

Council Highlights



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March 4, 2013

Alberta Transportation Update – Trent McLaughlin, Alberta Transportation Regional Director and Henry Surowaniec, Operations Engineer presented a report on the provincial roads and bridges that lie within the County. Council discussed the need for improvements and regular maintenance to various primary and secondary highways, intersections, and bridges that are within County boundaries to enhance traffic safety. Council also requested that Alberta Transportation respond more promptly in removing dead animals off highways.

Staff Introduction – County Council and staff welcomed Stacey Dechief. Stacey will be working as a Help Desk Technician for the Information Systems department.

Canadian Society for Unconventional Resources – Kevin Heffernan, President of the Canadian Society for Unconventional Resources (CSUR) made a presentation on the nation's, province's and the County of Grande Prairie region's current and future state of unconventional resources. Council brought forth their concerns regarding the use and disposal of the Peace Region's potable water in the hydraulic fracking process and its possible negative implications on the environment. Heffernan discussed the organization's long term plan to protect our groundwater.

CSUR is a non-profit organization that encourages the development of the country's unconventional hydrocarbon resources such as natural gas from coal; tight gas sands and carbonates; shale gas; gas hydrates; and light tight oil. CSUR strives to increase communication between the industry and the provincial and federal governments, stakeholders and First Nations.

Energy Resources Conservation Board – Leanne Chartrand from the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) addressed Council's questions regarding their concerns over supply and quality of the Peace Region's potable water.

The ERCB is an independent quasi-judicial agency of the Government of Alberta whose mission is to ensure that the discovery, development, and delivery of Alberta's energy resources take place in a manner that is fair, responsible, and in the public interest.

5th Annual Diamond Dinner & Fashion Show – Council approved a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society to host their 5th Annual Diamond Dinner & Fashion Show for Breast Cancer. The proceeds from the event will go to the Canadian Cancer Society for breast cancer research. The event will be held at Saskatoon Lake Hall on May 4, 2013.

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Hythe Community Centre – Council approved a motion to write a letter of support for the Hythe Community Centre’s application for a Community Initiative Program Grant.

Bylaw 2974 – Council gave bylaw 2974 third and final reading. Bylaw 2974 is a road use agreement that protect the integrity of municipal roads for things such as well servicing and completions, and water, soil and logs hauls.

Equipment purchase – Council awarded the tender for the purchase of a pre-owned pull type scraper to Rocky Mountain Equipment in the amount of \$89,796.

Next Council meeting is on March 11, 2013.

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