



City of Lacombe

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 26, 2017

Presentations

LPC/LPS Annual Report

Lacombe Police Commission Chair Bob Huff and Lacombe Police Service (LPS) Chief Lorne Blumhagen presented the 2016 LPS Annual Report to Council. They reviewed statistics that saw increased calls for service for property crimes, family disputes and injury collisions, and discussed the decrease in drug charges, impaired driving and break and enter incidents.

Revenues and expenditures, and the \$218 per capita cost for policing were outlined for Council information, along with reduced fine revenues. Bicycle patrols, a new service implemented by LPS, were also discussed. Chair Huff informed Council of the Commission's plans to host the Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference in Lacombe in April 2018.

Machinery and Equipment Tax

A local businessman made a presentation to Council requesting more information on the municipal tax levied to his business for Machinery and Equipment (M&E). He also requested Council to reassess the need for the M&E tax in general.

Council subsequently passed a resolution to deny the cancellation of the machinery and equipment tax for Bay 5 – 3413 53 Ave. Instead, Council will review the tax exemption for machinery and equipment during 2018 budget deliberations.

Planning & Development Services

Bylaw 443 (Iron Wolf Outline Plan – Road Closure)

Council held a Public Hearing for Bylaw 443, for the partial closure of part of Road Plan 952 3562 (an undeveloped road located southwest of 46 Street). No one spoke for or against the proposed bylaw. Council subsequently passed a resolution to approve Bylaw 443 after giving it second and third readings.

Bylaw 400.04 (LUB Amendments)

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 400.04, which proposes a number of amendments to Land Use Bylaw 400 to:

1. Rezone 4887 46 Street, Lot 1, Plan 822 1257 from Light Industrial (I1) to Heavy Industrial (I2) and to zone the Closed Road Plans 8251ET and 2401R as Light Industrial
2. Regulate election signage including, the locations, size, timelines, etc. for municipal, provincial and federal elections

Council then directed Administration to hold a public hearing for Bylaw 400.04 on Monday, July 24, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Recreation, Parks & Culture Services

Greenspaces Review Update

Council passed a resolution to approve the revised City of Lacombe Subdivision Design Guidelines as presented, and directed Administration to develop policy to support the proposed funding development strategies.

Financial Services

Municipal Indicator Graphs

Council accepted the 2015 Financial Indicators Graph for the City of Lacombe as information. This document is prepared by Alberta Municipal Affairs, and compares similar-sized municipalities.

My Taxes at Work (Brochure)

Council endorsed the proposed *My Taxes at Work* brochure as a new public information tool for publication in 2018, using 2017 budget expenditures.

Planning & Operations Services

Snow Removal Services Review

Council accepted the Snow Removal Services Report as information.

Community Street Lighting

Council directed Administration to bring forward a proposed phasing plan, including costs, to modernize street lighting in the area between 56 Avenue and 50 Avenue, and between 58 Street and 53rd Street, for Council's consideration during the 2018 budget deliberations.

Backhoe RFP

Council awarded the 2017 rubber tire backhoe loader RFP as specified, with extended warranty and trade-in of Unit #303, to Finning Canada - Red Deer for \$132,380.

Transportation Services

Highway 12 Bridge Inspection

Council awarded the Level 2 inspection RFQ for the Highway 12 bridge structure over Wolf Creek to WSP Canada Inc for \$3000, using funds from the Roads Reserve.

Council & Legislative

H.R. Policy Updates

Council approved the Attraction, Selection, Promotion and Retention Policy, the Staff Training and Development Policy, the Attendance and Leave Policy, the Employee Benefits and Wellness Policy, effective June 26, 2017.

Council went In Camera to discuss land, legal and personnel matters.

Motions Out of Camera

Land

Council passed a resolution to approve \$8,000 for the repair of sewer cross-connections.

Legal

Council directed Administration to enter into a special event letter of agreement.

****The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is on July 24, 2017, at 5 p.m.***

****The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is on August 28, 2017, at 5 p.m.***

****The next scheduled Council Committee Meeting is on September 5, 2017, at 5 p.m.***