

November 10, 2016

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2016

Onoway & District Historical Guild Receives Grant Funding

Lac Ste. Anne County Council approved an additional \$4,000 in supplementary grants for the Onoway & District Historical Guild in 2016, at the regular Council meeting November 10, 2016. Council values the community volunteer organizations who operate community facilities promoting great programs and services available to all ratepayers.

The Onoway & District Historical Guild is one such organization, operating the Onoway Heritage Center, the hub of many activities in the east end of the County. At the September 8th, 2016 meeting, the Historical Guild approached Council to request additional grant funding for the Onoway Heritage Centre to supplement the grant received in 2016 as part of the Recreation Program & Facility Enhancement Program.

Letter of Support for Riparian Health Assessments on the Sturgeon River

At the regular Council meeting November 10, 2016, County Council requested that a letter of support be forwarded to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance backing their application, to the Federal Environmental Damages Fund, to complete riparian health assessments on the entirety of the Sturgeon River. These assessments will assist with identification of high-priority riparian management zones requiring restoration, improvement, or protection. This work will benefit the County's Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) outreach activities to focus on these higher priority areas. Lac Ste. Anne County is a participant in the Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance (SRWA), on behalf of whom this application is proceeding.

Council is pleased to support this initiative in support of the environment and preservation of local fresh water resources.

Support for Alberta Community Partnership with Town of Mayerthorpe

Lac Ste. Anne County has signed a letter of support for a grant application to the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant for the further development of an Inter-municipal Collaboration Framework with the Town of Mayerthorpe. This framework will highlight and formalize existing collaborative work between our communities, as well as providing a forum for the municipalities to work more closely together to better manage growth, coordinate service delivery, and optimize resources for citizens.

The framework will address inter-municipal land-use planning and how servicing will support development, as well as regional service delivery and funding.

Temporary Road Closure

Lac Ste. Anne County has placed a temporary road closure on Range Road 91 north of Hwy. 18 for 1.6 kilometres (see map below). The access will be barricaded for the duration of the closure. Lac Ste. Anne County believes in taking a strategic approach to monitor expanded unmanaged recreation use (motorized off-road vehicles) on many of our undeveloped road allowances. With the significant amount of moisture the County received this year, many of these areas are now environmentally sensitive to vehicular traffic that could affect the integrity at a base level.

These undeveloped road allowances are not maintained for motor vehicle access and with this in mind, temporary road closures are implemented to mitigate risks to user safety and degradation of the area. Should you have further questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at **1-866-880-5722**.

