

Council Highlights



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August 26, 2013

Highway 43 and 733 Intersection – Herb Pfau, Superintendent of Public Works provided Council with an update on their meeting with Alberta Transportation regarding the Highway 43 and 733 intersection safety concerns. Council has lobbied for several years for additional safety improvements to this intersection because of the numerous fatalities, accidents and near misses that have occurred at it.

Alberta Transportation has notified the County they would undertake a review of this intersection. Interim measures will include the installation another yield sign, rumble strips, and new painted lines. Potential long term solutions included the closure of the intersection to north/south traffic, thus only allowing right in and right outs; or the construction of an overpass. Council will write a letter to Alberta Transportation stating its support for the review of the intersection; advise against closure of the intersection; and suggest the construction of an overpass at the intersection as the best long term solution.

Regional Enforcement Services Second Quarter Report – Superintendent of Regional Enforcement Services, Stuart Rempel; Sergeant Dave Campbell; RCMP Corporal Myles Peckham; RCMP Sergeant Mike Bennett; and RCMP Staff Sergeant Kelly Kokesch presented Council the 2013 second quarter report for the County's Regional Enforcement Services, RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit, and RCMP Grande Prairie/Beaverlodge Rural Detachments.

Regional Enforcement Services Report – A total of 1,321 violation tickets were issued in the second quarter. There were 999 calls for service.

RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit – A total of 177 traffic and safety violation tickets were issued in the first quarter of 2013.

Grande Prairie Rural/Beaverlodge RCMP Detachments – Grande Prairie Rural members responded to 1,575 calls for service including 165 traffic collisions. Beaverlodge members responded to 229 service calls. In the Town of Wembley there were 72 service calls and 202 service calls in the Town of Sexsmith.

All three sectors of Regional Enforcement Services remained active in delivering several crime prevention initiatives such as special events coordinating, various patrols, checkstops, Rural Crime Watch, and Report-A Drug House; and traffic safety programs and presentations to various schools throughout the County such as DARE, Safety City, Drama Trauma, Bike Rodeo, Internet Safety, Bullying, and Cyberbullying. The detachments continue with recruitment efforts to fill several enforcement related positions in the Grande Prairie region.

Family Care Clinic for Clairmont – Council made a motion to write a letter to Grande Prairie-Smoky MLA Everett McDonald asking for clarification on the process of their recent application for a family health care clinic for Clairmont. They will also inquire about where Alberta Health Services is in the decision process.

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Staff introduction – County Council and staff welcomed Pat Stevenson to the County. Pat will be working in the Finance department as a clerk.

Bylaw 2973 – Council gave bylaw 2973 second and third reading. This will allow Shiloh Holdings Ltd. To close and consolidate Road Plan 812 0642 located within Lots 1 and 4, Plan 812 0642; and Lot 2A, Block 1, Plan 112 2840; all located within SW-30-72-04-W6M.

Philip J Currie Dinosaur Museum Update– Brian Brake, Executive Director for the Philip J Currie Dinosaur Museum provided an update on the fundraising and staff recruitment strategies and efforts for the Museum; discussed the education programs that will be offered to students at the museum; and shared some Grand Opening event details. Council made a motion to approve the Grand Opening plans.

SPCA Contract – Laureen Harcourt from the Grande Prairie & District SPCA made a presentation to Council regarding their expired contract with the County to operate the City/County pound and the budget. Harcourt addressed Council's questions about what they are doing to reduce the amount of animals kept in the shelter.

Safety City Update – Heather Coney, Executive Director of Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities made a presentation to Council on Safe Communities and Safety City and their school programming for 2013. Safety City also thanked the County for their continued supported for their organization.

Safety City is an organization that focuses on providing education opportunities to youth in the Grande Prairie Region to encourage practicing safety in the city including pedestrian, fire, bicycle, water, farm, and electrical safety; and First Aid.

Next Council meeting is September 9, 2013. These meetings will be held in the EOC in the Community Services Building until further notice.

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