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County Invites Public Feedback for Outdoor Recreation Area Development

The County of Grande Prairie invites residents from across the region to provide their feedback on plans for an outdoor recreation area just south of Grande Prairie, north of the Wapiti River and east of Highway 40. An open house runs 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on November 2 at Evergreen Park's ENTREC Centre. The County will present the Plan with the project background and timeline, and seek input on the proposed recreation amenities.

Phased over 10 years, the Wapiti Recreation Area Management Plan will remediate 130 hectares of depleted gravel leases and transform the site, creating a low-impact multigenerational outdoor recreation area with new habitat and ecosystems.

“Outdoor recreation and greenspace are top priorities for residents, so our goal is to develop a safe area where active lifestyles and environmental stewardship co-exist,” said Christine Rawlins, Parks & Recreation Manager. “The open house will ensure local citizens and user groups have a strong voice in deciding what that recreation area looks like.”

The proposed plan includes trails for snowshoeing, walking and cycling; fishing; and a picnic and day-use area. Other possibilities include connectivity to a trail system from Clairmont to Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park, tobogganing, camping, an off-leash dog park, an outdoor classroom and an Indigenous component. Hunting and motorized activities will not be allowed, as activities must minimize disturbances to land and wildlife.

For more information about the open house and project, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/wapitirecplan.

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