

Council Highlights



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March 25, 2013

New Fire Truck Purchase – County Council and Fire Service announced the new fire tender that will enter service at the Dunes Fire Station. The new fire truck will provide additional water to the County Fire Service when combatting fires in areas that are not equipped with hydrants. See news release, “**County Fire Service Unveils New Fire Truck for Dunes Fire Hall.**”

Reel Shorts Film Festival – County made a motion to contribute \$2,800 for the Reel Shorts Film Festival that will be taking place May 1-5, 2013 at the Second Street Theatre and the Muskoseepi Pavilion in Grande Prairie.

The Reel Shorts Film Festival is a non-profit, charitable organization; and production of Grande Prairie Live Theatre. A committee of volunteers from the Grande Prairie region puts on the festival with a mission to celebrate short films and the filmmakers who make them by screening gems of storytelling brilliance from around the world, across Canada, and in the Peace Region. They also showcase Peace Region filmmakers which helps grow the filmmaking community and provide opportunities for youth.

Wild Pink Yonder – Council made a motion to cover the costs of providing lunch for Wild Pink Yonder riders for the five-day event; and explore the option of housing the horses in stables at Evergreen Park.

Wild Pink Yonder is a fundraiser for the Alberta Cancer Foundation 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 interest in riding through County communities. They will also be holding a contest called the “Pinkest Little Town in the West,” that the towns they visit can enter giving them the opportunity to raise money for breast cancer while going “wild and pink” for a chance to win a free music concert or party.

Administration Building and Shop Upgrades – Council awarded the tender for the County Administration Building upgrades and Shop expansion to Johnson Builders in the amount of \$3.82 million.

Line painting and crack-sealing Tender – Council awarded the tender for line painting and crack-sealing of County roads for 2013 to R & N Maintenance in the amount of \$268,694.18.

Alberta Sand and Gravel Association – Teri Muhlbeier on behalf Alberta Sand and Gravel Association (ASGA) made a presentation on the ASGA Truck Registry Program to Council. The ASGA requests that all counties or municipalities with aggregate operations join the Truck Registry Program. This program requires the operator have their operational trucks registered as a condition of their development permits or as a condition of the haul road agreements.

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ASGA is the aggregate industry in Alberta that represents thousands of employees. The ASGA is focused on the orderly and responsible development of Alberta's aggregate resources, promoting high standards of workmanship and accountability related to the environment and to the safety of its operations.

West County Watershed Society – Cathy Newhook, West County Watershed Society President provided a progress report to Council on the West County Watershed Society's efforts.

West County Watershed Society is a community-based organization consisting of local producers, recreational users and community members that works in close partnership with the County of Grande Prairie among other agencies to create awareness and take action through public education programs and participation to improve water quality and riparian health in the Beaverlodge River watershed.

Campground Firewood Tender – Council awarded the tender for firewood for County Parks and Campgrounds for 2013 and 2014 to Flintstone Forestry in the amount of \$87,000.

Family Care Clinic for Clairmont – Council made a motion for a committee be formed consisting of select staff from County Administration and Council to explore the option of building a family health care clinic in the community of Clairmont. Council will also write a letter to Alberta Health Services and the local MLA asking for their involvement and support in the construction and location of the building.

Civic Awards and Volunteer Recognition Dinner – Council approved motion to contribute \$500 to the 3rd annual Civic Awards and Volunteer Recognition Dinner that will take place on April 24 at the Beaverlodge Community Centre.

2013 Philip J Currie Dinosaur Ball – Council made a motion to donate \$5,000 to the Pipestone Creek Dinosaur Initiative's annual Dino Ball. "An Evening in Paris" will be taking place at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre in Grande Prairie on June 22. All proceeds raised at the Ball will go towards the Philip J Currie Museum Capital Construction Fund.

National Volunteer Appreciation Week Luncheon – Council made a motion to donate a door prize in the amount of \$150 to the National Volunteer Week Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon & Leaders of Tomorrow Awards that will be taking place at the TEC Centre at Evergreen Park on April 26.

Next Council meeting is on April 8, 2013.

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