



City of Grande Prairie

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Area Communities Receive Emergency Response Funding

The City of Grande Prairie, County of Grande Prairie, Towns of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, Wembley and the Village of Hythe have received \$230,000 to help develop a regional emergency response plan.

A one-time grant from the Alberta Emergency Management Agency will be used to assist with the three-year regional project, which will address how significant emergency situations will be addressed on an inter-municipality basis, including providing training opportunities.

“We are committed to ensuring Albertans are safe and secure,” says Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs. “That is why I am so pleased that the Government of Alberta can support a project that brings our municipalities together and contributes to our goal of building strong communities.”

The Directors of Emergency Management from the six municipalities formed the Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership and have been in the planning stages over the past two years.

“We appreciate that the province is supporting this unique project and we expect that this could be a model for other municipalities,” says City of Grande Prairie Mayor Dwight Logan.

Each municipality has its own response plan. With this project, one regional plan will be developed and the communities have committed to join forces in case of a disaster.

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By working together we will be able to respond better in the event of an emergency or disaster,” says County of Grande Prairie Reeve Everett McDonald.

The grant funds the plan co-ordinator position held by Jennifer Wood. She has begun working with the municipalities to create and implement the plan.

“I have enjoyed working with the regional municipal leaders to develop the plan,” says Wood. “It is exciting to be part of charting a new course in emergency preparedness for the region and taking a leadership role in the province.”

Colin Lloyd, Executive Director of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency, presented the funding on behalf of Minister Danyluk.

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