

**For Immediate Release**

# Council Notes

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- 1. Delegations.** Council heard from representatives of the Friends of Edson District Fieldhouse Society. The group provided a summary of their activities since inception, and was seeking guidance on their role going forward with the announcement of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for construction of a new multi-use recreation complex.

Council also received a presentation from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) regarding caribou range planning and an economic impact assessment.

- 2. Regional Assessment Review Board.** Council gave all three readings to the Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw. In 2017, the Town of Edson became part of an Inter-Municipal Assessment Review Board with the Town of Hinton, Town of Grande Cache and the Specialized Municipality of Jasper. This bylaw ensures compliance with legislative changes in the Municipal Government Act and ensures the board can operate effectively.

The following members to the Regional Assessment Review Board;

- Johann Coetzee to a two-year term starting April 1st, 2018,
- Janet Mews-Karasek to a three-year term starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018,
- Jenna Altrogge as the Designated Clerk for the Board for a one-year term starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018,
- Nigel Knight as Designated Chair of the Board for a one-year term starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

- 3. Regional Elder Abuse Letter.** Council agreed to submit a letter to the Ministry of Seniors and Housing to request a continuation of funding for the Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to elder abuse in Alberta. The Town of Edson has been a partner in the CCR initiative for the past 2.5 years, working closely with the Regional Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator, and sees the program as a huge benefit to the region.
- 4. CN Crossing Concerns.** In accordance with Section 98 of the Grade Crossing Regulations, Edson Town Council has declared the regular obstruction of the grade crossings at Ansel Tower Road, 54<sup>th</sup> Street, and Willmore Park Road as a significant safety concern to the Town. It's hoped this move will allow further discussions to take place with CN and the Federal Government to help mitigate these concerns.
- 5. School Resource Officer.** Administration has been directed to engage the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division and Living Waters Catholic School Division in the creation of a minimum three-year funding agreement for the Edson RCMP School Resource Officer position. The position has been in operation since the 2016/2017 school year with great success working with local youth and helping them deal with a variety of issues. The cost of the position is approximately \$107,000/year and has been covered approximately 50% by the Town of Edson and Yellowhead County (through the Revenue Sharing Agreement), 30% by GYPSD, and 20% by Living Waters School Division.

6. **Library Financials.** Council accepted the 2017 Financial Statement for the Edson and District Public Library for information.

**Next meetings - The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 am. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers.**

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