



City of Lacombe

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

November 26, 2018

Presentations

Lacombe Police Commission Budget Reduction

Lacombe Police Service Chief Lorne Blumhagen expanded on a letter submitted by the Police Commission to Council requesting reconsideration of Council's prior reduction of \$50,000 from the 2019 Police budget. The Chief conveyed the Commission's message of relationship building with Council, as well as their current and anticipated challenges.

Chief Blumhagen discussed Lacombe's community safety, which rated very well nationally for low violent crime rate statistics (Crime Severity Index). He spoke about the increased policing resources now available to work with partner agencies in a proactive approach to service delivery, and the collective involvement of the Commission, Council and the Lacombe Police Service in service level discussions and multi-year budgets in 2020 and 2021.

Planning & Development Services

Bylaw 400.18 (Land Use Bylaw Update)

Council held a Public Hearing for Bylaw 400.18, which includes proposed amendments to Land Use Bylaw 400, with respect to new municipal standards for development set forth in the revised Municipal Government Act, April 1, 2018, consolidated edition.

No one spoke for or against the bylaw amendment. Council subsequently approved Bylaw 400.18 after giving it second and third readings as presented.

Corporate Services

Bylaw 419 (Urban Hens)

Council passed a resolution to approve Bylaw 419.1, which regulates the keeping of chickens in urban areas, after removing restrictions on the number of urban hen licenses available to residents. Program statistics will be reviewed annually.

Bylaw Enforcement Services Review

Council voted to increase the level of service for Bylaw Enforcement Services to include extended weekday hours and partial weekend service to the schedule.

Council & Legislative

Board and Commission Appointments

Council appointed Lynda Nicholls to the Municipal Library Board for a term ending December 31, 2021, Council also appointed Brian McLoughlin to the Municipal Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2021.

Transportation Services

Project Updates (Rail Safety Assessment and Active Transportation Plan)

Council accepted the Rail Safety Assessment and Active Transportation Plan update report as information.

Financial Services

2019 Capital Budget

Council passed a resolution to approve the 2019 Capital Budget with total projects expenditures of \$6,488,985 less the amount for project #14 (the design for a gravity storm connection between Lake Anne and Cranna Lake at a cost of \$120,000).

2019 Operating Budget

Council voted to reduce the Lacombe Police Commission Budget reduction from \$50,000 to \$25,000.

Council then adopted the 2019 Operating Budget with the change of a \$25,000 reduction in contributions to the General Capital Reserve, and an increase of \$25,000 to the Lacombe Police Commission budget funding from what was adopted at the budget workshop, excluding Department 51 (Social Services).

Council subsequently approved the 2019 operating budget for Department 51 (Social Services) as presented, with total expenses of \$534,193.

Community Services

Lacombe Performing Arts Centre

Council agreed to the Lacombe Performing Arts Centre Foundation's proposal in principle, with the amount of financial support to be determined once grant application decisions are received.

In the meantime, Council agreed to guarantee the mortgage and provide annual disbursements of up to \$50,000 subject to a building inspection to the satisfaction of the City.

Motion Out of Camera

Proposal

Council directed Administration to respond to the proposal received by advising that at this time an additional ice surface is not in the City's 10 Year Capital Plan.

- *The next scheduled Council Committee Meeting is on December 3, 2018, at 5 p.m.***
- *The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is on December 10, 2018, at 5 p.m.***
- *The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is on January 14, 2018, at 5 p.m.***