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### *Grande Prairie Celebrates New Pound*



*From left to right: County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Councillor Leanne Beaupre, Grande Prairie Wapiti MLA Wayne Drysdale, Grande Prairie and District SPCA Chair Laurie Fisher, City of Grande Prairie Mayor Dwight Logan*

The grand opening of the regional pound in Grande Prairie today highlights a valuable partnership between The City, The County, the Municipal District of Greenview and the SPCA.

The City and County own the new pound building, which is attached to the SPCA building through a common property owned by a condo association, The City, County, and Grande Prairie and District SPCA are shareholders. The land where the facility is located was purchased by the SPCA.

"I am thrilled to see this project come to fruition," says Mayor Dwight Logan. "Not only will this building provide much-needed space to enhance animal care, it is the product of an important collaboration that will continue to benefit our area."

The SPCA is contracted to operate the pound on behalf of the Municipalities.

“It is very satisfying to finally see this project completed,” says County Reeve Everett McDonald. “It was almost 10 years ago that the County partnered with the SPCA to build the pound, then the other partners came on board and we have a facility that services the whole region.”

The new pound will add an additional 54 kennel spaces, as well as an office and garage bay, allowing for more quarantining areas to help prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

“On behalf of the SPCA, I’m very pleased and excited about the City/County Pound opening,” says Laurie Fisher, Chair of the Grande Prairie and District SPCA. “It relieves some of the spacing pressure from the shelter.”

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