



### **Change to Deadlines for Council Meeting Agenda Items**

The deadline for citizens to submit items for inclusion on the Council Meeting Agenda is

**12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the meeting.**

## **Contract for arena repairs approved**

*The winter sports season will go ahead.*

Summer is just starting, but winter sports are on the City's agenda in preparation for the 2015/2016 hockey, figure skating and curling season.

At the May 29th Special Meeting, Mayor and Council awarded a contract to Trane Northwest to replace the refrigeration systems in the Memorial, Kin and Curling rinks with a Freon based system.

After debating the merits of the two bids received, Trane Northwest's bid was approved. Two factors gave Trane the edge: all the electrical components would be new and the refrigeration plant for the Kin Arena would have sufficient capacity to extend into the warmer fall and spring seasons.

One key component in the Trane bid of \$1,648,231 was an 18 week completion schedule allowing for a modified season for the Kin and Memorial Arenas and a complete season for the Curling Rink.

The Memorial Arena/Curling Rink will have a 170 tonne plant and the Kin Arena will have a 100 tonne plant. Both will have a 1 year parts and labour warranty and a 5 year parts warranty.

All ice plant mechanical and electrical components will be new. This proposal specifies a complete demolition and replacement starting at the main power switch for each building with no reuse included.

Energy efficient options include the ability to reduce the compressor usage to match demand. This could potentially reduce the amount of power used by up to 80 percent.

A power upgrade by BC Hydro will be required in both buildings in order to accommodate the new ice plant equipment. The cost of this work is estimated at \$50,000 to \$75,000 and will be completed by the City.

The original budget of \$2,219,500 was approved and covers the cost of the Trane Northwest bid, BC Hydro upgrades and the TMF Consulting fees. A contingency fund of \$456,269 will be held in variance for the project.



# Council Sets an Ambitious Plan

## Four year Strategic Plan sets out priorities and actions for the term

City Council has established a strategic plan that will guide the City until 2018. "This is a clear and effective course that will take the City forward in a healthy and sustainable way," said Mayor Dale Bumstead.

The 5 areas of focus are fiscal responsibility and sustainability, infrastructure, quality of life and community development, the economy and the City's organizational capacity. Council has developed a set of actions for each area of focus.

### 1. Fiscal Responsibility and Sustainability

Council has already succeeded in extending the Fair Share M.O.U. with the provincial government which has been renamed as the "Peace River Agreement" and has adopted a corporate vision that reflects its strategic focus. Council has also developed a clear statement of

purpose for its Fiscal Gap Initiative that includes core values and guiding principles and Council will set targets for buy-in by internal and external stakeholders and review the City Services Policy in detail. City Admin has been given the task of developing educational materials to help community members understand the Fiscal Gap Initiative.

### 2. Quality Sustainable Infrastructure

The Tangible Capital Assets Project currently underway will continue and Council will review and approve Phase 2 of the Tangible Capital Assets Management Plan.

### 3. Community Development and Quality of Life

The Official Community Plan will be brought to the community for a review and update in 2016.

### 4. Vibrant and Diversified Economy

Council plans to review the City's commitment to Tourism and its contract with Global Entertainment since renamed "Spectra Venue", the company that operates the Encana Centre for the City. In addition, Council is looking at the possibility of hiring an Economic Development Officer.

### 5. Organizational Capacity

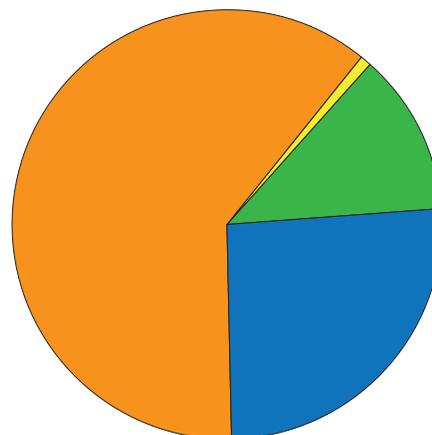
Faced with retirements among staff, Council has asked for an assessment of organizational needs along with a plan for retention and succession of staff to be completed in 2016.

"We are looking forward to reviewing the Official Community Plan with all our stakeholders," said the Mayor. "That is an exciting process that guides Council in its decisions and is so important to the future of our city."

## CITY TAX COLLECTION

In 2015 the City will collect about \$26.1M in taxes. Many of the tax dollars go to other agencies, 61% goes to funding City related services with the other 39% going to other agencies. (26% goes to the Province for school taxes, 12% goes to the Regional District and Regional Hospital District and about 1% goes to the Municipal Finance Authority and BC Assessment Authority). Your tax notice highlights how much you pay to each agency.

**MUNICIPAL:**  
\$15,929,853  
61%



**MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY & BC ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY:**

\$167,116  
1%

**REGIONAL DISTRICT & REGIONAL HOSPITAL:**

\$3,304,854  
12%

**SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

\$6,706,050  
26%

### Notice of Real Property Taxes Deadline

## DUE JULY 2, 2015

By close of business 4:30pm July 2, 2015

To avoid a 10 per cent late penalty payment, taxes must be paid no later than July 2, 2015.

Date of postmark is not payment date.



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