

Council Highlights



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February 4, 2013

Tire Marshalling Grant – Everett MacDonald, MLA Grande Prairie-Smoky presented two cheques on behalf of Alberta Recycling Management Authority in the amount of \$56,692 to the County Council. The grant will be used to upgrade the tire recycling areas at the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management and the West Grande Prairie Regional Landfill. See joint news release, “**Tire Marsalling Grants to benefit County of Grande Prairie No. 1.**”

Grande Prairie Region bid to host Special Olympics – Holly Sorgen, Lorraine Gabriel, and Frank Daskewich on behalf of five Grande Prairie Rotary Clubs provided an overview of Grande Prairie region’s bid to host the 2015 Special Olympics Alberta Winter Games. Council agreed to write a letter of support and also appoint a representative to be part of the 2015 Special Olympics planning committee if the bid is successful.

Development Permit – Council approved a Development Permit for the development of an Accessory Building that will be used as a pole shed for dry storage in a Rural Industrial-Direct Control (RM-DC) District located approximately 10 miles north east of LaGlace along Hwy 724 and Rge Rd. 75.

15th Annual Swan Festival – Council approved the motion to contribute a cash donation of \$1,500 and \$150 silent auction item for the 15th Annual Swan Festival Opening Event that will be held in Grande Prairie at Centre 2000 on April 20th.

Highway 2 and 43 Traffic Safety Concerns – Herb Pfau, County Superintendant of Public Works updated Council on recent correspondence with Alberta Transportation in regards to a proposed speed reduction along highway 2 in the Clairmont Area. Council approved the motion to write a letter to the Alberta Ministries of Transportation and Infrastructure with regards to poor visibility and a lack of space between lanes to handle large loads at several intersections along highway 2 and 43.

Further discussion prompted Council to approve the motion to write a second letter to address the need for an improvement to Highway 43 from Bezanson to Wembley. Council also requested that Alberta Transportation install signs along Highway 43 in the problem areas warning drivers of the bumps and potholes on the road.

Council Meeting Relocation during Chamber Renovations – The Council Chambers will be undergoing renovations starting in April 2013 until late fall. Council approved motion to hold all Council Meetings and MPC Meetings at the Emergency Operations Centre located at the County Community Services Building while the Council Chambers are being renovated.

County Human Resources Report – Charlotte Bierman, County Human Resources Coordinator presented the County Health, Safety and Human Resources Annual Report for 2012 to Council.

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County Pictorial Coffee Table Book – County Economic Development Officer, Walter Paszkowski made a presentation regarding the creation of a Pictorial Coffee Table Book for the County. Council approved the motion to create a Pictorial Coffee Table Book which comprises of photos from all areas from the County.

Wapiti Corridor Planning Society – Steve Madden, County Environment Manager presented information regarding the development of the Wapiti River Watershed Terms of Reference (TOR) to Council. An open house to discuss the TOR and gather the public's feedback on the TOR is being held on February 11 at Muskoseepi Park in Grande Prairie.

Wapiti River Scoping Study – Council approved a motion for two Councillors and two County staff members from administration to attend in the Wapiti River Scoping Study Structure decision making workshops on February 12 and 13 on behalf of the County of Grande Prairie. The Scoping Study is a portion of the framework required to complete the Wapiti River Water Management Plan.

Diamond Jubilee Medal Ceremonies – Council congratulated Everett Cooke, County Fire Chief; Superintendent of Enforcement Services, Stuart Rempel; and County nominated community members Elizabeth Sheehan and the late Raymond Boyer for receiving Diamond Jubilee Medals for their outstanding dedication and service to the community.

Next Council meeting is on February 11, 2013.

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