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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING February 11, 2016

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### **Bylaw No. 1214/15 – Consideration of Third Reading**

Council was presented Bylaw No. 1214/15, a bylaw of Lacombe County to amend the Lacombe County Land Use Bylaw No. 1056/07, to change the zoning of approximately 2.57 hectares (6.368 acres) of land on Pt. NW 21-39-2 W5M from Recreation “P-R” District to Agricultural “A” District.

A public hearing was held for Bylaw No. 1214/15 on January 14, 2016 and following the public hearing Council gave Bylaw No. 1214/15 second reading. The purpose of the rezoning is to provide for the development of a single family residence on the proposed property. Prior to consideration of third reading Council requested that the developer enter into a development agreement requiring any future residence on the land to connect to the communal sewage system. The proposed development agreement has now been signed. By resolution of Council Bylaw No. 1214/15 was given third and final reading.

### **Hamlet Signage**

By resolution of Council the County Commissioner was directed to amend the 2016 budget by adding \$ 20,000 to provide for the acquisition and installation of custom entrance signs to the hamlets located in Lacombe County as well as Rosedale; and further, that the Hamlet of Mirror and Hamlet of Joffre be consulted prior to installation of the signs. The Hamlets of Mirror and Joffre currently have signage in place.

### **Sylvan Lake Boat Launch Access Study**

Council was advised that the Sylvan Lake Boat Launch Access Strategy and Action Plan for Recreational Lake Access as developed by the Sylvan Lake Access Management Steering Committee is now complete at a total cost of \$ 157,961.15. The Committee received a Regional Collaboration Grant from the province to have the study undertaken.

A letter from the Sylvan Lake Access Management Steering Committee regarding the Plan and an executive summary of the Plan was presented and received for information by Council.

### **Pre-Audit Process**

Alan Litster and Dan Luymes, representing BDO Canada LLP, provided Council with an overview of the 2015 audit plan. Mr. Litster and Mr. Luymes addressed questions of Council regarding the audit plan.

### **CITY OF LACOMBE RECREATION FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECTS 2016**

Council was advised that the City of Lacombe is requesting that Lacombe County participate in four recreation facility capital projects in 2016. 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	
• Hot water tank replacement	\$ 7,500
Barnett Arena	
• Main Arena Safety Codes Updates & Renovation (Phase 2)	
• Expansion	
• Main Arena roof top air handling unit	\$ 3,318,307
Aquaplex	
• Boiler replacement	
• Facility Upgrades	\$ 69,390
Lacombe Parks and Playgrounds	
• Installation costs for Score Clock	\$ 6,000
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$ 3,401,197</b>



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By resolution of Council funding in the amount of up to \$ 2,392,717 was approved for the City of Lacombe's 2016 Recreational Facilities Capital Projects which reflects 8.27% of the LMC project and the County's share (based on County resident user-ship) of the other facility projects, less the arena expansion project.

By resolution of Council the City of Lacombe will be requested to provide information on volunteer fund raising for the Lacombe Arena Expansion.

#### **Gilby Agriculture Society – Gilby Hall Funding Request**

Jerry Sibernagel and Lynn Layton, representatives of the Gilby Agriculture Society, spoke in support of their Policy RC(1) application for Lacombe County funding for the LED lighting fixtures upgrade in the community hall and the installation of a yard light complete with a panel box and pole in their campground. All of this work was completed in July, 2015 at a total cost of \$16,138.50.

Funding in the amount of \$ 8,039.25 (representing 50% of the cost of the total project) was approved by Council.

#### **Village of Alix – MOONWALKERS Operational Funding**

Council referred to the request from the Village of Alix for operational funding support for the MOONWALKERS Indoor Play Centre. At the January 14, 2016 meeting Council requested, 1) data confirming Lacombe County resident user-ship of the facility, and 2) a five-year revenue and expenditure projection.

Council was advised that the Village is unable to provide a more detailed breakdown of users at this time as the information collected was determined by postal code. In 2016 users will be asked what municipality they reside in. Council was provided with a five-year revenue and expenditure projection as well as facility user-ship data from the date of the facility opening to the end of 2015.

By resolution of Council a \$ 5,000 annual operating grant was approved for the MOONWALKERS Indoor Play Centre in Alix.

#### **Clive Hall Board – Funding Request**

Council referred to the presentation at the January 28, 2016 meeting by Lori Oatway of the Clive Community Hall Association (the Association) in support of their funding request to assist with the construction of a new community hall in the Village of Clive.

Further discussion on the Village's request took place at the February 2, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting. Subsequently, Committee members approved a recommendation that Administration present a recommendation regarding the funding request. The Association's Policy RC(1) Application was presented for Council's consideration.

The following resolution received Council approval

That a decision on the request for funding from the Clive Community Hall Association (Association) for the proposed new Clive Community Hall be deferred until confirmation is received from the Village of Clive with regard to their formal support for this project; and further, that the Association provide additional information regarding fund raising and community support for the project, updated construction cost estimates and projected annual operating costs.



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### **Lacombe County Broadband Project**

Council was provided with the Lacombe County Rural Broadband Update with the following highlights:

- Broadband Initiative Update
- Broadband Initiative Study Area
- Xplornet
- Xplornet Residential Packages
- Xplornet Current LTE Coverage
- CCI Wireless
- CCI Wireless Residential Package
- CCI Wireless Current LTE Coverage
- Next Steps

Council approved a resolution that a notice be sent to the area residents providing notice of Lacombe County's intent to discontinue the broadband initiative unless there is clear evidence that residents are unable to acquire broadband service through existing providers or satellite service.

### **Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) Usage – Wilsons Beach, New Saratoga, McLaurin Beach Environmental Reserves**

Council was informed that for a number of years there have been issues regarding the impact from OHV's in the Wilsons Beach, New Saratoga and McLaurin Beach Environmental Reserves. Bylaw No. 1137/11, a bylaw of Lacombe County authorizing the operation, regulation and control of off-highway vehicles on highways and municipal lands in Lacombe County was adopted in June 2012. Despite a number of ongoing initiatives regarding this issue information to date indicates there is no change in compliance and the impact of OHV's contravenes both the County Environmental Reserve Policy and Bylaw 1137/11.

Council was presented with a three stage action plan to address the impact of Off Highway Vehicles (OHV's) in the Wilson Beach, New Saratoga and McLaurin Beach Environmental Reserves.

### **Road Closure – Sylvan Lake**

Council was advised that in order to facilitate the purchase of 15.688 acres of land on Sylvan Lake the land was initially acquired as road right-of-way. As such, a property title was not issued in Lacombe County's name.

The property has now been registered as Road Plan 162 0291. The road is located through Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Plan 092 4467 (all within the E ½ 15-39-2 W5M. At this time Lacombe County will request that Alberta Transportation close Road Plan 162 0291 and issue a property title for the 15.688 acres in the name of Lacombe County.

By resolution of Council the County Commissioner was authorized to proceed with the process for the closure of Road Plan 162 0291 and that this proposal be circulated to interested parties for comment; and further that a report on the comments and cancellation be presented at the February 25, 2016 Council meeting.

### **Five Year Business Plan**

By resolution of Council the County Commissioner was directed to investigate what the development of a five year business plan would involve with regard to staff resources, etc.

### **Recreational Funding**

By resolution of Council the County Commissioner was directed to prepare a report regarding:



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- 1) Capping Recreational Funding
- 2) Obtaining Ten Year Capital Plans from County Urbans
- 3) The Status of the Lacombe County Recreation Plan
- 4) The Operation of County Recreational Facilities – Fish Ponds, Parks, etc.
- 5) Historical Information on Recreational Funding

This report will be presented at a future Council meeting.

**Bylaw 1211/15 – Council Procedural Bylaw**

By resolution Council reaffirmed Bylaw 1211/15, a bylaw of Lacombe County to provide for the orderly proceedings of Council meetings and the transacting of business by the Council of Lacombe County; and further, that all Councillors follow the intent of the bylaw with regard to phoning into meetings.

**Agriculture/Economic Development Tour**

By resolution of Council the County Commissioner was directed to prepare a report on the undertaking of a one day agriculture/economic development tour of Lacombe County.

**Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS)**

By resolution of Council the County Commissioner was directed to set up an information session with ALUS, the local landowners who have expressed interest and the Gull Lake Stewardship Society to determine what is involved in the ALUS program and if there is interest in participating in the ALUS program.

**Cost of Services – West Side of City of Lacombe**

By resolution of Council the County Commissioner was directed to present information on the cost of servicing the west side of the City of Lacombe and to the west side of QE11; and further, that this information be presented at a future Council meeting.

**Infrastructure Projects**

By resolution of Council the County Commissioner was directed to prepare a report on core infrastructure projects that could be undertaken due to the slow economy; and further, that this report be presented at a future Council meeting.

**Council Governance**

Alberta Municipal Affairs will provide three workshops to Lacombe County Council with regard to municipal governance. The workshops will be held April 5, May 17 and June 7, 2016.

**Next Regular Council Meeting is**  
**Thursday, February 28, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is**  
**Tuesday, April 5, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Lacombe County Administration Building**