



## **Council Highlights April 23, 2024**

### **Proclamation for Emergency Preparedness Week, May 5-11, 2024**

Council declared May 5-11, 2024, as Emergency Preparedness Week with this year's theme - Be Prepared, Know Your Risks.

### **March 2024 Variance Report, Capital Report and Reserve Summary**

General Manager Hardinge presented the 2024 Variance Report to Council.

Councillor Stitsen moved that Council accept the 2024 Variance Report, Capital Report and Reserve Summary as information.

### **2023 Audited Financial Statement**

County Auditor Jeff Alliston, of Metrix Group, presented the Audited Financial Statement.

Councillor Fox-Robinson moved that Council accept the 2023 Audited Financial Statement as information.

### **2024 Tax Rate Bylaw 57-2024**

Council reviewed the Tax Rate Bylaw 57-2024 following presentations at previous Committee of the Whole meetings.

Council gave 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading to the Property Tax Rate Bylaw 57-2024.

### **Recreation Needs Assessment and Facility Master Plan – Engagement Plan**

Community Services Coordinator Finnegan introduced the contractor, RC Strategies who will be completing the Recreation Needs Assessment and Recreation Facility Master Plan. They explained the process that will be followed to complete the plan.

Councillor Skuban moved that Council accept the Recreation Needs Assessment and Recreation Facility Master Plan – Engagement Plan as presented.

Councillor Fox-Robinson moved that Council appoint the GM of Planning and Community Services and the Community Services Coordinator from Administration and Reeve Wiese and Councillor Cloutier from Council to the Recreation Needs Assessment and Facility Master Plan Steering Committee.

### **Tender Replacement Update**

Chief Administrative Officer Kulbisky informed Council that a complete and thorough investigation was conducted and the appropriate authorities including the RCMP were contacted regarding the March 11, 2024 tender incident. The unit was deemed a total loss by the County's insurance provider and the County will receive \$50,207 less the deductible of \$5K for a net amount of \$45,207.00. Administration has a coverage plan in place for the interim period while a replacement tender is sourced out.

Councillor Provencal moved that Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer's Tender Replacement Report as information.

### **RMA Wildfire Working Group – Letter of Support**

RMA is creating a Wildfire Working Group and have invited Westlock County to participate in this Working Group.

Councillor Fox-Robinson moved that Council direct Reeve Wiese to sign the Letter of Support for CAO Kulbisky to be appointed to the RMA Wildfire Working Group.

### **Airport Navigation Improvement Tender**

Administration received tenders for phase two of the Westlock Regional Airport Improvement Project which will include navigational lighting and general electrical upgrades. Select Engineering Consultants Ltd, evaluated each tender received on the criteria set out in the tender document and recommended North Star Electrical Services for the contract.

Councillor Stitsen moved that Council award the Airport Navigation Improvement contract to North Star Electrical Services in the amount of \$622,806.10.

### **Next Council Meeting May 14, 2024**