to facilitate the orderly and effective management of reserves and public land under the jurisdiction of Lacombe County. The overall objective is to assess these lands based on their intended use, consideration for public safety, and to set consistent maintenance requirements for similar properties.

A classification system and standards have been developed for all County lands which may be varied to address specific needs or unusual conditions. By resolution Policy OP(46) was approved by Council.

MIRROR CURLING RINK

Council was advised that the Mirror Curling Club ceased operations in the spring of 2011 and at that time terminated their lease agreement with Lacombe County. The building has remained unused except for some storage of Christmas decorations. Council was informed that the building is quickly deteriorating so a decision should be made to offer it for sale, or move forward with demolition of the building.

By resolution of Council it was determined that Lacombe County present this issue in the County News for public consultation and inquire if there is any community interest in a public use for the Mirror Curling Rink in the Hamlet of Mirror.

2015 to 2017 STRATEGIC PLAN

Council was presented with the 2015 to 2017 Strategic Plan which has been updated to reflect the addition of the service adjustments identified in the recently completed Service Capacity Review. These adjustments are identified in the Plan as strategic action items.

As per direction of Council Strategy 2, Growth Management, Item 2.7 was amended to read:

Collaborate in the development of commercial and industrial parks in the smaller urban municipalities and Hamlets within Lacombe County.

The 2015 to 2017 Strategic Plan was approved by Council as amended.

BYLAW NO. 1201/15 DOG CONTROL

Council was presented with Bylaw No. 1201/15, a bylaw of Lacombe County to provide for the regulating, controlling and confinement of dogs. The current dog control bylaw has been in place since 2008 and a few wording issues have been discovered that require minor amendments. Council gave 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading, and so passed the bylaw.

POLICY RC(6) LIBRARY SUPPORT

Council was presented revised Policy RC(6) Library Support. In 2009 the policy was revised to include an allocation of \$ 100,000 for direct operating support for County libraries as well as the book exchange in the Hamlet of Mirror. The current policy does not address annual indexing for inflation and the proposal is that a clause be included in the policy to address this issue. By resolution revised Policy OP(46) was approved by Council.



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SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD (SDAB)

Council was advised that the County’s Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) recently met via conference call to authorize the convening of a development appeal hearing after the statutory timeline of thirty days from the date of receipt of an appeal. The purpose of the hearing was to address an administrative matter and not to adjudicate the actual appeal, therefore there was no need for the appellant and applicant to attend.

The County’s Salary & Wage Schedule does address SDAB member per diems and expenses but provides little detail regarding it. The Schedule has been amended to include clauses regarding 1) defining what constitutes full, half day and evening meetings, and 2) meetings held through conference call less than two hours in length. The 2015 Salary and Wage Schedule was approved by Council as presented.

LACOMBE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PROPERTY

Council was informed that an invitation has been received from the City of Lacombe for Lacombe County to participate in discussions and review of the Lacombe Municipal Airport property. These discussions will guide considerations for future development of the airport facilities. The intention is to initiate the project in 2015 and if discussions warrant, a joint terms of references would be developed for the project scope based on the needs and priorities identified by stakeholders.

By resolution Council agreed to request a presentation from the City of Lacombe and Lacombe Flying Club representatives regarding the future of the Lacombe Airport at the February 12, 2015 meeting of Council.

CITY OF LACOMBE RECREATION FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECTS 2015

Council was advised that the City of Lacombe is requesting that Lacombe County participate in four recreation facility capital projects in 2015. The proposed projects and Lacombe County’s share of the costs are as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Requested County Share</u>
Lacombe Memorial Centre	
• Replacement of hot water tank	
• Purchase of new floor scrubber	\$ 2,977.20
Barnett Arena	
• Main Arena exterior wall repairs	
• Main Arena safety codes	
• Updates re: sprinkler system installation and fire alarm upgrades	
• Curling Rink exterior wall repairs	\$ 977,142.00
Aquaplex	
• Roof replacement	
• Chemical/pump room expansion	\$ 348,548.00
Lacombe Parks and Playgrounds	
• Michener Park soccer field bleachers	
• NW recreation area soccer field bleachers	
• Cranna Lake circulating fountain	
• Green Spaces Plan – design & implementation	\$ 48,212.50
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$1,376,879.70



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By resolution of Council funding in the amount of up to \$ 1,350,629.70 was approved for the City of Lacombe's 2015 Lacombe Memorial Centre, Barnett Arena (main arena and curling rink), Aquaplex, and Michener Park and NW Recreation Area soccer field bleacher projects. Funding was not approved for the Cranna Lake Circulation Fountain or the Green Spaces Plan.

By resolution Council also agreed to request a five year business plan from the City of Lacombe with regard to capital replacement and operational expenditures for all City of Lacombe recreational facilities; and further, request a timeline for the completion of the Sports and Leisure Complex Expansion and Renovation Project.

COUNTY OF STETTLER NO. 6 – MUNICIPAL RESERVE BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

Council was updated on the proposal by the County of Stettler No. 6 to adjust the boundary of municipal reserves in order to correct a series of existing encroachments on Buffalo Lake. The County is proposing to sell portions of Municipal Reserve (MR) along Buffalo Lake in order to correct the encroachments.

The proposal to adjust the boundary of the municipal reserve does meet the minimum setbacks from the provincially owned right-of-way outlined in the Municipal Government Act (MGB), Buffalo Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan and the Buffalo Lake South Shore Intermunicipal Development Plan - 6m (19.68 ft.)

Council was advised that the sale of MR to landowners would not protect the native vegetation and could degrade the lake's shoreline habitat. Lacombe County requires a 30m (98.42 ft.) ER dedication of MR. The reserve policy adopted by Lacombe County aims to manage the County's reserve lands, protect lakeshores, public land and the natural environment, while also ensuring everyone has access to enjoy these areas. The County would encourage neighbouring municipalities to adopt a similar standard of lakeshore preservation.

By resolution of Council a written response will be provided to the County of Stettler No. 6 outlining Lacombe County's concerns regarding the proposal to dispose of Municipal Reserves.

CITY OF LACOMBE FAIRVIEW CEMETERY MASTER PLAN

A request was received from the City of Lacombe with regard with regard to the Lacombe Fairview Cemetery expansion project. The City will be proceeding with the expansion of the cemetery in 2015 to provide an approximately 8 to 10 year supply of cemetery lands. Total cost of the project is \$ 428,000 and the City is requesting that Lacombe County fund 50% of the cost.

Funding of up to \$ 214,000 for the City of Lacombe's 2015 Fairview Cemetery expansion project was approved by Council.

NOVA – ANNUAL VISIT

Council accepted an invitation from NOVA Chemicals for the annual site visit to the Joffre facilities on June 10th, 2015.