

Reeve's Report

For February 13, 2017 to March 7, 2017

February 13, 2017

Muni- Corr Ltd. held their monthly meeting in St. Paul. Jerry Bidulock was a delegation at this meeting where he informed Muni-Corr about ongoing issues with damage to gates and fences along the Iron Horse Trail at the Beaver River Trestle. Peace Officers from the M.D of Bonnyville are being asked to patrol the Beaver Trestle Crossing. Also on the agenda was information on a charity run that will take place on the Iron Horse Trail this year for the Ronald McDonald House.

February 15, 2017

The Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) agreed to have the Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) move forward with developing an action plan to create a promotional video of the region, and Administration is going to investigate possible funding from the Government of Canada Inter-Action Multiculturalism Funding Program for the project. The committee also agreed to recommend that all respective Municipalities transfer the 2016 Economic Development budget surplus to the Economic Development Operating Reserve.

February 16, 2017

At our regular County Council meeting Bernadette Dalpe was appointed as the Returning Officer for the 2017 General Municipal Election to be held on October 16, 2017 and Delores Jarema was appointed as the Substitute Returning Officer. Council also approved that the Smoky Lake County Safety Officer assist the County's Additional Named Insured: Smoky Lake Agricultural Society in creating an Emergency Response Plan for the Smoky Lake Agricultural Complex; including an Emergency Exit Plan for the building. Mons Lake Association's Playground equipment was approved to be ordered. Accurate Assessment Group was awarded a 5 year term contract as the Property Assessors for Smoky Lake County. The Annual Smoky Lake County Safety Meeting will be held on April 7, 2017, and the Central and Public Works Offices will be closed on that day. For more information on our Regular Council Meeting please visit our County Web Page.

February 17, 2017

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP had their 32nd Annual Municipal Law Seminar in Edmonton. Session topics included: Bill 21 - Planning and Development for the Future under the New Modernized Municipal Government Act, Alberta's New Carbon Levy with its overview of the potential impacts on Municipalities, Bankruptcy and Collection of Taxes Owing on Linear and Real Property and Machinery and Equipment assessments.

February 23, 2017

County Council held an extra Council Meeting to deal with Bylaw No. 1298-16: a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 1272-14, being the Smoky Lake County Land Use Bylaw for the purpose of rezoning the lands legally described as River lot 10 and River lot 11, Victoria Settlement, from "Victoria Agriculture (A1) District" to "Victoria Commercial (C2) District" This amendment was given THIRD and FINAL READING.

February 23, 2017

County Council: Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Planning Meeting was held with Jane Dauphinee, Senior Planner of Municipal Planning Services (2009) Ltd. in regard to the Victoria District Area Structure Plan. Council recommended incorporating changes to the plan such as, reducing the restriction of color size and shape of new housing being built in the Victoria District, to align with public feedback, and will revisit the revised plan at the next Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Planning Meeting.

February 23, 2017

Smoky Lake County and the Village of Waskatenau held a Joint Council Meeting to discuss the Intermunicipal Development Plan for Smoky Lake County and Village of Waskatenau, as well as the Municipal Green Fund Program, and a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for a former nuisance grounds. Jane Dauphinee, Senior Planner from Municipal Planning Services participated in the discussion.

February 27, 2017

Northern Lights Library Systems (NLLS) held a Policy Meeting in Elk Point to help Re-Write their Policy Manual. Several sections of the NLLS policy manual were reviewed and some changes were made to Policies on the Conditions of Employment, Staff Expenses and Reimbursement, Workplace Health and Safety, Code of Ethics and Governance just to name a few.

March 1, 2017

County Council: Committee of the Whole for the Purpose of Industry Liaison Meeting was held in Council Chambers with Industry Leaders Operating within our County to discuss: Road Bans - as per Bylaw 1225-11, Road Conditions - communication of road safety concerns, Repairs to Roads - protocol to avoid damage, and Dust Control - cooperation to alleviate safety concerns. Industry representatives in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions, relay concerns and provide updates in respect to their activities within Smoky Lake County.

March 2, 2017

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE at the Legislature was held to mark the Third Session of The Twenty-Ninth Legislature on this day. Her Honour, the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell Lieutenant Governor of Alberta delivered this speech. Among the many topics presented were: reducing school fees, capping electricity rates, and protecting Alberta's international trade interests. I was Honoured to be ask to attend this special event.

March 6, 2017

The regular Smoky Lake County: Fire Protection Services, Environmental Operations, Natural Gas, and Agricultural Service Board meetings were held. Some highlights were: the replacement of one of the Warspite Sewage Lift Pumps, a presentation from Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) that included a review of activities in 2016, and Fire Services Training Program agreement with Alberta Municipal Affairs.

March 6, 2017

A meeting with Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Mayors and Reeves Caucus and Provincial Leaders was held in Edmonton. Over 200 Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officer attended. The Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks & Minister for the Climate Change Office, Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development & Trade Deputy Government House Leader, and Honourable Brian Mason, Minister of Infrastructure Minister of Transportation Government House Leader all spoke at this event. The questions presented to our Ministers were focused on: Inter-Municipal Collaboration in the new Municipal Government Act, Economic Development, Broadband, Climate Change, Infrastructure and Water.

Sincerely,

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