

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD AT COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1 COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008
10:00 a.m.**

PRESENT

CHAIRMAN

E. MCDONALD

COUNCILLORS

**F. LOWEN
L. DUECK
R. HARPE
J. O'TOOLE
L. BEAUPRE
S. NELSON
M. ECKSTROM
P. JACOBS**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MGR. LEGISLATIVE SVCS.
PUBLIC WORKS SUPT.
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
RECORDING SECRETARY**

**W. A. (BILL) ROGAN
DIANNE NELLIS
HERB PFAU
JOHN SIMPSON
SHIRLEY MELNIKEL**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the singing of O Canada.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that item 29.1, Tender Results for Bridge Files 6920 and 13147, and item 29.2, Request for Letter of Support for Funding Application for Bikehawks Mountain Bike Club, be added to the agenda and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

MOTION CARRIED 05-722-08

**MINUTES
MAY 5, 2008**

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the minutes of May 5, 2008, be amended on page 14, resolution 05-695-08 to indicate that the resolution was by L. Beaupre and that the minutes be amended on page 14 resolution 05-697-08 by amending the resolution to read "that the 2008 budget be approved with a 9.7% reduction in the residential tax rate and a 2.7% reduction in the non-residential, linear and machinery and equipment tax rate, and there be no change from the 2007 tax rate for farmland", and that the minutes be accepted as amended.

MOTION CARRIED 05-723-08

**BEAVERLODGE LIONS
CLUB BEAVERLODGE
CHILD DEVELOPMENT
CENTER CHEQUE
PRESENTATION**

Bill Nychka and Joyce Martin of the Beaverlodge Lions Club were presented with a cheque for the Beaverlodge Child Development Centre in the amount of \$50,000.00, by Councillors Jacobs and Dueck. Lesley Nielsen-Bjerke, Communications Officer, captured a digital image of the presentation.

Reeve McDonald advised that Mr. Nychka was one of the recently recognized Volunteers of the Year in the Beaverlodge area.

**PUBLIC HEARING
BYLAW 2847 WEST
CLAIRMONT AREA
STRUCTURE PLAN
23-72-6-W6M**

Mr. Nychka thanked the County of Grande Prairie for the assistance towards the Beaverlodge Child Development Centre and stated this will help to reduce the loan on the facility considerably.

MOVED BY J. O'TOOLE that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments on Bylaw 2847 to amend the West Clairmont Area Structure Plan affecting 23-72-6-W6M.

MOTION CARRIED 05-724-08

The Public Hearing commenced at 10: 05 a.m.

John Lehnert of Beirsto Lehnert Ketchum Engineering Ltd. was in attendance on behalf of the applicant/developer.

Nick Lapp, assisted by Lindsay Garrett, presented the proposed amendment to the Area Structure Plan (ASP) for the West Clairmont Area. Mr. Lapp advised that the purpose of the ASP is to provide a framework for the subdivision and development of Section 23-72-6-W6M.

Mr. Lapp stated that the Municipal Development Plan for the County requires that area structure plans be prepared for industrial development. The preparation of ASP's for industrial development in this area of the County is critically important as the area is proposed to be serviced with municipal water and sewer services and it is important to ensure the coordination of these services with transportation networks and other surrounding land uses. The Plan is consistent with provisions of the Municipal Development Plan. In addition, the Subdivision and Development regulations require that ASP's be prepared for multi-parcel subdivisions within ½ mile of a highway. The plan is also consistent with the Subdivision and Development Regulation.

The plan provides a concept of overall land use in the area. The major amendment being proposed is to change the future land use designation within the west area of the plan from residential to industrial. It is contemplated that the entire plan area will now be developed for a combination of industrial and commercial use. Highway and Medium industrial uses comprise a majority of the plan area with some Comprehensive Commercial uses contemplated in the south half of the plan area to take advantage of frontage along future major arterial roadways. Landscaped buffers with screening and berming are to be provided along the west boundary of the plan area adjacent to future and existing residential areas. Municipal reserve in the area is to be provided as a combination of land and cash in lieu of land. Some requirements for land as MR have been identified through the provision of a trail system providing pedestrian linkages through the plan area and adjacent to lands identified for a storm water pond.

Water and sewer services are to be extended through the plan area. Storm water management is required for both quality and quantity control. The plan area consists of 4 separate drainage basins.

A number of methods are proposed for which Alberta Environment must ultimately approve.

Access to the area will be provided from an internal looped road system designed to accommodate commercial and industrial traffic. All roads in the area will be developed to County standards including pavement. The plan is consistent with the overall transportation strategy for the area.

The plans have been shared with various agencies during preparation. The plan reflects the comments made by the various agencies.

Alberta Environment responded stating that the proposed subdivision is located in the reach of Clairmont Lake and Ferguson Lake and all permanent developments should be flood proofed to the 1:100 year elevation. Natural drainage shall be maintained.

Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) has responded stating that it has determined that wells exist within the area of the application and that these meet the recommended setback distance. ERCB has determined these pipelines are licensed as sweet or have ERCB Level 1 sour designation and for these pipelines there is no regulated setback distance, however, the right-of-way must be observed.

Dave Richards of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation responded stating that it would appear that the final ASP has addressed the outstanding concern the Department had and the ASP will be forwarded to the Edmonton Office for final review and recommended endorsement.

One written comment was received from an adjacent land owner and a copy of the correspondence was provided to Council.

Staff recommended that the West Clairmont Area Structure Plan be given 2 readings and be forwarded to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation for approval prior to 3rd reading.

There was considerable discussion regarding the provision for walking trails in an industrial area.

Concerns were expressed with regard to the drainage basins and plans, and testing of water from holding ponds prior to entering Ferguson Lake.

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at 10:33 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED 05-725-08

MOVED BY L. BEAUPRE that Bylaw 2847 to amend the West Clairmont Area Structure Plan be given first reading.

MOTION CARRIED 05-726-08

**EXPROPRIATION
REQUEST ACCESS TO
NW 29-73-2-W6M**

MOVED BY R. HARPE that Bylaw 2847 be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED 05-727-08

Mr. Jamie White was in attendance to speak to his request for the County to expropriate land from NW 30-73-2-W6M to permit access to NW 29-73-2-W6M.

Herb Pfau, Superintendent of Public Works, provided Council with the history leading to the request by Mr. White and also provided a map of the site.

Mr. White summarized the history of having access to the site in the past as well as information regarding his contact with the current owner of NW 30 over the past few years, as well as recent contact to purchase the land required for access.

Mr. Pfau cautioned that this request, if approved, may be precedent setting.

Mr. White stressed that he required the access to allow for the movement of equipment so he may maintain his lease land. Maintenance of the land with hand tools brings the cost up and the value is not in the cattle.

There was discussion regarding the costs associated with expropriation of land and the willingness of Mr. White to pay a portion of these costs.

There was some discussion regarding the use of tax dollars for the benefit of one person and Mr. White advised that a second adjacent land owner would also benefit.

There was some discussion regarding mediation between the two parties to resolve the access issue.

Reeve McDonald advised that an opinion regarding expropriation has been sought and received from legal counsel and will be discussed during the in camera session.

Mr. White left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

**REGIONAL WATERLINE
STUDY**

Steve Madden, Environment Manager, was in attendance to present the Draft Report for the South Peace Regional Water Feasibility Study.

MOVED BY S. NELSON that the County of Grande Prairie participate as a member in the Regional Waterline group and encourage the group to pursue efforts for water from the Peace River.

MOTION CARRIED 05-728-08

**REQUEST FOR TIME
EXTENSION
PT. NE 36-73-4-W6M**

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the request for extension for registration of subdivision in part of NE 36-73-4-W6M be refused.

MOTION DEFEATED 05-729-08

**BYLAW 2845
RURAL ADDRESSING**

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the request for extension for registration of subdivision in part of NE 36-73-4-W6M be approved to January 26, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED 05-730-08

**ROAD IMPROVEMENT
FEE
ZONE 4**

MOVED BY R. HARPE that Bylaw 2845 to provide and implement a Rural Addressing System be given third reading and finally passed.

MOTION CARRIED 05-731-08

**REQUEST FOR DUST
CONTROL AT COUNTY
EXPENSE
TOWNSHIP ROAD 704A
BETWEEN RANGE
ROADS 72 AND 73**

Council was provided with information from John Simpson, Director of Planning, regarding an update and background of the Zone 4 Transportation Levy.

MOVED BY L. BEAUPRE that the update and background on the Zone 4 Transportation Levy be accepted as information.

MOTION CARRIED 05-732-08

**97TH STREET
CLAIRMONT STREET
PAVING TENDER
RESULTS**

Council was provided with a copy of written requests from residents for the application of dust control, at the County's expense, on Township Road 704A between Range Roads 72 and 73.

MOVED BY R. HARPE that no action be taken on the request for the application of dust control, at the County's expense, on Township Road 704A between Range Roads 72 and 73.

MOTION CARRIED 05-733-08

Councillor Beaupre left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**FOSTER RESOURCE
ROAD PROJECT
TENDER
RANGE ROAD 100
FROM HIGHWAY 43 TO
SECONDARY HIGHWAY
667**

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the low tender in the amount of \$2,961,176.93 received from Knelsen Rock Products GP Ltd. for the street paving on 97th Street in the Hamlet of Clairmont, be accepted and that Administration prepare a contract for same.

MOTION CARRIED 05-734-08

**SPRING LAKE ROAD
TENDER**

MOVED BY F. LOWEN that the low tender in the amount of \$264,215.00, received from D. Harms Contracting for the Foster Resource Road Grading Project, on Range Road 100, from Highway 43 to Secondary Highway 667 be accepted and that Administration prepare a contract for same.

MOTION CARRIED 05-735-08

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the low tender in the amount of \$5,505,245.46, received from Wapiti Gravel Suppliers Ltd. for the Spring Lake Road (Range Road 100) Paving Project, north of Highway 59 to the Correction Line, be accepted and that the funds be expended from two terms (2009 and 2011) of Division 7 construction budget and any balance be transferred from the Resource Road Reserve or the Infrastructure Reserve.

MOTION CARRIED 05-736-08

Councilor Beaupre returned to the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

**BEAVERLODGE
ELMWORTH HUALLEN
RECREATION AND
CULTURE BOARD
GRANTS AND
RECOMMENDED 2ND
DRAW DATE**

MOVED BY P. JACOBS that the following recreation grants be approved:

RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
Beaverlodge Minor Baseball	\$2,024.00
Red Willow Boys and Girls Camp	\$2,500.00
Beaverlodge Skating Club	\$3,000.00
Mountview Curling Club	\$2,000.00
South Peace Centennial Museum	\$9,000.00
TOTAL	\$18,524.00

and that the balance of grant funds available be set aside for a second draw to be held in the October of 2008 with the spring grant recipients not being eligible.

MOTION CARRIED 05-737-08

**SEXSMITH LAGLACE
TEEPEE CREEK AREA
RECREATION AND
CULTURE BOARD
GRANTS**

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the following recreation grants be approved:

RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
Sexsmith Skating Club	\$1,000.00
Teepee Creek Parent Advisory	\$4,500.00
Teepee Creek Communities in Bloom (Park)	\$1,000.00
Teepee Creek Student Council	\$1,200.00
Sexsmith and Area Community Centre	\$4,811.00
Sexsmith Gymnastic Club	\$2,500.00
Sexsmith Sabres Football	\$5,000.00
Twilight Ceramics and Crafts	\$3,000.00
Robert Zahara Public School	\$3,000.00
St. Mary's Catholic School	\$2,000.00
LaGlace School	\$3,825.00
TOTAL:	\$31,836.00

and that the Beaverlodge Pony Club not qualify for funding for the Sexsmith LaGlace Teepee Creek area due to funding received from the Hythe Demmitt Valhalla Centre Recreation and Culture Board and that the \$3,000.00 be deferred to the 2009 Recreation Board budget.

MOTION CARRIED 05-738-08

**REQUEST FROM
SEPARATE SCHOOL IN
SEXSMITH**

MOVED BY L. BEAUPRE that correspondence be forwarded to the Grande Prairie Separate School Division thanking them for the opportunity to participate in community facilities in the new school in Sexsmith and advising that the County will not participate at this time.

MOTION CARRIED 05-739-08

MOVED BY L. BEAUPRE that Administration bring forward a policy on school requests for community facilities funding for review by Council.

MOTION CARRIED 05-740-08

**AWARDS COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Councillor Eckstrom presented the options for plaque design and Council was also provided with information and recommendations regarding recognition, promotional items and County branding.

MOVED BY P. JACOBS that recognition, promotional items and County branding be brought back to a future agenda.

MOTION CARRIED 05-741-08

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the County of Grande Prairie accept the Plaque design which is locally produced and that Administration provide an estimate on the quantity required to date.

MOTION CARRIED 05-742-08

RECESS

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the meeting recess for lunch at 12:02 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED 05-743-08

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

IN CAMERA

MOVED BY J. O'TOOLE that the meeting go in camera at 1:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the process for Provincial Park designation, a legal opinion on an expropriation request, the Pipestone Dino Park and the request to acquire lands and the request to expropriate lands.

MOTION CARRIED 05-744-08

OUT OF IN CAMERA

MOVED BY F. LOWEN that the meeting come out of in camera at 2:48 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED 05-745-08

**REQUEST FOR
EXPROPRIATION**

MOVED BY R. HARPE that Administration contact the individuals who are involved in the access issues at NW 29 and 30-73-2-W6M and offer mediation services up to \$3,000.00 subject to participants paying ½ of the costs.

MOTION CARRIED 05-746-08

**RIVER OF DEATH AND
DISCOVERY**

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the County contact MLA, Wayne Drysdale to pursue a meeting with Premier Stelmach to discuss the River of Death and Discovery Project.

MOTION CARRIED 05-747-08

**SALE OF LAND
TO ALBERTA
INFRASTRUCTURE AND
TRANSPORTATION**

MOVED BY L. BEAUPRE that 0.42 acres of Lot 5PUL, Plan 892 0592 be sold to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation for \$1.00 in consideration for the purpose of expanding the intersection of Highway 40 and Secondary Highway 668.

MOTION CARRIED 05-748-08

**LETTER TO REEVE
BRAZEAU COUNTY**

MOVED BY L. BEAUPRE that correspondence be forwarded to the Reeve of Brazeau County indicating appreciation for their support in sending Terry Flemming to offer information on their process to obtain Provincial Park designation and offering to reimburse Brazeau County for associated traveling expenses.

MOTION CARRIED 05-749-08

**CEMETERY FUNDING
REQUESTS**

MOVED BY L. BEAUPRE that Administration bring forward a policy on contributions to active cemeteries and that the policy include recommendations for annual funding contributions.

MOTION CARRIED 05-750-08

Councillor Eckstrom left the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and returned at 1:18 p.m.

Councillor Harpe left the meeting at 1:44 p.m. and returned at 1:44 p.m.

**SPRING CREEK
CEMETERY
REOPENING**

MOVED BY L. BEAUPRE that the application for the re-opening of Spring Creek Cemetery be submitted to Alberta Government Services and that Jack O'Toole's name be provided as the contact person responsible for cemetery record keeping for an interim period, pending the submission of another contact person.

MOTION CARRIED 05-751-08

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the required soils testing and surveying for Glen Leslie Cemetery, Salem Mennonite Cemetery, and Hilltop Cemetery be completed and that the funds required be transferred from General Revenue.

MOVED BY L. BEAUPRE that the requests for funding from cemeteries be tabled.

MOTION CARRIED 05-752-08

**MONTHLY
STATEMENTS ENDING
MARCH 31 AND APRIL
30, 2008**

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the monthly statements ending March 31, 2008, and April 30, 2008, be accepted as information.

MOTION CARRIED 05-753-08

**REQUEST FOR COUNTY
TO JOIN NORTHERN
ALBERTA MAYORS
AND REEVES CAUCUS
AND PAY MEMBERSHIP
FEE**

MOVED BY J. O'TOOLE that the County of Grande Prairie continue with membership in the Northern Alberta Mayors and Reeves Caucus and that the requested membership fee of \$300.00 be submitted.

MOTION CARRIED 05-754-08

**SHAWN WALDRON
MEMORIAL GOLF
CLASSIC SEPTEMBER
12, 2008**

MOVED BY P. JACOBS that the two registration packages for the Shawn Waldron Golf Classic be offered to staff and Council members wishing to attend, and that two names be selected from those names put forward.

MOTION CARRIED 05-755-08

**ALBERTA EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
AGENCY MINI FORUM
JUNE 3, 2008**

Council was provided with information regarding the Alberta Emergency Management Agency Mini Forum being held in Grande Prairie on June 3, 2008, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Bernie House, Director of Protective Services and Parks, suggested that the Mini Forum would be a good session for Council members to attend, if scheduling permits.

**LOT 13MR BLOCK 1
PLAN 072 8608
LICENCE OF
OCCUPATION TO
MAINTAIN LANDS**

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the County of Grande Prairie enter into a License of Occupation for the maintenance of Lot 13 MR, Block 1, Plan 072 8608.

MOTION CARRIED 05-756-08

MS WALK

MOVED BY S. NELSON that the County of Grande Prairie contribute \$100.00 towards staff participation in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk being held on May 24, 2008.

MOVED BY P. JACOBS that the request for contribution by staff for participation in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk being held on May 24, 2008, be tabled for further discussion regarding a policy for requests by staff for contribution.

MOTION CARRIED 05-757-08

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were provided to Council:

- a) Correspondence from Alberta Forestry Products;
- b) Sexsmith Playschool Society thank you;
- c) Correspondence from the Honorable Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Alberta Emergency Management Agency new services;
- d) FCM 2008 call for applications for new Energy GMF Funding opportunity for green buildings;

MOVED BY L. BEAUPRE that Administration research funding opportunities for the modifications to the County Administration Offices under the Energy New GMF Green Buildings Program.

MOTION CARRIED 05-758-08

- e) Information with regard to the Beaverlodge Rural Crime Watch Program.

MOVED BY R. HARPE that Bernie House, Director of Protective Services and Parks, investigate if there is an interest in having the Beaverlodge Rural Crime Watch Program re-established and discuss the possibility of this with the RCMP and report back to Council.

MOTION CARRIED 05-759-08

BRIDGE FILE TENDERS

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the low tender received for replacement of Bridge File 6920 (W/NW 1-73-8-W6M) and Bridge File 13148 (S/SE 9-74-9-W6M), from Gross Ventures Ltd., in the amount of \$1,533,793.00 be approved subject to the approval of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.

MOTION CARRIED 05-760-08

BRIDGE FILE TENDER

MOVED BY S. NELSON that the low tender received from Rulam Contracting Ltd., for culvert replacement and other work on Bridge File 13147 (S/SE 9-74-9-W6M), in the amount of \$389,822.50, be accepted, subject to the approval of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.

MOTION CARRIED 05-761-08

**REQUEST FOR LETTER
OF SUPORT**

MOVED BY L. BEAUPRE that correspondence be forwarded to Bikehawks Mountain Bike Club in support of their application for funding through the Community Facilities Enhancement Program.

MOTION CARRIED 05-762-08-

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

**100TH ANNIVERSARY
AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Councillor Eckstrom advised that she attended a 100th Anniversary Committee meeting and an Awards Committee meeting.

**CONOCO PHILLIPS
MONTROSE CULTURAL
CENTRE**

Councillor Eckstrom stated that she attended the Conoco Phillips meeting and cheque presentation to the Montrose Cultural Centre.

**FINANCIAL
COMMITMENT TO DINO
PROJECT BY CITY OF
GRANDE PRAIRIE**

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that correspondence be drafted for presentation to the City of Grande Prairie requesting that they provide a matching financial commitment in writing to the County of Grande Prairie for the River of Death and Discovery Project, and that this correspondence be provided after the joint City/County meeting of June 11, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED 05-763-08

**FIRE AT MORGAN'S
MOUNTAIN**

Councillor Eckstrom passed on a thank you to Protective Services for advising of the fire at Morgan's Mountain.

**HERITAGE PARK IN
TEEPEE CREEK**

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that Administration contact Mr. Gordon Mackey with regard to having the Heritage Park at Teepee Creek in the name of the County of Grande Prairie.

MOTION CARRIED 05-764-08

**ASSESSMENT REVIEW
BOARD WORKSHOP**

Councillor Nelson advised that she attended the Assessment Review Board Workshop in Grande Prairie and found some of the legal issues discussed very interesting.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY
BARBEQUE**

Councillor Nelson advised that she also attended the Health and Safety Barbeque at the County Office.

**CLAIRMONT SCHOOL
TOUR**

It was the general consensus of Council that the Clairmont Community School tour be booked for June 11th, 2008, after the City/County meeting.

**ASSESSMENT REVIEW
BOARD WORKSHOP**

Councillor Lowen advised that he attended the Assessment Review Board Workshop in Grande Prairie and that it was very informative.

**GRANDE SPIRIT
FOUNDATION**

Councillor Harpe provided an update on the Grande Spirit Foundation and the status of the various facilities.

**RENT SUPPLEMENTS
GRABNDE SPIRIT
FOUNDATION**

Councillor Harpe also advised that Grande Spirit Foundation is currently providing 482 rent supplements which equates to assistance to 1300 persons. The maximum supplement is \$600.00 per family.

**GLOBAL PETROLEUM
SHOW AND CAREER
EXPOSITION**

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that authorization be provided for Councillor Harpe to attend the Global Petroleum Show and Career Exposition in Calgary from June 10 to 12, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED 05-765-08

**ARB SEMINAR
SEXSMITH/COUNTY
MEETING**

Councillor Dueck advised that she attended the Sexsmith/County meeting, the 100th Anniversary Committee meeting, a Recreation Board meeting and the Assessment Review Board Workshop.

**BUILDING CANADA
FUND ANNOUNCEMENT**

Councillor O'Toole advised that he attended the announcement at Canada Place for Building Canada, the successor to Canada Alberta Rural Municipal Infrastructure Funding (CAAMRIF), with Economic Development Officer, Walter Paszkowski.

Councillor Dueck left the meeting at 3:59 p.m. and returned at 4:00 p.m.

**LINE PAINTING AND
CRACK SEALING
TENDER**

MOVED BY J. O'TOOLE that the low bid for line painting and crack sealing tender as submitted by Alberta Highway Services, in the amount of \$202,200.00 be accepted and that the project be completed in conjunction with the M.D. of Greenview.

MOTION CARRIED 05-766-08

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY J. O'TOOLE that the meeting adjourn at 4:02 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED 05-767-08