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February 13, 2007

Council approved a request from the Westlock Local Science Council to sponsor a plaque for a winner in one of the competitive categories.

Council received a copy of a letter to Premier Ed Stelmach from the Municipal District of Big Lakes regarding the cost of tourism signs under the Sign-Up Alberta program. The letter is in opposition to the requirement for small tourism operators to pay for installation of new signs. Council directed Administration to research the matter and bring additional information back to Council on the program conditions.

Council received a letter from Pembina Hills Regional Division regarding commencement of a process to consider closure of the Vimy Junior High School program. Council will not be preparing a presentation, however, individual Councilors may attend the meeting.

Council received a presentation from Joe Bath, FCSS Director, relating to the accumulated FCSS deficit, and steps currently being taken to address the deficit.

Council passed a resolution to authorize the County to participate as a member of the North Central Regional Partnership Society, to further pursue partnerships to enhance shared service delivery with neighboring municipalities.

Council passed a bylaw to revise the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) to reduce the administrative requirements of the agreement in relation to permitted uses in the IDP area.

Council discussed the potential of a contribution to a proposed study for the construction of a new recreation facility for Town and County residents. The matter was tabled to the next meeting of Council for more information.

Council discussed the recent Provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference hosted in Edmonton. In particular, Council commended Environmental and Community Services Director Dennis Mueller and Supervisor of Agricultural Services Jacolyn Tigert for their work in hosting the very successful conference.

Council passed third reading of bylaws to provide for the subdivision of two country residential parcels on NE 6-60-24 W4M. Council also gave first reading to bylaws to allow subdivision of an existing acreage on SE 5-59-26 W4M to create two country residential parcels; subdivision of one additional country residential parcel on SW 28-61-

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02 W4M; subdivision of one additional country residential parcel on Part of SE 3-60-27 W4M; and subdivision of NE 33-58-24 W4M, containing 149.11 acres, into two equal-sized parcels.

Council has invited engineers Stewart Weir to attend the February 27th meeting of Council to discuss the design of the Dapp water system.