

# Council Highlights



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## January 14, 2013

**2014 Alberta Fire Chief Association Conference** – County Fire Chief, Everett Cooke; and City of Grande Prairie Fire Chief, Dan Lemieux announced the successful bid to jointly host the 2014 Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Annual Conference. The conference will take place from June 7-11, 2014. See news release, “**Grande Prairie Region to host 2014 AFCA Conference.**”

**2013 Capital Assistance Grants** – Council announced that the County will be providing financial support in the amount of \$330,000 for major capital community grants (50k+) and \$558,000 for capital assistance grant projects (5-50k) within the region. See news release, “**County hands out over \$888,000 in grants.**”

**New staff introduction** – County Council and staff welcomed Larry Smith. Larry will be working as a shop mechanic for the Public Works department.

**County Brand Concept** – Bruce Schollie and Dwayne Holland of Focus-Schollie Branding Team presented to Council the proposed brand concept as recommended by the Branding Advisory Committee. Council approved a brand concept for the County of Grande Prairie. The brand concept is used as the foundation in establishing a brand strategy, visual identity and tagline.

**Wild Pink Yonder Charitable Society** – Rusty and Jane Hurl made a presentation to Council about Alberta Cancer Foundation’s Wild Pink

Yonder – a fundraiser where “Riders of the Wild Pink Yonder” ride into 23 Alberta communities on pink covered horseback drawn wagons to raise money for breast cancer research. Wild Pink Yonder expressed interested in riding through County communities. They will also be holding a contest called the “Pinkest Little Town in the West,” that towns they visit can enter that gives towns the opportunity to raise money for breast cancer while going “wild and pink” for a chance to win a free music concert or party.

**Public Hearings** – Council held a public hearing on bylaw 2680-13-002 to redesignate 21.72 hectares of land located approx. one mile south of Sexsmith adjacent to Twp Rd. 732 and Rge Rd. 60 from Agricultural District to Rural Industrial – Direct Control (RM-DC). This would allow for subdivision of one lot for industrial use. The bylaw did not receive second reading.

Council held a public hearing on bylaw 2680-13-003 to redesignate 5.67 hectares of land located within Clairmont adjacent to Twp Rd. 730 and Rge Rd. 63 from Agricultural District to Country Residential (CR-5) to allow for subdivision of one lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing on bylaw 2973. Shiloh Holdings Ltd. requested to close and consolidate Road Plan 812062 located 8120642 located within Lots 1 and 4, Plan 812 0642; and Lots 2A, Block 1, Plan 122 2840: all located within SW-30-72-04-W6M. Council gave the bylaw first reading in order to forward the application to Alberta Transportation for approval.

**Next Council meeting is on January 21, 2013.**

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