

## **Highlights**

### **January 9, 2018 Council Meeting**

#### **Resolution to Increase Crown Prosecutor Staffing Levels for Rural Municipalities**

– Council approved a resolution encouraging the Government of Alberta to increase crown prosecutor staffing levels as well as relevant administrative staff for rural communities and collaborate with rural communities to ensure that court cases are being sufficiently prosecuted in a timely manner. The resolution will be presented at the Zone meeting and if approved will be brought forward at the AAMD&C spring convention for further support in March.

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Strategic Plan** – Council approved the fourth quarter of the 2017 Strategic Plan which can be viewed on the County website.

**Coyote Reduction Program** – The Ag Service Board started receiving coyotes at the beginning of November and to date have received 350 coyotes, which is slower compared to the past years of this program. The program will continue until the end of March or until the budget has been expended.

**Utility Bylaw** – Council approved Bylaw No. 2018-01, which is an amendment to the Utility Bylaw to provide clarification on the obligation of residents to pay non-consumption related fees for periods where a service has been disconnected. The amendment to the bylaw is based on a legal opinion.

**Automatic Withdrawal for Utility Billings** – Beginning in April, utility customers will have the option of having their water and sewer payment automatically withdrawn from their bank account on a monthly basis. Application forms will be mailed to all utility customers with their February bill. The monthly withdrawal will be the actual invoice amount. It will not be pro-rated.

**Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)** – The County is looking for two board members to sit as members-at-large on the SDAB along with the Council members appointed to the Board. This board is called upon when there is a subdivision appeal or an appeal by a ratepayer on a development permit and fulfills the vital function in achieving the goals of orderly, beneficial and economic development set out in Part 17 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA). Training will be provided for board members.

**Summer Students** – The County is looking for Summer Students to start the beginning of May in various departments throughout the municipality. Positions include Administration, Parks and Public Works Labourers. Resumes can be dropped off at the County Office or at the Public Works Shop.

#### **Funding Support:**

- \$3,000 – St. Paul Pickleball Club for pitching machine
- \$12,936 – STARS

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