



## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS** January 13, 2009

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**#1 Emergency Response Policy for Peace Officers** – Council agreed to an Emergency Response Policy for Peace Officers. The municipal policy was required by the provincial Solicitor General to allow for limited authority for Peace Officers to use their Emergency Response equipment (previously there was no authority). The authorized uses will allow Peace Officers to support Police and other emergency services when requested. “It’s clear and concise, which is just what we needed,” Councillor Larry Richter said.

**#2 Disaster Services Mutual Aid Agreement** – Council agreed to new Peacetime Disaster Services Mutual Aid Agreements with some area municipalities. The agreements updated ones already in place and articulated how mutual aid will be administered by neighbouring municipalities should it be required. During a disaster (wildfire, flood, industrial leak, etc.) resources needed may exceed those already in place by Yellowhead County, or our nearby municipalities. Therefore it is imperative to have these agreements to provide faster response times, a clear line of responsibility and less bureaucratic confusion. Council voted to support agreements with the towns of Hinton, Grand Cache, Edson and Jasper. Agreements with Parkland and Brazeau County are already in place. Yellowhead County is currently in the process of updating their mutual aid agreements with all neighbouring municipalities.

**#3 Assessment Appeal Fee Adjustment** – Council approved an adjustment to the Administration Fees Bylaw in order to comply with new provincial legislation. Previously, the assessment appeal fee had been \$100 per appeal. Single-family residential and farmland appeals have now been capped at \$50 per appeal. All other non-industrial appeals (multi-family, non-residential and machinery and equipment) will remain at \$100 per appeal. Industrial assessment appeals will also remain at \$100.

**#4 Planning and Development** – Council held a public hearing regarding Bylaw 36.08, an application to redistrict part of the NW and SW 16-53-22 W5M from Rural Industrial to Forestry District. CCS Energy Services had previously been approved by the county to build an industrial landfill on the site; however the company has found a more suitable location and wished to revert this land back to its original designation. There were no written or in-person objections to the bylaw. Council gave the bylaw second and final reading.

**#5 Briefs, Briefs** – Council agreed to write a Letter of Support for the Pembina Valley Golf Club in their application for the Alberta Lottery Funds - Major Facilities Grant in the amount of \$200,000. The club plans to build a new clubhouse as well as complete other upgrades for a total cost of \$400,000. The group is looking to raise the rest of the money through fundraising and

other options. Council received an invitation from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance for a forum of rural municipalities within the North Saskatchewan watershed. They agreed to send Councillor Cheryl Bissell. Council also selected Councillor Lavone Olson to sit on the Mary Reimer Regional Park Society. The next council meeting will be held on January 27, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

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