



# MINUTES

County Council  
Regular Meeting

## County of Grande Prairie No. 1

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### August 26, 2013 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, August 26, 2013

Start time : 10:00 AM

Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Community Services Building

## MINUTES

### ATTENDANCE

Present were:

#### 1. Reeve

- Leanne Beaupre

#### 2. Deputy Reeve

- Ross Sutherland

#### 3. Council

- Brock Smith
- Harold Bulford
- Lois Dueck
- Mary Ann Eckstrom
- Pat Jacobs
- Richard Harpe
- Sharon Nelson

#### 4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

#### 5. Directors

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

#### 7. Recording Secretary

- Shannon Baird
- Amanda Oravec

**8. Media**

- Big Country - Brad Whisker
- Daily Herald Tribune - Jocelyn Turner
- Free FM - Jeff Hensen

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

**INTRODUCTION -  
PAT STEVENSON  
- TEMPORARY  
ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE CLERK**

(PRESENTATIONS AND  
INTRODUCTIONS)  
(Issue #20130814006)

Colleen Wessels, Accounting Manager, noted that in order to achieve many project goals, Finance has hired a new Accounts Payable Clerk on a one year temporary basis. The permanent Accounts Payable Clerk will be assisting with many projects including reserve policy review, infrastructure & capital asset funding & replacement plans, and the operational software project, as identified in the Finance Department's business plans and budget.

Council welcomed Ms. Stevenson to the County of Grande Prairie.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA****Resolution #CM20130826.1001**

**MOVED by M. ECKSTROM** that Council approve the agenda for the August 26, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/08/26) with the additions as presented.

Councillor Nelson added an item to Unfinished Business on the Family Care Clinic (item 7.3);

Councillor Jacobs added an item to New Business on the New County Flag (item 8.3).

**CARRIED****MINUTES  
APPROVAL****Resolution #CM20130826.1002**

**MOVED by S. NELSON** to approve the minutes for the August 12, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/08/12) as presented.

**CARRIED**

**INTERSECTION -  
HIGHWAY #43 &  
SECONDARY  
HIGHWAY #733**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130815001)

Herb Pfau, Superintendent of Public Works, provided an update to Council regarding the intersection of Highway #43 and Secondary Highway #733 safety concerns. County Council has lobbied for many years for additional safety improvements at the intersection of Highway #43 and Secondary Highway #733 as unfortunately this intersection has had numerous fatalities, accidents and near misses. Reeve Leanne Beaupre, Councillor

Harold Bulford, CAO Bill Rogan, and Mr. Pfau met with the Alberta Transportation Regional Director, Trent McLaughlin and staff, to discuss safety improvements.

Mr. McLaughlin has asked Council's consideration on completing a review of this intersection with the possibility of closing the intersection to north/south traffic and only allowing right in and right outs. The fly over option sketch was attached to the agenda package for the location.

Mr. Pfau commented that Public Works cannot support a study that would close north/south traffic on Secondary Highway #733 would cause issues with traffic. He further noted that Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, has done a lot of work on this intersection to date.

Councillor Eckstrom noted that it would not just be County ratepayers that would be affected by the closure of traffic, as it would affect Birch Hills County as well. She further commented that closing the north/south traffic will cause a lot of problems and it is not necessarily a safety fix. Reeve Beaupre commented on the meeting with Mr. McLaughlin; she had noted that there are lots of heavy trucks using this road as a bypass going north and the road is in really bad shape. She had also commented on the traffic on Highway #670 and Mr. McLaughlin had noted that Alberta Transportation has made no commitment to make changes there. Reeve Beaupre is not in favour of closing the traffic north and south as it will restrict travel flow.

Councillor Bulford inquired if Alberta Transportation has done a traffic count on the intersection. Mr. Pfau responded that there was something done this summer but they would have also referred to historic counts as well. He commented that there are at least 1000 movements north and south. Councillor Bulford commented that he is not in favour of the closure.

Discussion ensued in regards to the fly over option for the intersection. Councillor Bulford commented that they would consider the fly over if the traffic counts were high enough. Mr. Pfau noted that Alberta Transportation wanted an interim solution before approving a fly over. At this point in time, the County can either respond to Transportation that the fly over should be installed sooner or enter into a study to find other potential safety improvements for the intersection. Councillor Harpe commented that the most logical solution is the fly over.

**Resolution #CM20130826.1003**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** that the County notify Alberta Transportation that the County supports a intersection study addressing the fly over option for the Highway #43 and Secondary Highway #733 intersection.

Discussion ensued in regards to the other options that could be done at the intersection. Mr. Pfau noted that Secondary Highway #733 will have rumble strips and flashing lights installed warning motorists of the

upcoming intersection and that the majority of the collisions occur when vehicles are not yielding in the second crossing. Councillor Nelson inquired if speed bumps could be installed. Mr. Pfau noted that any interim solutions will be within the intersection not at the approach. Councillor Bulford commented that at least 3 fatalities have stopped in the middle of the intersection and he does not view the rumble strips and yield sign as helping the safety of the intersection.

Councillor Smith inquired what the cost of the study will be for the County. Bill Rogan responded that Transportation indicated they did not want to complete a study if Council is not in support of the road closure. The study will be at no cost to the County.

Council returned to the motion.

**CARRIED**

**ROAD CLOSURE  
AND  
CONSOLIDATION  
FOR SHILOH  
HOLDINGS LTD.  
BYLAW 2973 -  
SW-30-72-04-W6M**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130816005)

Matt Konowalchuk, Intermediate Planner, noted that the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 received a request 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. Road Plan 812 0642 was created as part of a subdivision which was approved in 1981, however was never developed. The landowner has since consolidated Lots 2 and 3, Plan 812 0642 to accommodate this road closure. Future access to Lots 1 and 4, Plan 812 0642, will be by way of joint access off of Range Road 50. There is an existing approach to Lot 2A, Block 1, Plan 122 2840 off of Township Road #724.

The application was brought forward to County Council on January 14, 2013 following circulation to various agencies and adjacent landowners while no concerns were brought forward. On January 14, 2013 a public hearing was held and the application received First Reading. Following the hearing, the application was sent to Alberta Transportation and has received Ministerial approval. This application now requires Second and Third Reading to facilitate the closure and consolidation of the above noted road. Administration supports the proposed closure and consolidation for Shiloh Holding Ltd.

**Resolution #CM20130826.1004**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that Bylaw 2973 be read a second time.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130826.1005**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that Bylaw 2973 be given consent for third and final reading.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130826.1006**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** that Bylaw 2973 for the purpose of closing a

portion of the road and consolidation of Lots 1, 4, and 2A in part of SW 30-72-4-W6M be read a third time and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

**FAMILY CARE  
CLINIC**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130826001)

**Resolution #CM20130826.1007**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** to write correspondence to MLA Everett McDonald asking for clarification on the Family Care Clinic process, how the application is progressing for the Clairmont FCC and whether it has been accepted by Alberta Health Services, and ask for assurance that the FCC process is not competitive by location.

Councillor Nelson commented that Council needs to ensure that we are transparent with ratepayers and express that the County Council are not encouraging a competition between Clairmont and Beaverlodge in regards to the FCC. Once we have a response letter we can have it on hand for future assumptions and statements that are made in the areas.

**CARRIED**

**10:30 A.M. SPCA  
CONTRACT**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20130708004)

Mr. Miller introduced the members from the Grande Prairie & District SPCA: Lauren Harcourt, Executive Director, and Board Members, Marlin Lucuk and Jenny Rowland, who were present in Council regarding the expired contract and budget. Ms. Harcourt noted that she will answer any questions that Council has in regards to the contract and budget. Bill noted that the County has had past relations with the SPCA as they originally did all of the Animal Control services. The County partnered with the City of Grande Prairie and the SPCA on the new facility, there is a City/County pound located beside the SPCA facility which is run under contract by the SPCA.

Councillor Nelson commented that it seems like the main reason that the SPCA is experiencing financial issues is because they have opted for a low euthanization rate. She inquired if this was direction that was received from the Board. Ms. Harcourt responded that the SPCA is not a No Kill shelter but they do not euthanize healthy animals but the amount of animals that have come to shelter has surpassed all expectations. Grande Prairie is almost to Calgary numbers for animals in the pound.

Councillor Nelson also inquired about what the SPCA is doing to reduce the number of animals currently at the shelter (for example no pay for spay day, half price adoption day, etc.). Ms. Harcourt responded that all of those initiatives are not currently in the budget and that every animal is spayed once they become adoptable. She further noted that they cannot reduce the number of animals brought to the shelter as the community has grown and likes animals.

Ms. Harcourt commented that at the SPCA they have been active in stopping and controlling the diseases so there are more animals that are

kept for longer at the shelter. She further noted that the Alberta Government has cut a lot of grant money for the shelters and animal shelters never had much funding to begin with. Because of this, they are looking at becoming a self-sufficient shelter with numerous programs such as pet first aid, dog classes, etc. They also receive funding by hosting fundraisers such as the Annual SPCA Gala which raises around \$100,000 per year. Ms. Harcourt noted that there is still a public ignorance in regards to the associated costs of owning and caring for an animal.

Councillor Smith commented on the 2012 budget and why the SPCA was so much over budget. Ms. Harcourt responded that the SPCA went through a lot of growth in 2012 as there was no Executive Director when she was hired. Board Member Marlin Lucuk responded that the Board wanted to save as many animals as possible. Councillor Smith inquired whether local vets are used at the shelter. Ms. Harcourt responded that they use 3 local vets and one from Grimshaw as it is more cost effective going to Grimshaw. The vet in Grimshaw does pro-bono work for the SPCA therefore the services are provided at no cost to the shelter. The contract that was signed with the County says they will treat any animal medically once they are brought to the shelter. The cost to treat a broken leg for a dog is \$300.00 in Grimshaw instead of \$1500.00 if treated locally. She further noted that the SPCA houses more cats than dogs, there are 259 cats in the shelter as of today and they cannot take anymore in.

Councillor Eckstrom posed a question in regards to the County reclaim fee and collecting fees from owners who come to pick up animals, as it is not included in the budget breakdown provided. Ms. Harcourt responded that in 2012 there was approximately \$8000.00 received from reclamation fees and the other fees are collected for the SPCA not the County pound facility. Ms. Harcourt explained the difference between the two budgets: the animal become SPCA "property" after 4 days (or 10 days depending on the animal) until then they are the County's "property". After the allotted time frame the animal can be euthanized or it becomes SPCA "property".

Councillor Sutherland inquired about the SPCA's ability to identify animals that have already come through the system and how the SPCA deals with larger animals such as cattle and horses. Ms. Harcourt responded that the animals are micro-chipped once they become SPCA "property" and that it is Alberta SPCA that take care of the larger animals and they have a local officer.

Councillor Eckstrom commented on the shortfall of \$36,000 and inquired if they are asking that the County and the City to share the cost. Ms. Harcourt responded that they are asking for a percentage over the next 3 years from both the County and City. Mr. Lucuk noted that the budget numbers have not changed in 3 years and staffing costs change each year so that is the reason they have a shortfall in funding.

Reeve Beaupre posed a question to Administration in regards to

the frequency of review for the contract with the SPCA as well as the bylaws and consistency for municipalities. Mr. Miller responded that the County has not had as many discussions with the City as we should but we are trying to talk more often. He further noted that the agreement expired at the end of 2012 and there is a proposed 3 year agreement for 2013-2015. Reeve Beaupre noted that the contract term should be placed on a future Council agenda.

Councillor Bulford commented that more funding should be expended on awareness for spaying and neutering in both the City and the County. Ms. Harcourt responded that public education and awareness is being done in both the City and the County. She also commented that they would like to have an in-house vet as that would save money and that the staffing rates have gone up in order to hire good staff and have them stay at the SPCA. Councillor Bulford noted that more signs and advertisements in regards to the importance of spaying and neutering pets should be done in the County hamlets.

Reeve Beaupre thanked the members from the SPCA for the presentation and noted the County will have the SPCA back in to another Council meeting to discuss the contract. Ms. Harcourt thanked Council for their time and invited members from Council to come to the facility and see the changes that have been made.

The presentation concluded at 10:56 and Ms. Harcourt and the SPCA Board Members they left the meeting.

**Resolution #CM20130826.1008**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** that the meeting be recessed at 10:56 a.m. for a short break.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

**11:00 A.M.  
UPDATE ON  
PHILIP J CURRIE  
DINOSAUR  
MUSEUM AND  
FUNDRAISING**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20130730001)

Brian Brake, Executive Director, provided an update to Council on the Philip J Currie Dinosaur Museum Project and Fundraising. Mr. Brake noted the following in regards to the funding strategy to offset the current deficit:

- The cheque from the City of Grande Prairie in the amount of \$1,066,000 was received on July 18th;
- fundraising results since the last briefing: Reeve Beaupre commented on the motion made by Council to engage the Municipal Affairs Minister and the application to the Regional Collaboration Grant;
- intend to seek funding opportunities from the federal government and regional municipalities;
- continue seeking price reductions and saving through planned

- activities and purchases;
- continue efforts to find sponsors for naming opportunities;
- reduce the FF&E needs for each room into smaller sponsorship packages (sponsor chairs, tables, etc which is better for smaller businesses);
- maximize sponsorship associated with the Grand Opening Ball.

Since the last update to Council the following has occurred:

- request letters have been sent to the 32 companies who have received contracts resulting from the museum construction;
- contacted all local companies, by telephone, who benefited significantly from business within the County over the past year (they are currently reviewing the sponsorship packages);
- met with several families who have indicated interest in sponsorships (decisions expected in early September);
- confirmed interest from local auto companies and dealers, a local bank, a service company, and a paving company (which is considering providing an in-kind paving contribution for the site);
- contacted potential suppliers for the FF&E and negotiated savings and price reductions of \$65,000;
- ready to commence marketing for the Grand Opening Ball.

Community level events:

- Kay McVey Smith & Carlstrom Charity Golf Tournament held on July 2, 2013, Mr. Brake noted that the museum will be receiving a portion of the funds but a solid amount has not been determined yet;
- Country Roads RV Park Dino-themed Corn Maze held on August 24, 2013, Mr. Brake noted that the event was very successful and there were lots of young families in attendance;
- participation in the City of Grande Prairie 100th Anniversary Celebrations with a 100 years of road travel in Grande Prairie, Mr. Brake noted that there is a package being compiled for participation;
- conducting briefings and bonebed tours for visiting groups, Mr. Brake noted that National Geographic is interested in a sponsorship package and they spent three days at the bonebed;
- newsletters/blogs/website.

Considerable discussion ensued in regards to the challenges with staffing they are occurring.

Reeve Beaupre inquired who will be taking over for Erica Sherk, Communications Director, while she is on her sabbatical in France. Mr. Brake responded that he has asked Robin Sissons, Paleontologist, to help as much as possible. Mr. Brake assured that they will continue to get the newsletter out as there are about 1000 people who receive it each month.

Mr. Brake noted that the education packages for the museum will be ready and validated by 6000 local students. Councillor Eckstrom inquired

whether the education packages had received approval by Alberta Education. Mr. Brake responded that the process with submitting to Alberta Education has not begun yet as they need to ensure that the training aids and packages are ready. He further noted that the education packages will be a good venture for when the museum is up and running but there is a large associated cost with that. Reeve Beaupre noted that the final product is not ready for release yet. Councillor Eckstrom inquired if the education packages will be distributed to schools. Mr. Brake responded that the education packages will be distributed to the students at the museum and teachers will pick up the packages prior coming to the museum for the specific program.

Councillor Harpe inquired if the the positions can be filled with the current budget or whether he will go over budget replacing them. Mr. Brake responded that they are trying to reduce requirements for next year in regards to costs as the main focus is on getting the museum ready for opening. He noted that 3 months before the doors to the museum are open they will hire a replacement for Laura Beauchamp so teachers can start booking courses. He also commented that if Ms. Beauchamp's home business does not work out, she will re-apply for the position at that time.

Councillor Smith commented that he likes seeing the reduction in staff and that he is impressed with the students and the bone bed tour but wished that a bus would be provided. Mr. Brake responded that they have been pursuing a bus and that Hanson Ford has discussed providing a 24 passenger bus for the tours.

Councillor Smith inquired whether there have been any change orders. Councillor Harpe responded that PCL has changed the structural rebar from 50 to 20 MM and increased the size of the cement pads to be 1/3 wider. He also inquired about the value engineering and the structural consultation. It was found that there was disconnect with the structural consultant and now there is a change order in place. Reeve Beaupre noted that we have a stipulated price contract with PCL so there cannot be major financial changes made. Mr. Brake commented that the savings and expenses equaled out and as of now the museum is on schedule and things are progressing well.

Councillor Smith inquired how much of a shortfall the museum is facing before the official opening. Mr. Brake responded that if we receive the Regional Collaboration Grant money there will be no shortfall, but if we do not receive the funding the shortfall will be just under \$6 million. He noted that we need to have a "Plan B" for the funding if the grant is not received. Councillor Eckstrom commented that a plan needs to be devised now because the Province will be using funding to support the flooding in Calgary.

Mr. Brake also briefed Council on activities associated with planning the Grand Opening for 7-9 August 2014:

- Freedom of the City Ceremony at the City of Grande Prairie at 4 PM on 7 August (part of the 100th Anniversary Celebration);
- Bonebed tours for the Celebrities and VIPs on 8 August; 2 days for the price of one for the Tenors;
- Fundraising dinner at the home of Tim Powell at 7 PM on 8 August (Top Chef competitors);
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Dedication of the museum theatre in honour of the Aykroyd Family at 1:30 on 9 August;
- The Amber Ball at the Tec Centre at 6PM on 9 August (Tenors, Estelle, and GP Boys Choir; it will be Black Tie with medals and there is a plan to extend an invitation to the Lieutenant Governor and the Premier of Alberta on behalf of Council);
- Need a motion from Council to approve the plans for the Grand Opening as presented.

Mr. Brake also commented on:

- Progress to date on FF&E items: a list was attached to the agenda package and Mr. Brake asked Council to pass a motion to permit PCDI to proceed in a timely fashion with steps necessary to fulfill the list of items to ensure completion by August 9, 2014;
- A visit to the Royal Tyrrell Museum on 11-13 Sep 2014;
- Need a motion from Council to engage Reich + Petch for display design to a maximum of \$600,000 from funds already secured.

Reeve Beaupre noted that Mr. Brake is requesting Council pass three resolutions at today's meeting.

Council discussed the request to engage Reich + Petch from funds already secured.

- Councillor Eckstrom noted that the secured funding is for the building and itself and it should not be put into display design at this point;
- Mr Brake responded that if we move forward with the Regional Collaboration Grant there will be funding available from the Capital fund that can be used for the displays;
- Reeve Beaupre commented that with the RCG we are still not sure of the parameters, we applied for the balance of the architecture fees, exhibits, and displays. She further commented that we may not qualify for the grant if the \$600,000 is being taken out and we need to wait to see if we are going to receive the grant.

Council discussed the request to permit PCDI to proceed in a timely fashion with steps necessary to fulfill the list of items on the project FF&E list to ensure completion by August 9, 2014.

- Reeve Beaupre commented on a discussion with Councillor Sutherland, John Simpson, and herself in regards to whether some funding will be used from sponsors and some carried as a cash allowance (AV in classrooms, conduit there for wiring, etc.);
- Mr. Brake responded that he wants to get these things done now as some items can take up to 6 months to have them ordered and

- installed (Site Sign from Speedpro);
- Councillor Eckstrom commented on the wording of the request, "with steps necessary to fulfill items". Mr. Brake responded that Council can remove the "steps necessary to" and keep "fulfill" in the motion. He also noted that because the cost is over \$75,000 there will need to be an RFP done and that will take time as well;
  - Reeve Beaupe commented that the paving will not occur until after the construction is complete and there are also some other items that will not be fulfilled at this point in time;
  - Councillor Harpe inquired if the fundraising is for FF&E and signage. Mr. Brake responded that a portion of the fundraising is for those items. Reeve Beaupe noted that all the fundraising amounts will go into Building Capital. Councillor Harpe noted that this will be outside the Capital Budget.

**Resolution #CM20130826.1009**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that Council permit PCDI to proceed in a timely fashion to fulfill the list of items on the project FF&E list and have all items included in the overall budget excluding the pavement item, the bussing item, and the Dino wrap for the student/tour bus.

Mr. Brake commented that PCDI will move forward on the items when it is necessary.

Councillor Smith inquired how much funding would need to be used to complete the list of FF&E items. Mr. Brake responded that \$600,000 is anticipated but the current estimate is \$535,000.

Council voted on the motion.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Eckstrom commented that a budget for the Grand Opening events was not provided. Mr. Brake responded that nothing has been donated for the Grand Opening, they are having a dinner and the funding for the additional events will be raised through ticket sales. He further noted that he hoped the County would sponsor a table.

Councillor Jacobs commented that nothing goes as planned with construction and inquired how sure Mr. Brake and PCDI are that the building will be ready before the Aykroyd's come to cut the ribbon on August 9, 2014. Mr. Brake responded that he has sat down with PCL and they are confident in their building schedule, the commissioning stage will be done in October 2014. He is comfortable with this and if he gets the permission to proceed with engaging Reich + Petch for displays everything will be on track for completion. Councillor Harpe commented that some

areas of the museum could be roped off for the Grand Opening so the public can access certain areas, but the full museum won't be ready for opening until October.

**Resolution #CM20130826.1010**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** that Council approve the plans as presented in today's Council meeting for the Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting, and fundraising for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Brake commented on the invitation letter that was attached to the presentation package; Donna Dixon had asked that he prepare a letter that she could send to her friends and colleagues. He further noted that on September 3rd the new paleontologist begins working. They will go to the Royal Tyrell and meet with people there to figure out what can be built into the displays and will do casts for the dinosaurs. He had hoped to have Reich + Petch there to evaluate but he will try and have the engaging approved at the next update to Council when more funding information has been secured.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if all of the events are included for the celebrities attending, or just the Amber Ball; also if Council will be involved in the Ball and events. Mr. Brake responded that he hopes that the MLAs and Ministers buy tickets for the ball, currently the cost is \$320/person and there are \$5000, \$10,000, and \$20,000 table sponsors available. He further noted that no advertising has been done for the ball, but he has already received 43 requests for tables at the \$5000 level.

Councillor Harpe inquired about the cost of insurance for the storage area. Michele Hoerner, Accountant, responded that they are still looking at quotes but it will not cost any extra as it is part of the agreement; the quotes are around \$160,000 and PCL had \$320,000 quoted.

Mr. Brake thanked Council for their time and left the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

**11:30 A.M.  
SAFETY CITY  
UPDATE AND  
PRESENTATION**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20130809001)

Heather Coney, Executive Director, Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities, will update County Council on Safe Communities and Safety City.

Ms. Coney thanked Council for their time today. She commented on the following programs and initiatives that are done by Safe Communities and Safety City.

- Car Seat clinics done on the second Wednesday of each month;
- Traffic Safety messaging: \$17,000 grant which is used for 6 months of ads on the radio stations as well as updates to Facebook and Twitter;

- Community awareness and partnerships: Devon Safety Expo (held for the 4th year in a row);
- Safety City - School programs: 800 children from the City of Grande Prairie and 120 children from the County completed Traffic and Pedestrian Safety;
- Farm Safety Programming and ATV and Dugout safety;
- Reeve Beaupre commented that Peace Wapiti School Board provided a bus to Safety City; Ms. Coney noted that the bus is being used to teach bus safety;
- EMS Services: the children have got to learn what happens when EMS is dispatched;
- Fire Safety Programs: safe route out of the house;
- Burn Safety trailer;
- Future Programming Opportunities: CN Rail crossing opportunity to increase more awareness for children within the County.

Ms. Coney also discussed business opportunities: kiosks, street naming, educational spaces, Aquatera Learning Zone. She noted that the County has donated \$3300.00 to Safety City and thanked Council for their continuous support.

There were no questions for Ms. Coney from Council. Ms. Coney noted that she asks the children what they have learned at the end of each program and that it is great to see both the children from the City and the County learning about the different safety that they need to know (for example, dugout safety for children from the City and pedestrian safety for children in the County). She commented that more bike safety is being done and that Bylaw and Enforcement Officers have run a course on that.

Councillor Nelson inquired if they intend on having classes on distracted driving as well. Ms. Coney responded that they have been trying to put more information on Facebook and other social media sources. She commented on the "crotch watching" advertisement and that it should have it's own campaign.

Councillor Smith commented on the injuries sustained by ATV's. Ms. Coney commented on the ATV Safety classes and that they teach the proper size of machine to be riding, size of helmet to wear, and about riding in the wrong gears; she commented that the highest rate for ATV collisions and injuries is in the Peace Country. Councillor Eckstrom commented that there is no requirements for purchasing an ATV, no classes are needed and no safety is reviewed. Unless it becomes mandatory people will not take the safety into account.

Council thanked Ms. Coney for her presentation that concluded at 12:12 p.m. and she left the meeting.

**Resolution #CM20130826.1011**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** that the meeting be recessed at 12:12 p.m. for

lunch.

**CARRIED**

**1:30 P.M.  
ENFORCEMENT  
QUARTERLY  
REPORT**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20130801004)

The meeting was reconvened at 1:31 p.m.

Superintendent of Enforcement Services, Stuart Rempel, and Sgt. Dave Campbell were present to discuss the following policy housekeeping issue: Policies J1-J7 were to be rescinded and new Policies for J1-J3 were to be passed in 2007 and there is no record they were rescinded. Sgt. Stu Rempel is requesting that Council make a motion to rescind Policies J5, J6, and J7.

**Resolution #CM20130826.1012**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that Policies J5, J6, and J7 be rescinded.

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Rempel introduced the officers that were present at the meeting:

- Sgt. Dave Campbell – Regional Enforcement;
- Corporal Myles Peckham – RCMP County Enhanced Policing Unit;
- Staff Sgt. Kelly Kokesch – NCO I/C Beaverlodge and Grande Prairie Rural Detachments;
- Sgt. Mike Bennett – NCO I/C Beaverlodge Detachment;
- Insp. Andy Seidemann – OIC Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge Detachment.

Sgt. Dave Campbell presented the Regional Enforcement Services Second Quarter Report. He noted the following:

- One member in "recruit field training";
- Statistics up to June 2013: tickets are slightly down from 2012; occurrences are up from 2012; tickets paid are down from 2012; fines from tickets written are on par; and call log is slightly up;
- In the second quarter: new Animal Control Officer Daryl Haugen began on April 29th;
- Bylaw Officer Amanda Oling is back to full duties;
- Annual landfill secure load checks were successful;
- CPIC queries through the Sheriff's Operational Control Center (SOCC) began 6 month test period;
- outlined the numerous activities for the period;
- Bylaw Review Committee working on the Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw and Traffic Safety Bylaw and worked with Parks & Recreation on the Parks and Greenspace Bylaw;
- Entering levels of employee training through the County for the Emergency Management Group;
- Discussions between the City and County on the SPCA contract and Regional Pound Agreement;
- New member Cst. Eric Beaulieu began on July 15th;

- Amanda Oling and Charnel Lenes represented the County riding horses in the Valhalla parade and celebration;
- Peace Officers began patrols on the new Wapiti Dunes trail system;
- Representation at the Dinosaur Museum Groundbreaking and stood as honour guard for the historic signing of the Metis Nation of Canada agreement between the County and the Dinosaur Museum Committee;
- Safety City School programs;
- Patrols at the Wapiti Dunes trails and surrounding area on side-by-side;
- Overview of notable enforcement highlights for Q2.

Sgt. Campbell concluded that the third quarter will focus on more ATV, bike, parks, and jet boat patrols, end of season special events, bush parties, and the annual back to school safety blitz. He also noted that Q2 is the busiest time for Animal Control and the Bylaw Unit continues to focus on unsightly premises and that the DARE season begins soon.

Councillor Nelson inquired if being picked up by County Animal Control was only way that animals end up in the pound. Sgt. Campbell responded that pet owners can surrender animals to the SPCA instead of calling Animal Control. Superintendent Rempel noted that the SPCA has to take in the cats that are caught by Animal Control and that, if they wish, Council can pass a bylaw on the amount of cats that can be housed at the SPCA. He asked that Administration bring back recommendations on the draft bylaw and SPCA contract on a future Council agenda under Unfinished Business.

Reeve Beaupre commented on the regional landfill blitz in the spring and inquired if there is another one planned for the fall as well. Sgt. Campbell responded that they had not planned on having another one in fall because of focusing on the school blitz; however if they do notice an issue on Resources Road they will address it. Councillor Smith commented that the City charges too much at the landfill so people are dumping within the County. Superintendent Rempel noted that they have had discussions with Aquatera about the fees and that they are patrolling the areas and set up spot checks. Furthermore, ratepayers can call Enforcement if they see the dumping violations.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the discharge of firearms is an issue in the gravel pits by the Dunes as she hears shots almost every night. Superintendent Rempel responded that County Enforcement is prohibited from responding to the firearms calls, they have to defer those issues to the RCMP.

Sgt. Campbell concluded the Regional Enforcement Services Second Quarter Report.

Corporal Myles Peckham, from RCMP County Enhanced Policing Unit,

commented that we will be seeing more firearms now because of the hunting season and he will pass the issue of the firearms at the Dunes along to the RCMP.

He discussed the following:

- Traffic Enforcement - total tickets was 177;
- impaired driving (2); controlled drugs and substances (14); suspended/disqualified driving (1); arrest warrants (3); 24 hour suspensions (4);
- Cst. Eric Beaulieu is now on board, Cst. Lee is back and Gabby Martin will be back shortly;
- bike safety course for Wembley Day Care; Detachment Tours; drug and cyber-bullying presentations in Sexsmith;
- Sod Turning ceremony at the Dinosaur Musuem;
- commented on numerous events: Stompede, Guitar and Wagons and Bud Country all went well on during this quarter; there were 30 minimal incidents that occurred.

Cpl. Peckham noted that there were five Enforcement members present at all three music and rodeo events, but the number can likely be reduced to three members at Bud County and Guitars & Wagons next year; they would like to increase the presence at the Stompede to five members and have a larger presence at the Teepee Creek Stompede as well. He noted that the only issue is the DARE Program, there is one held in February but it is not brought to schools until the Spring/early summer.

Councillor Nelson inquired about the level of involvement the RCMP County Enhanced Policing has in bullying. Cpl. Peckham responded that he cannot recall anything from the Enhanced Policing in regards to bullying situations.

Cpl. Peckham was thanked by Council for the presentation which concluded at 1:53 p.m.

Superintendent Rempel commented on the additional special events that were hosted this year (Guitars & Wagons) and that there were bigger beer gardens and more dates. For some events it was difficult to fill all the necessary Enforcement members but he was very impressed with the members who did fill the positions. Reeve Beaupre commented that Evergreen Park wants to increase the number of events held there for upcoming years. Cpl. Peckham commented that as long as the events are organized properly there will likely be no issues with the staffing.

Councillor Harpe posed a question to Superintendent Rempel and Cpl. Peckham in regards to the plan for schools and children on the highways. Superintendent Remple responded that the action plan is already in place, they have scaled officers up and they will be in the open for the first couple weeks then periodically throughout the school year. He was not sure if Fire Services will also join in the partnerships within the schools.

Staff Sgt. Kelly Kokesch, NCO I/C Beaverlodge and Grande Prairie Rural Detachments, and Insp. Andy Seidemann, OIC Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge Detachment, presented the Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge Rural RCMP Detachment Second Quarter Report. The following was noted:

- Calls for Service, theft of Motor Vehicles, and Break & Enters at Businesses are all up this quarter and it was noted that they are struggling to keep up.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if money from criminal activity is being used to pay off drug debts. Sgt. Kokesch responded that they see some armed robberies but these are continuous and not necessarily from organized crime.

Councillor Nelson inquired if there have been any community initiatives within industry, for example with the Clairmont Industrial Park. Sgt. Kokesch responded that they have had meetings with heads of Security at bigger oil companies but he is not aware of any community groups. He further noted that companies have started hiding their equipment more and providing more security to ensure equipment is not stolen.

Sgt. Kokesch discussed three major operational events that occurred during the second quarter. He noted that he cannot comment on the deceased male found on June 12th as the investigation is still ongoing. Councillor Eckstrom inquired about the low jail term for James Gauthier. Sgt. Kokesch responded that he did not have a past history of violence and the RCMP did everything they could do to get a higher sentence.

Sgt. Kokesch noted that the RCMP Rural Detachment provided a lot of man time and power to aid after the flooding in Calgary. Reeve Beaupre inquired if the detachment will receive funding from the Province for the man hours that were used away from the service area. Sgt. Kokesch responded that they get compensated hourly and for overtime if they were on days off, but they cannot backfill the positions that were used to help in Calgary.

Sgt. Kokesch noted that the jet boat has been active in patrolling the Wapiti River. There was a comment in regards to shooting within the Wapiti Corridor. Sgt. Kokesch responded that there is good signage and warnings and residents should know they cannot shoot there. He commented that the owners of the pits should be posting signs saying that people cannot shoot there and that the Wapiti Shooters Club is working on getting people to buy memberships. Councillor Nelson inquired if Sgt. Kokesch has encountered incidents with people shooting off the river from boats to the shore. He responded that he does not recall any situations but they do encourage people to contact them if they see any shooting being done that should not be done.

Councillor Sutherland thanked staff and Enforcement for their involvement in the Dinosaur Museum activities and noted that they appreciated the security for the Metis Nation of Canada agreement signing.

Sgt. Kokesch concluded the presentation of the Rural RCMP Detachment's Second Quarter Report.

Sgt. Mike Bennett, NCO I/C Beaverlodge Detachment, handed out the Second Quarter Report for the Town of Beaverlodge to Council. He discussed the following:

- Staffing: almost full, 6 Constables, one Enhanced Constable, and they are waiting for a Corporate position (which has been advertised) and 3 support staff positions;
- Big increase in Provincial traffic offenses, people are not slowing down;
- Check Stops;
- School zones: in September there will be a directed approach to the areas and getting a list signed and BL Council is working on that;
- Thefts are up, lawn ornaments and signs, etc.;
- Everything else was on-par with 2012. There are successes with forensics;
- Careless Driving charge.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the suspicious death in Beaverlodge. Sgt. Bennett responded that the incident was in this quarter and the investigation is ongoing with Major Crimes. The suspect has been apprehended and is now in custody.

Councillor Eckstrom commented on people in Sexsmith and Clairmont not coming to a complete stop at the highways. Sgt. Bennett responded that people who have been pulled over say that you can see far enough away that they do not need to come to a complete stop; when line of view is far people do not stop as often.

Councillor Jacobs inquired if there is only one person on patrol for traffic stops. Sgt. Bennett responded that there is only one officer on patrol for traffic stops and that the majority of highway stops go fine; there are protocols to follow for high risk calls as they do not allow members to be dispatched alone (domestic disturbance).

Councillor Nelson inquired about the use of tasers. Sgt. Bennett responded that at the Beaverlodge Detachment they are not used very often. Sgt. Kokesch noted that all detachments want to use a lower level of force so resistance needs to be rather high for an Enforcement Officer to use a taser. Sgt. Bennett noted that taser discharges are tracked and reports are available.

Reeve Beaupre thanked Sgt. Kokesch and Sgt. Bennett for their

presentations. Superintendent Rempel thanked Council for their time today. All Enforcement Officers left the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

**BBQ POLICY K1 -  
DRAFT**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130819003)

Councillor Smith left the meeting at 2:23 p.m. and returned at 2:25 p.m.

Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, noted that the County owns a bumper pull, four burner BBQ. A draft of the policy, rental agreement, inspection checklist and safe operating procedure that would provide direction for administration to make the BBQ available for community groups and organizations was attached to the agenda package. The direction from Council was to make the BBQ available free of cost, except a \$100.00 refundable damage deposit.

The BBQ is first come first served and can only be rented a maximum of one year in advance. Renters must book the BBQ a minimum of 14 days in advance. Private individuals or companies can only rent the BBQ if it is for a fundraiser for a charity or not for profit. The County will supply the propane, utensils and cleaning materials, but the Renter must clean the BBQ and utensils at the end of their rental. Ms. Schur noted that Parks and Recreation will do pre and post- inspections and there will be a four hour rental maximum. Reeve Beaupre inquired if the four hours was including time for clean up as it does not seem like a long enough time frame. Ms. Schur responded that she can extend the time frame and it was just a suggestion made from Council.

Other items in the policy are required by the County's insurance provider. The Renter must maintain insurance and the BBQ must be accompanied at all times by a County employee. Councillor Smith inquired about the groups that are already covered under County insurance and whether they will have to obtain the additional insurance. Noreen Vavrek, Director of Finance, responded that our insurance company (Jubilee) told us that this needed to be done; each group needs their own liability coverage unless they already have the liability coverage through the County.

Ms. Schur inquired if she should look into the costs of purchasing additional insurance under the current provider. Ms. Vavrek noted that we do not have the user group liability option currently, but it can be investigated. Reeve Beaupre inquired about the process for renting equipment from Agriculture. Ms. Vavrek responded that she will have to follow up. Councillor Nelson commented that Ms. Schur should go back and investigate the opportunity for user groups to be added onto the County's policy.

The BBQ will result in additional man hours, primarily on weekends. The Parks and Recreation department intends to budget for a new labourer to work Thursday through Monday during the summer months to keep overtime costs to a minimum.

Councillor Harpe commented that he is not in favour of the \$100.00 deposit or the additional insurance requirement. Councillor Smith commented that he is not in favour of the additional insurance requirement but is in favour of the deposit.

Councillor Dueck inquired about the cleaning requirement for the Renter prior to returning the BBQ to Parks and Recreation and noted that Parks has better equipment to do the cleaning and a lot of places do not have access to hot water. Ms. Schur responded that the County wants to ensure that Renters hold responsibility for the BBQ. Parks and Recreation staff will take responsibility for the deep clean but the Renters need to address the grease and surface cleaning.

Reeve Beaupre noted that her only concern is the four hour rental time frame, she is supportive of the additional liability insurance as it is not too onerous on the groups to obtain it.

**Resolution #CM20130826.1013**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** that BBQ Policy K1 be approved with the amendment for rental time to be 6 hours usage and renters can apply for a full-day rental, and have the \$2 million additional liability coverage removed.

Councillor Eckstrom requested recorded vote.

Councillor Harpe commented on full-day events and noted Renters should be able to apply for a full-day rental. Councillor Smith accepted the amendment as friendly.

Councillor Eckstrom suggested that Renters could come to Council and ask for the full-day rentals and it can be approved by Council motion.

Councillor Sutherland commented on the level of cleanliness prior return. He commented that it should be up to the County employee to ensure that it is clean. Reeve Beaupre responded that Parks and Recreation are not referring to issues with dust on the outside of the BBQ, they are referring to Renters leaving the grease in the BBQ and dirty utensils. Councillor Smith commented that Ms. Schur and Parks and Recreation can address the smaller details.

**Votes:**

**In** Brock Smith, Pat Jacobs, Richard Harpe, Sharon Nelson

**Favour:**

**Opposed:** Leanne Beaupre, Ross Sutherland, Harold Bulford, Lois Dueck, Mary Ann Eckstrom

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution #CM20130826.1014**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** to approve BBQ Policy K1 with an amendment to include the application for full-day rentals.

Councillor Smith commented that Council will still want to know the cost of additional liability insurance. He asked that motion be tabled until the insurance information can be obtained.

**TABLED**

**LETTER FROM  
THE CITY OF  
GRANDE PRAIRIE**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130821002)

A letter from the City of Grande Prairie requesting a formal review of the Intermunicipal Development Plan was attached to the agenda package.

John Simpson, Director of Planning and Development, provided background information on the IDP and Annexation. He noted that the IDP is reviewed every 3 years and it was last approved in 2010 so another review is due for 2013.

**NEW COUNTY  
FLAG**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130826002)

Councillor Jacobs commented that the last County flag was designed by a local student many years ago and that it is time for a new County flag design. CAO Bill Rogan responded that Lesley Nielsen-Bjerke, Communications Coordinator, will be bringing a branding report forward in September and the new County flag will be addressed then.

**NORTHERN  
CORRIDOR  
DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION  
(NCDC) ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING AND  
SYMPOSIUM**

(WORKSHOPS,  
CONFERENCES,  
SEMINARS)  
(Issue #20130819006)

The NCDC AGM and Symposium "Bridging the Gaps" will be held from September 30 - October 1, 2013 in Fort St. John, British Columbia. This symposium will be focused on northern development and global market access for northern commodities. The agenda has not been released as of this date.

**Resolution #CM20130826.1015**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that any Councillor wishing to attend the NCDC AGM and Symposium may attend.

The event will be inputted into Council calendars for acceptance or refusal.

**CARRIED**

**PRINCE RUPERT  
PORT  
AUTHORITY  
NETWORKING  
RECEPTION**

(WORKSHOPS,  
CONFERENCES,

An invitation from the Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) has been received for Reeve Beaupre. This networking reception is being held in Edmonton at the Fairmont Hotel McDonald on September 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. As this is an out of area meeting a motion for the Reeve to attend is required.

SEMINARS)  
(Issue #20130821007)

The Port of Prince Rupert Authority has been a important export outlet for Alberta for decades and the PRPA's Board of Directors and Senior Executive team are hosting an evening of introductions and conversation. This date conflicts with the Intermunicipal Government Meeting being hosted by the City of Grande Prairie on September 17th.

**Resolution #CM20130826.1016**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that Council approve Reeve Beaupre's attendance at the Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) Networking Reception.

**CARRIED**

**ESSENTIAL  
SKILLS FOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANTS  
CERTIFICATE -  
DEBBIE LLOYD**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130819004)

Mr. Miller congratulated Community Services Customer Service Representative Debbie Lloyd on her achievement obtaining the Essential Skills for Administrative Assistants certificate. Ms. Lloyd started works at the front counter and answers the phones in the Community Services Building as well as providing administrative support to all Departments in the Building.

Council congratulated Ms. Lloyd on her achievement and photos were taken with Mr. Miller, Ms. Lloyd, and Reeve Beaupre.

**ESSENTIAL  
SKILLS FOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROFESSIONALS  
CERTIFICATE -  
SHERYLE  
RUNHART**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130816002)

Bill Rogan noted that Administration would like to congratulate Legislative Services Manager, Sheryle Runhart for successfully completing the program requirements for the Essential Skills of Administrative Professionals.

**NATIONAL  
ADVANCED  
CERTIFICATE IN  
LOCAL  
AUTHORITY  
ADMINISTRATION  
- SHERYLE  
RUNHART**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130816003)

Through the University of Alberta Faculty of Extension, Legislative Services Manager, Sheryle Runhart has successfully completed all the program requirements and has received her National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration Level I certificate.

Council congratulated Sheryle on her certificates, she was not present at the Council meeting.

**COUNCIL  
PROMOTIONAL  
ITEM DONATIONS**

Mrs. Nielsen-Bjerke noted that Council has given out a total of \$1,275 in promotional items/gifts from April 13, 2013 to August 20, 2013.

The following items were donated on Council's behalf to community groups in the region for fundraising/door prizes/silent auctions:

**EXPENDITURE -  
APRIL 13 TO  
AUGUST 20**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130820001)

- \$150 promotional items donated to the Grande Prairie Firefighters Charitable Golf Tournament;
- \$150 promotional items donated to the Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association AVIP Conference;
- \$150 promotional items donated to the Aquatera Golf Tournament;
- \$150 promotional items donated to the ASET/APEGA Golf Tournament;
- \$150 promotional items donated to the Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament;
- \$150 promotional items donated to the GP Shooters Club QEII Cancer Clinic Fundraiser;
- \$75 promotional items donated to the ARMAA/LGAA;
- \$150 promotional items donated to the National Volunteer Luncheon;
- \$150 promotional items donated to the Beaverlodge Fashion Show.

Councillor Eckstom inquired about the donation to the Beaverlodge Fashion Show. Mrs. Nielsen-Bjerke responded that it was for a fundraiser. Councillor Jacobs commented that she believes it was for Victim's Assistance.

Mr. Miller left the meeting at 3:00 pm.

**WELL DRILLING  
EQUIPMENT TAX  
- LETTER FROM  
MUNICIPAL  
AFFAIRS**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130821001)

A letter was received from Mr. Bob Barss, President of AAMDC, noting that the Minister has extended the Well Drilling Equipment Tax an additional 5 years.

Reeve Beaupre noted that this is good news for the County and the MD of Greenview. Bill commented that Barry Donovan, Chief Assessor, represented the County at the joint stakeholder consultation session, and it was because of the flooding in Calgary that the tax review has been pushed back 5 years.

**MONTH AT A  
GLANCE - REEVE  
AND CAO**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130821003)

Councillor Smith commented that he met with the Beaverlodge citizens in regards to the Beaverlodge Hospital. Reeve Beaupre noted that she had a discussion with Jim Clease in regards to the Concerned Citizens Group who wanted to raise funds for a hospital. Reeve Beaupre noted that Mayor Hanson will speak to Beaverlodge citizens' concerns. It was noted that Mr. Clease is now part of the FCC group in Beaverlodge.

Considerable discussion ensued in regards to the Family Care Clinic in Beaverlodge.

- Councillor Jacobs noted that Citizen Groups and Foundations cannot fundraise for a building and it is up to the Provincial Government and Alberta Health Services to decide;
- it was noted that groups can fundraise for medical equipment provided that AHS will provide the medical staff for the building;
- there is a meeting scheduled for tonight, August 26th, to discuss the

Foundation and the FCC;

- Reeve Beaupre commented that the group wants the County to put a link on our website for the fundraising for the foundation and the Town of Beaverlodge.

Mr. Miller returned to the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

- Councillor Harpe commented that Foundations are controlled by bylaws and he wants to see their bylaws. He also noted that he is part of the Beaverlodge Foundation;
- Councillor Dueck commented that Beaverlodge area resident, Jim Clease, wants to make a presentation to Council at an upcoming Council meeting.

**ACTION LIST**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130821009)

Councillor Dueck commented that a lot of the actions are still in progress, and inquired how long it takes do address these actions. Reeve Beaupre responded that there are lots of staff on their holidays and that certain actions will take longer than others (for example with Alberta Transportation approvals). Mr. Pfau commented that Public Works did not get to update a lot of his actions because of the move and renovations.

**NAMING RIGHTS FOR COUNTY SPORTSPLEX**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20130704001)

**Resolution #CM20130826.1017**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 3:11 p.m., pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter F-25 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to the Naming Rights for County Sportsplex, Personnel, and Annexation.

**CARRIED**

**ANNEXATION**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20130819005)

**Resolution #CM20130826.1018**

**MOVED by M. ECKSTROM** that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 3:39 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130826.1019**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** that the County of Grande Prairie no longer pursue naming rights and opportunities for the Sportsplex and have the name remain as the County of Grande Prairie Sportsplex.

Councillor Nelson requested a recorded vote.

**Votes:**

**In** Ross Sutherland, Brock Smith, Harold Bulford, Lois Dueck, Pat  
**Favour:** Jacobs, Sharon Nelson

**Opposed:** Leanne Beaupre, Mary Ann Eckstrom, Richard Harpe

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130826.1020**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that Council proceed with the recommendation as was presented by Administration in regards to the Personnel issue.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130826.1021**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that Council approve the Annexation Final Position as was presented by Planning and Development.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130826.1022**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that Planning and Development formulate an alternative position for the Annexation with the City of Grande Prairie.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLOR,  
 COMMITTEE AND  
 DEPARTMENT  
 REPORTS**

Councillor Sutherland attended the Evergreen Park meeting and noted that there was a proposal for naming rights for the TEC Centre. He further noted that there has been more activity there which requires more investment. Evergreen Park is also experiencing some issues with Horse Racing Alberta, they held back on the monthly grant by 1/3, the balance to be paid at year end. He concluded that the Park is in much better shape for the long term.

Councillor Sutherland attended the ASB Tour and commented that the day went very well.

Councillor Sutherland cooked with Councillor Dueck at the Corn Maze at Country Roads Campground. He commented that everything went very well at the event and he was impressed with the amount of young families and involvement.

Councillor Jacobs attended the ASB Tour and noted that it was a very interesting event. She also commented on the trees being planted at PRT.

Councillor Harpe noted that Seniors Day Celebrations will be held on June 5, 2014 at the TEC Centre.

Councillor Harpe inquired whether correspondence has been received from Honourable Wayne Drysdale MLA Grande Prairie-Wapiti and the Minister of Transportation in regards to Secondary Highway #724. He

also commented on Secondary Highway #723 and the 6 inch ruts in the lane going north.

**Resolution #CM20130826.1023**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to write a letter to the Minister of Transportation, copy Honourable Wayne Drysdale MLA Grande Prairie-Wapiti, in regards to the condition of Secondary Highway #723 north to Valhalla from Highway #43 to Highway #59.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Harpe also commented on the road signs in Valhalla and that the visibility needs to be addressed.

Councillor Nelson attended the Wapiti River Water Management Plan meeting. She noted that Steve Madden was present and there was discussion on the Terms Of Reference. There was also discussion about tributaries. There was no representation from Beaverlodge or the MD of Greenview and the Wapiti River Management Plan are waiting for their input before making a final plan and decision.

Councillor Nelson attended the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Workshop. They discussed the Terms of Reference for the state of the watershed and working with Stakeholders. She commented that Cathy Newhook was in attendance as she is the alternate. She noted that the Secretary spoke about trans-boundary discussions, and that they have not signed off on the proposed new dam on the Peace. MPWA is worried about impacts 40 years later for the existing dam. Alberta has not done any studies on the effects of the dams in the past 20 years. The cost will be \$225,000 for a state of the Watershed Report from the Alberta government.

Councillor Nelson attended a PAZA meeting.

Councillor Smith attended the ASB Tour.

Councillor Smith attended an Executive Committee for the Peace Library Meeting and it was held in Hythe. He noted that they assessed the Peace Library System building and there is water on the roof, the slab is cracking, and it all needs to get fixed. He also noted that the utility contract expires soon so they will be comparing rates between AUMA and AAMDC. He further noted that the Book Rate went through and it includes DVD's, and they should save \$6000. The budget is on track and the Committee will be asking the Board to have the smaller municipalities (10-12) paying an administration fee.

Councillor Smith attended the Hythe fundraiser for old Hythe hospital. He noted that there were about 400 people in attendance and that 5 bands

provided the entertainment.

Councillor Bulford attended the Dinosaur Museum Building Committee meeting and commented that everything is on schedule.

Councillor Bulford thanked Mr. Pfau and Public Works for the brushing that was done in Bezanson by the Fire Hall and Community Centre.

Councillor Bulford thanked Council for the \$42,500 grant for the skating rink in Bezanson. He noted that boards are going up now, everyone is very excited.

Councillor Dueck attended a MGA Workshop in Grimshaw and noted that it was well attended and there was very good conversation in regards to the MGA needing to be tweaked (wording etc). Reeve Beaupre commented that she spoke to Tom Burton in regards to turnout from other municipalities. Bill noted that there are two more workshops scheduled (one in Bonnyville and one in Balzac). About 50-60 people attended in Grimshaw. Reeve Beaupre commented on rail lines and de-commissioning.

Councillor Dueck attended the Dinosaur Museum Building Construction meeting.

Councillor Dueck attended the Dinosaur Corn Maze and cooked with Councillor Sutherland. She noted that there was a family from the Northwest Territories in attendance and they commented on returning to the Grande Prairie area once the museum is open. She also noted that the children really enjoyed the Cow Bus.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she was away on vacation but she read her emails and has kept up on what has been done in her absence. She noted that the Huntington Ride for the Cure was held in Teepee Creek and they were very successful in their fundraising.

Reeve Beaupe commented that Evergreen Park is busier. They have had one employee resign and have also hired a Food and Beverage manager. They are still struggling with the cost of food and delivering food services.

Reeve Beaupre met with Alberta Deputy Premier Thomas Lukaszuk at Teresa Sargent Hall. They discussed views on immigration, workers and labour. It was noted that there are more people coming from Eastern Canada and they reviewed population projections. Alberta still has a shortage for workers and they are working on a strategy to remedy the situation. Councillor Nelson commented that she would support this initiative as some workers from Alberta will not take the work because it does not pay enough money. Reeve Beaupre commented that the

shortfall is the same in all areas because labourers here don't want to do the housekeeping jobs so eastern workers are taking them.

She noted that they also discussed Advanced Education and that they are proceeding with degrees. The University of Alberta is the only school to challenge the government and the University of Calgary will not carryover any two year degrees and they make new students take the full four year degree instead.

Reeve Beaupre had a conversation with Andy Beal from Aquatera. She noted that Aquatera will be putting together a position paper for any candidate in the election so they will have all the necessary information on Aquatera. Aquatera is currently working on customer performance and how they can improve it. They are discussing performance based contracts for some employees.

CAO Bill Rogan attended the MGA Workshop in Grimshaw.

CAO Bill Rogan will be away at the ARMAA Conference and also taking some holidays next week so he will not be present at the September 9, 2013 Council meeting.

Councillor Nelson inquired when the Red Meat Initiative update will be brought back to Council. The CAO responded that it will be brought back sometime in September.

Mr. Simpson reminded Council about the Wapiti Dunes Trails Grand Opening. It was noted that Council will be meeting at the Fire Hall parking lot and heading over from there.

Mr. Simpson commented that the letters to landowners went out in regards to Annexation and there will be an information session held about the Annexation process on September 20th that will discuss the County position relative to the City's position.

Mr. Simpson commented that Ernie's is now open at the Sportsplex and the concessions are open as well. The multipurpose room will hopefully be open for the Grand Opening on September 8th. He noted that Tito's is running the concession area. Councillor Bulford commented that he had sent a letter to the Edmonton Oilers in regards to attendance at the opening, he also sent an email follow up; the Oilers did not say no but said they had not received the letter. Jennifer Rubuliak, Communications Officer, commented that the advertisements have already been placed for the Grand Opening.

Mr. Miller commented that most seasonal staff will be done at end of this week. This season there were more ditches mowed, cemeteries addressed, less weeds in the ditches, and less chemicals were used than

last year.

Councillor Jacobs asked for an update on the Saskatoon Mountain Plan. Mr. Miller responded that Saskatoon Mountain will be addressed at an upcoming Council meeting.

Mr. Pfau commented that staff have been moving into the new PW/IT building. Public Works wants to get projects started as it has been relatively dry. Councillor Nelson commented that there is still a temporary stop sign on Secondary Highway #730 going west and Alberta Transportation has not put up a metal one yet. Mr. Pfau responded that he will remind them about having a full-sized stop sign installed.

Councillor Harpe inquired if the Council luncheon is scheduled for tomorrow. CAO Bill Rogan responded that it is.

Councillor Dueck commented that nothing has been done on the dip in the highway yet (near the Red Willow). Mr. Pfau noted that he will follow-up in regards to the repair of the dip. Councillor Dueck wanted to ensure that it would be done before winter. Mr. Pfau responded that it is on the list to be addressed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #CM20130826.1024**

**MOVED by M. ECKSTROM** that the meeting adjourn at 4:27 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes approved the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013.

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