

# **Council Highlights December 9, 2025**

growing opportunity

#### **Council Resolution Follow Up Action Report approved**

Council approved the December 9, 2025 Follow Up Action Report.

#### 2026 Interim Operating and Final 2026 Capital Budget Approved

Administration presented both draft budgets to Council at the December 2 and 3, 2025 Budget deliberation meetings. Council approved the Interim 2026 Operating Budget of \$22,896,004 and gave final approval for the 2026 Capital Budget of \$7,552,204 supporting twenty two projects.

# Policy 7300-001 Community, Facility, Recreation, and Tourism Grant Program approved

Administration presented recommended amendments to Policy 7300-001, adjusting the application deadlines to be more evenly distributed over the course of the year, reducing longer gaps and improving access for applicants. This also established a formal process for community groups to request reallocation of previously awarded funds in response to changing needs. Council approved Policy 7300-001 with the amendments.

## Council appointed members and approved Bylaw 77-2025 Establishing an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) Review Committee

Council approved the Terms of Reference of the Town of Westlock and Westlock County Intermunicipal Development Plan Review Committee as presented. They also gave all three readings and passed Bylaw 77-2025. They appointed Reeve Christine Wiese, Deputy Reeve Isaac Skuban, and Councillor Francis Cloutier to the committee for Westlock County.

### Council gave first reading for Council Procedural Bylaw No. 78-2025

At the December 9, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting, Administration presented proposed changes to the current Procedural Bylaw (Bylaw 44-2023), which provides for the orderly proceedings of Council and Committee meetings of Westlock County. Administration will bring it back at the January 13 Committee of the Whole Meeting with the recommended amendments for Council's consideration prior to second and third reading.

### **Next Council Meeting January 13, 2026**