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Council Highlights

October 23, 2014

CAPITAL PURCHASES 2015

Council was presented with a list of the proposed 2015 capital equipment replacement purchases which recommends the replacement of two 870G Graders, one Degelman Rock Rake, one Cat 275B Skid Steer, one Bobcat A770 Skid Steer, one Chev.1500 ½ ton and one Chevrolet 3500 Fencing Truck Mr. Lodermeier provided an overview of the components and costs of the recommended replacement units.

Further to the capital equipment replacement purchases the purchase of new capital equipment will be included in the 2015 operating budget. Mr. Lodermeier reviewed the proposed purchases, their cost, usage and the rationale for acquiring the equipment. Approval of these items will be considered by Council during the 2015 budget deliberations. A question period followed the presentation.

Council approved the proposed 2015 capital equipment replacement purchases as presented; and further, authorized the County Commissioner to tender and award the capital purchases for 2015 and to dispose of the used equipment.

LACOMBE REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES ASSOCIATION (LRFSA) BUDGET 2015

The LRFSA 2015 budget was presented for Council's consideration. The LRFSA Board of Directors endorsed the 2015 budget on October 8, 2014.

Council approved the 2015 operating budget for the LRFSA; and further, directed the County Commissioner to make the required provisions in Lacombe County's 2015 operating budget.

LACOMBE REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES ASSOCIATION STRATEGIC PLAN

Council was advised that a strategic planning session has recently been completed to determine the future of the Lacombe Regional Fire Service Association (LRFSA). Mr. Boras provided an overview of the recommendations for the future of the LRFSA resulting from the strategic planning session.

Council approved a resolution supporting, in principle, the concept of Lacombe County assuming responsibility for the regional fire protection services on behalf of the regional fire service partners; and further, that Lacombe County is willing to provide its proportionate share of support for this initiative. Council directed the County Commissioner to prepare and present a detailed proposal for the provision of fire protection for Council's future consideration.

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS/LACOMBE COUNTY WATER & WASTEWATER AGREEMENT

Council was informed that the servicing of the Aspelund Industrial Parks is now complete and Council has adopted a bylaw that governs the operation of this water and sewer utility. As such, an agreement between the Town of Blackfalds and Lacombe County for the supply of water and wastewater services requires approval. Council was provided with an overview of the agreement.

By resolution of Council the County Commissioner was authorized to enter into an agreement with the Town of Blackfalds for the provision of water and wastewater services to supply the Aspelund Parks Industrial subdivisions.



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BENTLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT – RAPID RESPONSE UNIT

Council was advised that Rapid Response firefighting vehicles have been placed in the County's district departments for the past twelve years. These vehicles are smaller units that carry water, a foam system, up to five firefighters and are used as the first response to all scenes. The Bentley Fire Department has requested that the County purchase one of these units for their use. These units can carry a compliment of men that meet a Rapid Intervention Team guideline suggested by the National Fire Protection Association.

By resolution of Council the County Commissioner was authorized to tender and purchase one Rapid Response Unit for the Bentley Fire Department as a cost of no more than \$ 250,000; and further, that the unit be funded from the Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant.

2015 SALARY AND WAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

The 2015 Salary and Wage Committee meeting will be held on October 31, 2014 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

POLICY CC(1) COUNCIL PERSONAL CODE OF CONDUCT

Council was presented with Policy CC(1) Council Personal Code of Conduct. A number of amendments to the policy were made. Policy CC(1) was subsequently approved by Council.

POLICY AD(24) RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE

Council was advised that Policy AD(24) Respectful Workplace has been amended to expand on Council and Councillor's responsibilities, as well as refining how complaints against a member of Council will be managed. Policy AD(24) was approved as presented.

CENTRAL ALBERTA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (CAEP)

Council was informed that CAEP is accepting applications for the 2014 Annual Achievement Awards. The County has been requested to make application for two awards, 1) Community Collaborative Project and 2) Quality of Life Improvement.

The application for the Community Collaboration Project would be the Ellis Bird Farm new visitor center. The Quality of Life Improvement application would be for the County's recreational trails as well as other recreational trail systems the County has partnered in. Council endorsed Lacombe County making application for the awards.