



For Immediate Release

Council Notes

June 21st, 2016

- 1. PCN Presentation.** Council had a presentation from the McLeod River Primary Care Network as they explained what the group does and the support they offer. Their team approach to health and the services they offer. For more information residents are encouraged to visit www.mcpcn.ca
- 2. Lions Park Lands.** Council has given first reading to a pair of bylaws to close a portion of unused roadways in Lions Park for the purpose of consolidation with the existing Lions Park lot. Public Hearings have also been set for August 23rd, 2016 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.
- 3. Anti-Drug and Alcohol Policy.** Anti-Drug and Alcohol Policy No. H-L-8 has been approved by Council. The purpose of the policy is to outline the Town's policy for substance abuse, detail expected behaviours, discuss substance dependency and provide employees with clear expectations when it comes to drug and alcohol use.
- 4. Deputy Mayor.** Council has appointed Councillor Chouinard as Deputy Mayor following the first regular meeting in July to the first regular meeting in November.
- 5. STARS Funding.** Edson Council has made a 2016 funding commitment to STARS Air Ambulance, on behalf of its residents, for \$2 per capita to come from unrestricted surplus. The funding will be added to the Protective Services budget on an annual basis for future years.
- 6. CN Invoice.** Payment of a CN Invoice for \$71,099.59 has been approved. The invoice stems from an agreement on the funding of upgrades to the CN Rail crossing required at 63rd Street.
- 7. ANRTA Funding Request.** Council has decided to bring the funding request for the Alberta Northern Rockies Tourism Alliance to the Council Retreat in the fall for further consideration. In the meantime, the Communications Coordinator will continue to participate with the group in an advisory/informational role.
- 8. Lions/Kinnettes Toy Run.** Council has approved the 2016 Toy Run scheduled for August 27th, 2016 and the proposed route.
- 9. Summer Festival Street Closures.** Road Closures for the 2016 Chamber of Commerce Summer Festival have been approved. This includes 50th Street between 1st and 6th Avenues, with the exception of the 2nd and 4th Avenue intersections, along with portions of 3rd Avenue.
- 10. Commemorative Bench Program.** Council has approved the new Commemorative Bench Program, which will allow the opportunity for residents to honour a family member or friend who has passed. The program will allow for up to 12 new plaques/benches per year.

11. **Grant Application.** Town Council has endorsed a grant application for the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. If approved the money would assist in the completion of the Hillendale Phase II Park.
12. **Property Tax Exemption.** Council has authorized the cancellation of the McMann Youth, Family and Community Services Association building property taxes for 2016. The building will also be granted tax exemption status effective for the 2017 tax year for three consecutive years.

Next meeting - The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held June 28th, 2016 at 10:00am. The next Council Meeting will be July 19th, 2016 at 7:30pm.

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