

# Council Highlights



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**August 12, 2013**

**Clairmont 100 Avenue/Highway 2 Intersection** – Council made a motion to write a letter to Grande Prairie-Smoky MLA Everett McDonald for a progress report on the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Highway 2 and 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Hamlet of Clairmont.

**Clairmont Ball Diamond** – Representatives of the Grande Prairie Fastball Association lobbied Council to upgrade the ball diamond in Clairmont to fastball standards. Council approved investing \$35,000 to improve the Clairmont ball diamond to meet sports standards so all groups can utilize the diamond.

**County of Grande Prairie Sportsplex Grand Opening** – Council approved the budget for the grand opening being held Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 3 pm. Events include free use of the ice rinks and soccer pitch, pancake breakfast, musical entertainment, Show and Shine, petting zoo, face painting, bouncy castle and guest appearance by Lanny MacDonald.

**Employee Introductions** – Council welcomed Constable Eric Beaulieu to the County's Enhanced RCMP Division and Robert Naugler and Cassandra Chabot to the Public Works department.

**Municipal Census Released** – CAO Bill Rogan presented results for the Municipal Census conducted throughout the County in 2012. The process presented unexpected challenges, and as a result, approximately 10% of the County's population was not enumerated. To

address this situation, this year the County will use the estimates population of 21,157 obtained by using a formula. The data collected will be valuable for a number of internal uses such as recreation and library grants.

**Municipal Election** – Council appointed Shirley Feldberg as Returning Officer and Sheryle Runhart and Sherry Green as Deputy Returning Officers.

**Saskatoon Lake Hall** – Council made a motion allowing the Society to use the Capital Assistance grant to address some immediate repairs required following a sewer backup and to purchase a lawn mower. The grant was initially being used to upgrade the outdoor skating rink, gazebo and to purchase portable toilets.

**Random Acts of Kindness Proclamation** – Council proclaimed November 1, 2013 as Random Acts of Kindness Day and will provide a \$1,000 sponsorship for the event. The County is proud to partner with the Community Foundation of Greater Grande Prairie to promote this day to recognize kindness and humanity in our communities.

**Next Council meeting is August 19, 2013. These meetings will be held in the EOC in the Community Services Building until further notice.**

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