

## Council Highlights

September 25, 2014

### **Long Range Construction and Supplemental Project Schedule**

Council was presented with the Long Range Road Construction Schedule for 2015 to 2019. Council was advised that as per Policy OP(2) the County's road construction program takes into consideration the long-term transportation needs of the County as well as smaller emergent projects that can be completed in a short time period. The needs of all areas of the County are given equal consideration when road construction programs are established. The Long Range Construction Schedule for 2015 to 2019 was approved by Council.

### **Bridge 01454 (Leedale) Repairs**

Council was advised that Bridge 01454 (Leedale Bridge) is a major bridge and is a pony truss structure across the Medicine River near the Leedale Colony. In May 2014 Alberta Transportation completed ultrasonic testing of this structure and it was found to have rotting piles which prompted a low rating advisory. Such an advisory means there is a hazardous condition or severe stress/deterioration which requires a high priority for replacement or repair. Inspection reports have been received and cost estimates have been prepared.

Council authorized the County Commissioner to tender and award the repairs to Bridge 01454 at an estimated total cost of \$ 55,000; and further, that the work be funded from the Bridge Reserve.

### **Medicine River Oil Recyclers – Construction Rge Rd 3-2**

Mr. Lodermeier informed Council that Medicine River Oil Recyclers wish to put a facility on the SE 34-39-3 W5M, approximately ½ mile south of the Rainy Creek Road.

The existing road (Rge Rd 3-2) has been identified as below standard to handle the type of traffic that would be utilizing the proposed facility. Medicine River Oil Recyclers are requesting permission from Lacombe County to upgrade the road.

Council authorized the County Commissioner to enter into a Road Development Agreement with Medicine River Oil Recyclers for the upgrade of Rge Rd 3-2 to a Local Gravel Road Standard for plus/minus ½ mile.

### **Lacombe County Environmental Management Plan**

Council was provided with an update on the Lacombe County Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The Plan was adopted by Council in March 2014. The EMP is the guiding document for providing direction to Lacombe County staff and Councillors for environmental management regarding County operations.

For the first year of implementation two priority areas will be focused on: 1) energy consumption, and 2) efficient use of water. A report was presented which provided an update on the six month goal for completion of items under these priority areas. The report was received for information by Council.

The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be discussed at the October 6, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting to provide feedback and ideas to guide future project planning through the EMP.

### **Parkland Regional Library Budget**

By resolution of Council the Parkland Regional Library Budget for 2015 was approved, providing for Lacombe County's membership fee in the amount of \$ 79,711.76.

**Organizational Meeting 2015**

Council is required to hold an Organizational meeting each year to select a Reeve, Deputy Reeve and make appointments to various committees and boards. In 2014 the Deputy Reeve and all committee and board representatives were appointed for a two year term. As such, only the selection of a Reeve and other business as required will be dealt with at the Organizational meeting. A resolution to hold the 2015 Organizational meeting on October 21, 2014 commencing at 3:00 p.m. was approved by Council.

**Lacombe & District Chamber of Commerce Banquet**

Council was informed that the annual Lacombe & District Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala will be held on November 13, 2014. Lacombe County sponsors the Farm Family Award each year and, as such, is provided two complimentary gala tickets. Council authorized the purchase of six additional tickets for the gala.

**Request to Purchase Portion of Township Road 41-2**

Council referred to the request received from Jerry Bauer to purchase a portion of Twp Rd 41-2 located north of NE 9-41-3 W5M. Mr. Bauer owns 1.13 hectares (2.79 acres) of land in the north east corner of NE 9-41-3 W5M. This request was presented at the August 28, 2014 meeting and by resolution of Council was tabled to the September 25, 2014 meeting.

In May of 1995 Mr. Bauer made application to place a mobile home and construct a shop on a subdivision located in the NE corner of the NE 9-41-3-W5M. The site plan for the application showed both the mobile home and shop located on private property. The MPC approved the mobile home and construction of a 2,400 square foot shop on June 21, 1995 subject to certain conditions.

In an inspection of the property in July 2014 by the County's Assessment Department it was noted that a new shop, the existing mobile home and a second shop are encroaching on the undeveloped road allowance to the north. A business is also being operated from this site.

A resolution that Lacombe County issue a licence of occupation for the existing encroachments (shop and mobile home) on the undeveloped road allowance for a limited time period of 30 years; and further, that the license of occupation be non-transferable was approved by Council.