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County Hires Recreation Manager

The County of Grande Prairie welcomes Brad Gilbert as the new Recreation Manager. Brad has relocated from Sioux Lookout, Ontario where he served as the Manager of Community Services.

The decision to create the position stems from the findings of the Parks & Open Spaces Study completed in 2007. “The study recommended the creation of a Parks department,” explained Bernie House, Director of Protective Services, Parks and Recreation. “Brad’s experience will only enhance what the County is doing as we continue to expand our role in recreation.”

Some of Brad’s duties include planning and implementing recreation programs, the operations of County recreation facilities and parks, liaising with community groups and partners on needs and development. He will also be part of the planning team for the new sportplex to be built in Clairmont.

The County operates 8 parks and campground facilities, including Saskatoon Mountain, Pipestone Creek, Hommy, Kleskun, Demmitt, Bear Lake, Red Willow and Valhalla. Seven of these parks offer overnight camping, while Saskatoon Mountain offers day use only. The County also leases the Old Bezanson Townsite to the Bezanson Agricultural Society, which operates a campground and day use area. The County maintains playgrounds in a number of subdivisions and is responsible for numerous municipal and environmental reserves.

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