



MINUTES

County Council
Regular Meeting

County of Grande Prairie No. 1

April 29, 2013 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, April 29, 2013

Start time : 10:00 AM

Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Council Chambers

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Present were:

County Council

- Brock Smith
- Harold Bulford
- Leanne Beaupre
- Lois Dueck
- Mary Ann Eckstrom
- Richard Harpe
- Ross Sutherland
- Sharon Nelson

Absent:

- Pat Jacobs

Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

Directors Group

- Arlen Miller
- Herb Pfau
- John Simpson
- Noreen Vavrek

Legislative Services

- Amanda Oravec
- Sheryle Runhart

Communications

- Lesley Nielsen-Bjerke
- Jennifer Rubuliak

Media

- Brad Whisker (Big Country FM)
- Kristen Gorek (DHT)
- Jeff Hensen (Free FM)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #CM20130429.1001

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to approve the agenda for the April 29, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/04/29) as presented.

CARRIED

NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (NADC) 50TH ANNIVERSARY PLAQUE PRESENTATION

(PRESENTATIONS AND
INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20130422001)

Plaque presentation from the County of Grande Prairie congratulating the NADC on their 50th Anniversary which was on March 29, 2013.

Cathy Goulet, Executive Director, and Andre Harpe were in attendance to accept the plaque from Reeve Beaupre.

The Northern Alberta Development Council advances the causes for Alberta's North. NADC's mandate is to help the region's 150 communities and 350,000 people realize their rich potential and strengthen their diverse economies. The NADC Council is made up of a dedicated group of provincial and local leaders and staff tasked with producing quality regional development information, supporting education and skills enhancement programs and building strategic partnerships.

Reeve Beaupre read some background on the various developments that the NADC has helped the County with and commented that they are our strongest Northern lobbyist.

Reeve Beaupre thanked Ms. Goulet and Mr. Harpe and presented them with the plaque. Photos were taken with Reeve Beaupre, Ms. Goulet, and Mr. Harpe. Mr. Harpe thanked Reeve Beaupre and commented that it was a pleasure to work with the County of Grande Prairie on various developments.

It was also noted that NADC had asked for input from the Grande Prairie area and they now have a large list of priorities for this area.

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

(PRESENTATIONS AND
INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20130423007)

The Agricultural Fieldman, Sonja Raven, introduced the following staff members:

Dennis Bobocel: new Lead Mower (returning from last year);

Jo Coupland: Lead Weed Inspector (Seasonal, 5 years returning)

Kim Robson: Seasonal Sprayer (4th year returning)

Reeve Beaupre welcomed back all of the seasonal staff from the Agriculture Department.

WEED INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT

(PRESENTATIONS AND
INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20130423008)

Ms. Raven noted that all Weed Inspectors for the County of Grande Prairie must be appointed by Council.

Jo Coupland is the Lead Weed Inspector for 2013. Under the Weed Control Act of Alberta she requires appointment as a Municipal Weed Inspector; this will allow her to enforce the Weed Control Act on behalf of the County.

Resolution #CM20130429.1002

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to appoint Jo Coupland as the Lead Weed Inspector for the County of Grande Prairie for 2013.

CARRIED

**MINUTES
APPROVAL**

Resolution #CM20130429.1003

MOVED BY S. NELSON to approve the minutes for the April 8, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/04/08) as presented.

CARRIED

**2013 PROPERTY
TAX BYLAW 2976**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20130423002)

Noreen Vavrek, Director of Finance, presented the 2013 Property Tax Bylaw 2976 to Council.

She noted that Council approved the final budget adjustments on April 18th, 2013. Attached to the agenda package is the 2013 Property Tax Bylaw 2976 for Council's approval based on the final approved budget.

Resolution #CM20130429.1004

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that Bylaw 2976 to authorize the rate of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 for the 2013 taxation year be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130429.1005

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2976 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130429.1006

MOVED BY R. HARPE that consent be given for third and final reading of Bylaw 2976.

CARRIED**Resolution #CM20130429.1007**

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2976 to authorize the rate of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 for the 2013 taxation year be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**BORROWING
BYLAW 2981 FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF
THE PHILLIP J
CURRIE DINOSAUR
MUSEUM**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20130423004)

Ms. Vavrek noted that Council made a motion at the Council meeting held April 18th, 2013, to proceed with a borrowing bylaw for \$5,000,000.00 for construction of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum. Bylaw 2981 contains the total estimated cost of construction of the building and funding sources. As per Council's direction, the bylaw includes construction costs only and does not include any design, fabrication or installation of the exhibit displays, or furniture and equipment.

Council also provided direction on April 18th, 2013, that the term of debt servicing for the borrowing be 10 years.

Bylaw 2981 is being presented for first reading at the April 29, 2013 meeting, with advertising timelines proposed as follows:

- May 2, 2013
- May 3, 2013
- May 9, 2013

The bylaw cannot receive second and third readings until after 15 days from the date of the last advertising. If a sufficient petition from electors is not received, Council may proceed with passage of the borrowing bylaw at the May 27th, 2013 Council meeting.

We have also clarified that Bylaw 2981 cannot later be amended to increase the borrowing bylaw unless the change is due to a cost

increase as stated in section 258 of the Municipal Government Act. Therefore, if the estimated funding level from contributions from Outside Parties (sponsorships, donations and fundraising) is not achieved, the shortfall will need to be funded from sources other than borrowing. The remaining contributions to raise for the building is estimated at \$1,582,263.

Councillor Smith inquired what the last day of advertising will be. Ms. Vavrek responded that the last day of advertising will be May 9, 2013.

Resolution #CM20130429.1008

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2981 which authorizes the County of Grande Prairie to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of constructing the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum be read a first time.

Councillor Eckstrom requested a recorded vote.

Councillor Harpe commented that he has issues with passing this bylaw because there is potential for over spending; the actual cost is \$17 million plus the design so closer to \$28 million. There are also other areas that have the potential to come in over budget.

Councillor Smith noted that he believes that if the motion is passed approving the borrowing bylaw, people will start signing a petition. He posed a question to Councillor Sutherland: "what will happen if the borrowing bylaw is not passed by Council?". Councillor Sutherland responded that it is up to Council's discretion to proceed as we see fit. Reeve Beaupre noted that the Building Committee met and wondered whether an MOU can be signed with PCL subject to the passing of the borrowing bylaw. Councillor Harpe noted that if the borrowing bylaw is signed they will be in a contract with PCL, but no contracts have been signed at this point.

Councillor Nelson inquired whether passing first reading of the bylaw will give the Public the opportunity to come back and speak to the bylaw. Reeve Beaupre responded that the first reading will be

advertised for 2 consecutive weeks and the public will need to gather 10% of the population (approximately 2000 people) to have a valid petition. Councillor Nelson inquired whether the public will have an opportunity to provide feedback to Council.

Reeve Beaupre responded that there will be no public hearing done for the borrowing bylaw and passing first reading will give the public the opportunity to do up a petition and get sufficient numbers to sign. Councillor Nelson inquired when the opportunity for the petition to be presented and public input given will be. Reeve Beaupre responded that it will be presented to Council on May 27th, 2013 or sooner. Councillor Harpe noted that the public needs to have the petition sent to Bill by May 24th, 2013.

Council returned to the motion and completed a recorded vote.

Votes:

In Harold Bulford, Leanne Beaupre, Lois Dueck,

Favour: Ross Sutherland, Sharon Nelson

Opposed: Brock Smith, Mary Ann Eckstrom, Richard Harpe

Absent: Pat Jacobs

CARRIED

The Bylaw will be advertised now as per the deadlines noted.

BYLAW 2680-13-016

- PT.

SW-3-73-6-W6M - AG TO CR-5 (THIRD READING)

(BYLAWS)

(Issue #20130424001)

Nick Lapp, Senior Planner, noted that Bylaw 2680-13-016 was presented for First and Second Readings on April 22, 2013. Administration is seeking Third Reading.

Councillor Smith inquired whether there is any use in making the subdivision larger to alleviate the water problems. Bill commented that there is a concern about the house because of the water.

Mr. Lapp commented that they applied for a permit last May. The area that the house is being built on is a bit higher than the area to the east. He also noted that the driveway in the front is flooded but

the house is located further back in the parcel; Planning believes this area is sufficient for a building site and building permits are in place.

Resolution #CM20130429.1009

MOVED BY S. NELSON that consent be given for third reading of Bylaw 2680-13-016.

DEFEATED

BYLAW 2680-13-017 - LOT 22, BLOCK 8, PLAN 0726739; PT NE-29-71-05-W6M - RC TO RE (THIRD READING)

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20130424002)

Mr. Lapp noted that Bylaw 2680-13-017 was given first & second reading on 22 April 2013. Administration is seeking third and final reading on this bylaw. He noted that the zoning change from RC to RE is proposed for the North area of Carriage Lane.

Councillor Eckstrom posed a question to Mr. Lapp in regards to their recommended action of refusal. Mr. Lapp responded that Planning is still recommending refusal of this zoning application.

Resolution #CM20130429.1010

MOVED BY R. HARPE that Bylaw 2680-13-017 to re-designate Lot 22, Block 8, Plan 0726739; PT. NE-29-71-05-W6M from a Rural Condominium (RC) District to a Rural Estate (RE) District be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

GPRC 26TH ANNUAL COLLEGE CLASSIC - SPONSORSHIP REQUEST UPDATE

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

The GPRC will be hosting the 26th Annual College Classic Event on June 7, 2013, at the Grande Prairie Golf and Country Club. Funds raised from this event will support the enhancements to learning space for students and community in the region.

(Issue #20130423001)

This issue was brought to Council on Monday, April 22nd with Council requesting for more information on how the sponsorship money is dispersed.

Sponsorship money distribution:

Funds from the GPRC College Classic Golf Tournament will be going towards the enhancement to learning space for students and community in the Grande Prairie region. A few projects that these funds will be used for include: classroom renovations, theater improvements and new technology initiatives, all aimed at supporting students and the community. The college currently serves around 7,000 students.

Administration spending is capped at 25%, therefore, a \$1000 sponsorship would mean \$750 would go towards the enhancement projects and \$250 would go towards offsetting the golf tournament expenses.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired how the scholarship is looking now in terms of money that has been contributed already and whether the full amount is used per year. Bill responded that there are plans to meet with the College throughout the year and it can be addressed there.

Councillor Harpe commented that he is OK with the scholarship but he is not OK with the money being used for renovations; the college needs to be more specific while what they expend the scholarship money on.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired about the meeting with GPRC and whether we have one arranged for the near future to ensure that the issue is addressed and answered. Bill responded that we have not confirmed a date yet but Administration will contact the college and let them know that they want this addressed when they come for the meeting with Council.

INFORMATION

TAX ARREARS ON NON TITLED PROPERTIES

Bill provided background on the tax arrears on non-titled property. He noted that the property in discussion is a Provincial Grazing Lease that was canceled and the County cannot collect the unpaid

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130415005)

tax arrears left on the property because it was provincial lease land.

Councillor Harpe commented that this issue bothers him because with other property the amount owing can be applied to their taxes for the following year. He posed a question to Ms. Vavrek in regards to obtaining ownership of the grazing lease. Bill responded that because this is a provincial grazing lease the County cannot obtain ownership. This is the first time we have come across this and it has been flagged for our agreements.

Reeve Beaupre commented that any arrears on this land is like the traditional sale of land, the new owner should have to pay the taxes owing on it; the County should not be letting the province off the hook for the arrears owing on this property as they did not specify the future direction to be taken, they did not say they were cancelling the lease.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired if there is an opportunity to put a lean on the land title. Bill responded that we cannot put a lean on provincial land but we can speak to the MLA and get this addressed. The Lease was not taken care of and that is why it was not renewed by the province.

Councillor Dueck inquired what the province will do with the land because it was taken back due to the condition. Ms. Raven responded that typically the province does nothing to the land to improve the condition, they leave it and if there are weeds they don't control them; the lessee is supposed to address the issues. Councillor Dueck commented that we will have to forgive taxes because the area is inside the County and inquired if the County will be required to fix up the land. Ms. Raven responded that the lessee is supposed to pay the taxes and that we have taken land over in the past because of the lack of paying taxes but can't in this case as it is Crown land.

Resolution #CM20130429.1011

MOVED BY B. SMITH that Administration see if there are any recourses that can be taken against the province to resolve and to collect the amount of \$556.10 for the canceled provincial Grazing Lease land.

Councillor Harpe commented that, according to the background, the province will not do anything.

Councillor Eckstrom amended Councillor Smith's motion to include writing a letter to SRD and the Minister to address the issue. Councillor Smith commented that staff should go forward first before the letter is sent out. Councillor Eckstrom agreed with Councillor Smith and withdrew the amended motion.

Council voted on the motion from Councillor Smith.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130429.1012

MOVED BY S. NELSON to have the province come to an ASB Meeting to discuss the lands that have been taken back by the province and specifically address grazing leases.

CARRIED

**TAX ARREARS ON
NON TITLED
PROPERTY- LINEAR**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130415007)

Bill noted that, as per the memo attached to the agenda package, land has changed owner and the taxes are not imposed back. This might still be a functioning company but the letters sent are not being addressed. He is requesting a motion to have it turned over to collections.

Councillor Harpe commented that he believes there is a provincial "Orphan Well Association Fund" that people can access if there is an abandoned well near their land that needs to be cleaned up. Bill noted that the owner has now changed in this company and the ERCB has imposed them to pay the taxes from the old owner. The well site is not abandoned and the new owner is paying the taxes. Reeve Beaupre inquired if can we task the ERCB will addressing this issues.

Councillor Harpe commented that Administration should write a letter to the new owners and CC the province to say they are not honouring commitments and the County will be seeking retribution

from the Fund if it is not addressed.

Resolution #CM20130429.1013

MOVED BY R. HARPE to write a letter to the owner of the well site and CC the Province noting that the company is not honouring commitments and that the County will be seeking retribution from the Orphan Well Fund if the issue is not addressed.

CARRIED

APPROVE ASB AMMENDED POLICIES

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130423009)

Ms. Raven noted that at the March 13, 2013 ASB meeting the following policies were approved by the ASB Board and a motion was made to bring them forward to Council for approval.

A review of the Agriculture department policies has resulted in the following updates and revisions to the above policies. These have reviewed by the Agricultural service Board and recommended to be brought forward to Council for approval. Revised policies are attached.

The Agricultural Service Board recommended that the following Policies be approved by Council:

D17- Farm Family Awards

D1 - Control of Coyotes and other Pests

D2 - Removal of Beaver Damns

D9 - Roadside Private Lands Spraying

D11 - Roadside Seeding

D16 - Subdivision Mowing (RESCIND from AG and will be reassigned to Parks and Recreation)

Reeve Beaupre inquired about Policy D16 policy being moved to Parks and Recreation. Ms. Raven commented that Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, has been notified of the change and she will be bringing forward a Parks maintenance policy which will have the same intent.

Ms. Raven commented that they are making the policies consistent and clarified some wording.

Resolution #CM20130429.1014

MOVED BY H. BULFORD to accept the amended Policies D1, D2, D17, D9, D11 as recommended by the Agricultural Service Board and rescind Policy D16 to have it changed to a Parks and Recreation policy.

Councillor Nelson inquired about the Beaver Dam policy and whether there are any situations where neighbours have disputed over the dams. Ms. Raven responded that she has experienced a few situations like that and it is the decision of the landowner where the dam exists whether they want to keep the dam on their property.

CARRIED**MONTHLY
STATEMENT -
FEBRUARY 2013**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130415001)

A report of monthly cash flows, investments and accounts paid for February 2013. The report is submitted monthly for Council's information.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired what the payment to CN Rail was for. Mr. Pfau responded that it was for a crossing agreement.

Ms. Raven left the meeting at 10:46 p.m.

Councillor Eckstrom also inquired about the payment to the City of Calgary. Bill responded that we work with them on Enforcement, the cost was for uniforms.

Resolution #CM20130429.1015

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to accept the February 2013 monthly report as information.

CARRIED

ROUND UP - CLAIRMONT RECYCLING CENTER

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130423003)

On May 4th, 2013 from 10am to 2pm the County will be hosting our annual Round Up event at the Clairmont Center for Recycling and Waste Management.

This year Clairmont landfill staff were once again successful obtaining funding from the Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) to host this round up at our Clairmont Center. Staff are looking forward to this round up and are encouraging residents to bring their recyclables to the Recycling Center.

Each year the county hosts round up's at different locations within the county and last years event at Elmworth was a great success. These round up's encourage residents to think about recycling and waste reduction while providing the extended opportunity to ask staff questions one on one about our programs.

The Alberta Recycling Management Authority offers municipal funding to host roundups as well as providing them with cost incentives for the materials that are collected on the day of the event. Over the years in the county these roundups have been extremely successful and staff look forward to passing the recycling education on to residents. Mr. Pfau also noted the Drop and Swap program that has been very successful.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the timing and whether they be successful even though Spring came late this year. Mr. Pfau responded that there has always been a great turnout and there has been lots of advertising done as well.

MONTH AT A GLANCE - FEBRUARY, 2013 - CAO ROGAN, REEVE BEAUPRE

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130424003)

The February 2013 Month at a Glance for CAO Rogan and Reeve Beaupre were attached to the agenda package. There were no questions or comments from Council.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT AND

This letter from ESRD was related to the motion to write a letter regarding the Wapiti River Water Management Plan and the funding process. A member from ESRD came last week to explain

**SUSTAINABLE
RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130424004)

the process. It was a unique project and it was noted they were funded for the Core projects but this fell outside of the Core projects designated for funding.

**MIGHTY PEACE
WATERSHED
ALLIANCE
APPOINTMENT
UPDATE**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130424005)

Follow up on the motion made to appoint Cathy Newhook. Rhonda Clarke-Gauthier clarified at the April 22, 2013 Council meeting about the position which has already been filled.

**COUNCILLOR,
COMMITTEE AND
DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Councillor Eckstrom attended the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper. She noted that there were more people there than have been in the past and the AGM was good as well. They presented a deficit budget due to issues with previous Board policies. A motion was made that the budget will be a balanced budget and the majority of the deficit will be going into membership fees as they have not been raised since 1999. She also noted that there were very good speakers and the conference was very well done.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Swan Festival presentation at Centre 2000. He noted that they spoke about wolves and how they interact with nature in the Mackenzie Basin region. There were about 200 people in attendance and it was a very informative presentation.

Councillor Sutherland attended several meetings with the Dino Committee on Construction and Operations.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper. He noted that this was the first one he has attended and that he found it very interesting. The talks were not geared towards municipal people, it was more focused on internal operations.

Councillor Dueck noted that she received Watershed information from the meeting attended in Dawson Creek and she is adding it to

the reading file. She noted that it is very interesting because they have the same problems as we are experiencing in the County and it was a very good meeting.

Councillor Dueck attended a tour of Weyerhaeuser where she saw the pulp mill and chemical cycle. She noted it was a very interesting tour and the information will go in the reading file.

Councillor Dueck attended a McNaught Homestead meeting and noted that there was a request submitted for a silent auction item. She further noted that the fundraiser did not turn out as well as they had hoped due to weather; they are looking to do things differently next year.

Councillor Dueck attended the 3rd Annual Volunteer Recognition event in Beaverlodge. She noted that there were three Leaders of Tomorrow Nominees in attendance. There were two women given the Civic Awards for Community Service. Other awards presented were: Civic Awards for the Development of Sports Leadership; Civic Award of Excellence; and the Mayor's Award. She noted that it was a very good event and there were lots of people in attendance.

Councillor Harpe inquired about 8760. Bill responded that they are supplying utilities to the Sportsplex and the intent is to sign over to them at the end of the other contracts this year; they are a utility buying group. It was noted that 8760 is through AAMD&C and the County is very happy with the rates so far. Councillor Harpe discussed the changes in utility use.

Councillor Harpe also inquired if non-for-profit groups can sign on with 8760 as well. Bill responded that it should be the same as the current program, we can contact them and ask if they want to switch as well (there are currently 13-14 non-for-profit groups on it already). He can ask Ms. Vavrek about this. Councillor Harpe asked for clarification this and Bill responded that he will check on that and get back to Councillor Harpe.

Reeve Beaupre inquired how much lead time is given for non-for-profits. Bill responded that he will have to check but is

assuming the time is about 6 months in advance. Councillor Harpe commented that for some places it is a very good idea to change over.

Resolution #CM20130429.1016

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the use of County logos be uniform across all departments and have staff bring back the options to Council to make a definite decision on which logo will be used.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she had saw advertisements in the paper with two different County logo's: the light and dark blue background.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130429.1017

MOVED BY R. HARPE to draft a resolution regarding the loss of tax revenue from Provincial Grazing Leases and submit the issue to the Fall AAMD&C Zone meeting as this occurs across the Province.

CARRIED

Councillor Bulford noted that the Bezanson AG Society is very happy with new hamlet sign. He inquired if Public Works can move the old cedar sign to the Town Site by the County. Mr. Pfau noted that moving the sign was doable.

Councillor Bulford attended the Sportsplex meeting last week and noted that they are doing finishing touches inside the building.

Resolution #CM20130429.1018

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that County Public Works move the old cedar hamlet sign from the entrance of Bezanson to the old

Bezanson Town Site and have the words "town site" added at the bottom of the hamlet sign in cedar.

CARRIED

Councillor Nelson attended a PAZA meeting on April 17, 2013. She commented that the RFP was awarded to do a network assessment on how effective the air monitoring system is in the area. It was noted that they are still waiting for funding but they have received assurance from the AB Government for Core funding for 2013 and the first quarter of 2014. They are looking to revamp the air monitoring system and they will likely get in line with water stewardship as well.

The PAZA AGM will be on May 29, 2013. It will be a supper meeting at the Clairmont Senior's Centre and Councillor Nelson is inviting any Councillor to attend. Cheryl Harris will input the date into Council's calendars and Councillor Nelson will get PAZA to send out invitations as well.

Councillor Nelson attended the Earth Day Celebration at the new library in the City of Grande Prairie. She noted that it was very well attended and the City and County hosted it together. There was discussion on the bottle recycling program and how many containers are going into the landfill (1 container for every 5 lbs of garbage in the landfill). Grande Prairie is rated as one of the worst recycling communities in all of Alberta. Councillor Eckstrom commented that this has to do with people buying and not realizing that there is recycling and it roots back to lack of education.

Councillor Nelson attended the Wapiti River Water Management Plan meeting and noted that they are doing up the Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee and the TOR for the Water Management Plan. She noted that there were groups and municipalities missing at the table and that they are going back to the M.D. of Greenview and the Wapiti Corridor to ensure that they are represented before the TOR's go forward.

Resolution #CM20130429.1019

MOVED BY S. NELSON to have Steve Madden as a member

of the Wapiti River Management Plan and Sharon Nelson meet with the Wapiti Corridor Chairman, Jerry Bauer, to ensure that their interests are being brought to the table and invite them to provide comments on the Wapiti River Management Plan group Terms of Reference.

Councillor Dueck inquired if the group doing the TOR can send a letter to the organizations to get them involved. Councillor Nelson responded that they have sent the letters out already and have not received a response. Reeve Beaupre noted that she is on the Wapiti Corridor group and she does not believe that they have received any letters from the Wapiti River Management Plan group. She further noted that the Wapiti Corridor has been working on recommendations that are ready to be submitted to the government. Councillor Nelson commented that they may be comfortable with the amount of input given to date. Reeve Beaupre noted that the Wapiti Corridor is not a legislative authority and cannot make any legislative changes. Councillor Nelson responded that the Wapiti River Management Plan group does have the legislative authority to propose changes. Reeve Beaupre noted that the Wapiti Corridor felt they had given enough feedback already.

Councillor Harpe inquired why a motion was required for the meeting as they can just meet with them to discuss. Councillor Nelson responded that there needs to be a motion passed for Steve Madden to attend as well.

Mr. Simpson advised that, in broad terms, the objectives of the two groups are closely aligned: the focus is on the water resource (Wapiti River Management Plan), and the Wapiti Corridor is addressing the land.

Council returned to the motion.

CARRIED

Councillor Nelson commented on the intersection at Township Road #730 and Range Road #55. She noted that at the end of pavement there are numerous pot holes and inquired if the section can be torn up and redone as this area is a constant source of problems.

Mr. Pfau responded that it is an old oil site and Public Works will look into it getting fixed.

Councillor Smith commented on the Compassion House newspaper article that was distributed to Council at the beginning of the meeting.

Councillor Smith commented on the bridge located on Township Road #672. He noted that a temporary bridge has been constructed and they have a crane to put girders in the middle; they are making progress.

Councillor Smith attended a Library meeting via telephone as they were not able to travel to Peace River on March 16th. There were 21 people on the conference call and they discussed doing more telephone meetings because the cost was \$224 compared to \$2600 for Board meetings done in person, however they like having the in person meetings to encourage debates.

Councillor Smith attended the Library Executive Meeting on April 20 in Fairview. It was noted that McKenzie County has not been budgeting for libraries and they are recommending that they be removed. Swan Hills is asking for dissolution. It was noted that this shouldn't affect us because they will go to Yellowhead instead.

Councillor Smith commented on a Building Assessment at Peace Library that noted that in the East corner the cement is sinking. It will cost \$31,000 to repair and it will need to be fixed as the water is pooling on the roof. He noted that he asked at the last AAMD&C Conference about funding for repairs. The amount will be \$25,000 per board but cannot be used for building repairs.

Councillor Smith attended the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper.

Councillor Harpe inquired if the municipality can be levied to pay for the renovations and fixing of the building. Councillor Smith responded that they are trying not to.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the \$25,000 for resource sharing. There are specific things that the \$25,000 can be spent on. Linda had noted that the funding can be used for the following: \$15,000 for technology and other resource replacements, \$5000 for courier distribution costs, and \$5000 for other costs.

Councillor Smith responded that we should try what Reeve Beaupre was referring to as they have only replaced shingles and lights so far.

Reeve Beaupre noted that she received notice that the Infrastructure announcement will be held inside the Eastlink Centre at 1:00 p.m.

Reeve Beaupre attended the grand opening of the Care and Hospice Wing at Points West. She noted there are 10 beds and the facility is very nice and has been well used since they opened. She toured the rooms and noted that each room has a chair that folds to a single bed so family can stay over. There are also family rooms where the entire family can stay by renting it. There was also a local painter who painted a picture in each of the rooms and a big wall painting.

She noted that she had a conversation with Tim Stone and the new Saddle Hills office building will be ready at the end of June. There will be an invite coming to Council. As well, they have a new CAO, Bob Caldwell from Slave River who was previously their finance director.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Sportsplex start-up meeting for Food Services where they discussed timelines and the Retail space that will be occupied by Ernie's. They also discussed cleaning up construction debris in the area. The fitness area is starting to come together as well and will be completed by mid-June and the food service area will be completed by mid-July.

Reeve Beaupre spoke to MLA Everett McDonald in regards to the discussion with the Regional Director from Transportation (Trent McLaughlin) and concerns on light posts and signage that are down in disrepair. MLA McDonald's recommendation is to write a letter to the Minister in regards to continuing maintenance issues regarding

reflectors and light standards and their disrepair that are not being addressed.

Resolution #CM20130429.1020

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to write a letter to the Minister of Transportation with concerns about the contractor, Ledcor, and not replacing lights and reflector poles in a timely fashion to ensure the safety of traveling public.

CARRIED

Reeve Beaupre attended the 3rd Annual Volunteer Service Bureau Awards. She noted that the Leaders of Tomorrow candidates were in attendance. She noted that the awards recognized two different age groups and extended thanks to the Volunteer Service Bureau for everything that they do.

Councillor Sutherland posed a question for Mr. Pfau in regards to the additional grader that was purchased last year to be used throughout the County, "What parts have the most need for the grader?". Mr. Pfau responded that Valhalla, Hythe, and La Glace areas require the most attention therefore it was sited there in order to keep the level of service provided. Mr. Pfau also noted that in 2014 Public Works will potentially be requesting an addition grader once the impact of Annexation is known. Reeve Beaupre commented that the grader purchased was to go around and service the whole county. Mr. Pfau responded that they had fallen behind on grading in that area last year and they used the spare grader as the beat grader. Other areas saw some reduction in their service areas.

Councillor Sutherland noted that the biggest concern of people in his area was the condition of the roads and inquired if there were specific plans to address certain problem areas. Mr. Pfau responded that grader beats are about 160 miles of road in more rural areas; in more urban areas it is about 100 miles of road. And roads that have more traffic require a lot more attention. He believes they are balancing the level of service.

Councillor Smtih commented that the motion was made that the

grader would be spread out throughout the County, there was no specific area to be addressed. Furthermore, he noticed that other grader beats addressed less area because of the one going into the Valhalla area. Councillor Eckstrom commented that we purchased another grader to meet the needs of the County and it is up to the discretion of Public Works where the grader goes to. Councillor Harpe commented that we need more paving done within the County and that will alleviate a lot of the problems and also reduce the amount of work for the graders. Mr. Pfau responded that they had established a schedule for paving.

Councillor Sutherland noted that this year in his area residents have noticed that culverts are being partially blocked at the ends and this making roads soft. He inquired if there anything planned to fix the culverts. Mr. Pfau responded that this Spring each foreman has a number of pages of maintenance and up-sizing that need to be done. Volumes are higher this spring because of the runoff and it has been noted that the repairs on culverts need to be done, but there are a lot of other repairs that have a higher priority.

Councillor Nelson inquired who is responsible for cleaning the parking lot and immediate area around the Sportsplex. Mr. Simpson responded that the parking lot is still under construction and that Kaldon is responsible for anything coming into the building and they were waiting for the frost to disappear before more cleanup was done. Furthermore, it is Nustadia that is responsible for the garbage inside the building and the parking lot is the responsibility of County Parks and Recreation.

Councillor Dueck inquired if she could have a County flag for the South Peace Museum as the Caretaker will be onsite shortly. Bill responded that someone from County Public Works will drop one off to the museum.

Bill Rogan had nothing more to add.

Mr. Pfau commented on localized flooding. He also noted one issue for Council to consider in regards to the PW/IT Building, the architect missed the acoustic tiles; the funding is not available as it will cost \$150,000 plus GST and 5 weeks longer to install. He

recommends that Council take no action on the item as there is no money and time to address it; Public Works will continue to monitor this and the issue can be readdressed in a year.

Councillor Harpe commented that the \$150,000 is only an estimate and there will likely be more unforeseen costs after the work begins.

Resolution #CM20130429.1021

MOVED BY R. HARPE that No Action be taken on putting in the acoustic tiles in the new Public Works/IT Building.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired if the cost for the acoustic tiles will increase in the future. Mr. Pfau responded that he believes the cost will not increase and not having the tiles is not as big of an issue for the PW/IT Building as there are not as many people gathering in the public space there.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the project is already 5 weeks behind schedule and this will put the schedule even further back.

Council returned to the motion.

CARRIED

Mr. Simpson had nothing more to add.

Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, advised that Ms. Schur went to GPRC and they informed her that \$80,000-\$95,000 is raised for the scholarship per year and that about \$1.5 million has been spent on enhancements, power outlets, and other necessary improvements. He noted that GPRC has offered to give Council a tour of what enhancements have already been done to date. Reeve Beaupre commented that the event was to offset scholarships and it turns out it is more for improvements; Council will discuss the usage of scholarship funding directly with the College.

Councillor Nelson note that the Sexsmith Seed Cleaning Plant will be hosting a celebration on June 19th, 2013. The Seed Cleaning Plant asked Councillor Nelson if the County would let them use the

BBQ for their event. Bill noted that we discourage that sort of use by outside groups because of the potential damage. Reeve Beaupre commented that oil companies have started to reduce the use of their BBQ's because of liability. However, it is the County taxpayers dollars that were used to purchase the BBQ so the groups should be able to utilize it. Councillor Nelson also asked that an employee volunteer their time to run the BBQ.

Resolution #CM20130429.1022

MOVED BY S. NELSON to allow the Sexsmith Seed Cleaning Plant to use the County BBQ on June 19, 2013 for their celebration and that a County employee be present for takedown and set up in order to address liability.

Councillor Harpe commented that that the BBQ should be used by non-profit groups for Community functions. Councillor Smith commented that the BBQ technically belongs to the ratepayers so they should be able to use it. Councillor Eckstrom noted that Lesley Nielsen-Bjerke checked to see that the BBQ is available for that day and it is available.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130429.1023

MOVED BY R. HARPE that Administration bring back the policy on use of the County BBQ and include the recommendation to extend the use to Community groups as well as non-for-profit groups and include liability and contractual obligations.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the use of the County BBQ should be no different from renting a tree spade from the AG department. Councillor Sutherland agrees with Reeve Beaupre but he would like to have a paid County employee present with it at all times of use.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130429.1024

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the In Camera items (14.1-14.4) be advanced to the May 6, 2013 Council meeting.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20130429.1025

MOVED by M. ECKSTROM that the meeting adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes approved the _____ day of _____ 2013.

Reference # _____

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR