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December 2, 2013

Regional Fire Service Launches Recruitment Video – Men and women looking to see first-hand what a position would be like with the County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service can do so right from their computers or their mobile devices. The County's Fire Service launched their locally-produced video to help kick-off their annual fire recruitment campaign, which runs until January 15. The video shows firefighters in action, covering a range of emergencies from medical to fires to dangerous goods. The video also outlines the hiring opportunities available for firefighters. The video is available on the County website www.countygp.ab.ca/firerecruit/, social media channels including YouTube <http://youtu.be/l-NsafQaRPA>, as well as on DVD (available at any County fire station).

Regional Enforcement Services Third Quarter Report – Superintendent of Regional Enforcement Services, Stuart Rempel; Sergeant Stuart Fry; RCMP Corporal Myles Peckham; and RCMP Staff Sergeant Kelly Kokesch presented Council the 2013 third 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 2063 violation tickets were issued in the third quarter. There were 1302 calls for service.

RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit – A total of 150 traffic and safety violation tickets were issued in the thirdquarter of 2013.

Grande Prairie Rural/Beaverlodge RCMP Detachments – Grande Prairie Rural members responded to 1287 calls for service. Beaverlodge members responded to 400 service calls.

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.

Economic Development Update – Economic Development Officers Walter Paszkowski and Chris King provided an update on various projects and initiatives including;

Growing The North Conference – The conference, being held Feb. 19-20 at the Entrec Centre, will feature several keynote speakers including Chris Hadfield, Astronaut and Former Commander of the International Space Station; John McDougall, President of the National Research Council of Ottawa; Roger Brooks, Destination Development and Community Branding Expert ; Shawn Shewchuk, Author, Change Your Mind, Change Your Results Early bird registration is available until December 31st at www.growingthenorth.com.

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Red Meat Industry - The committee will continue to explore new opportunities for local producers and processors to access new markets and to find cost efficiencies for local processing.

EDO Chris King outlined the a few of the department's priorities which include securing a regional water supply, economic diversification, the multi-modal site, and improved marketing presence.

Offsite Levy for Roadways – During the annual review, Council approved increases, effective November 1, 2014, to the amounts charged developers for upgrading existing or constructing new roads required due to their new developments.

Equipment Purchases – Council awarded the tender for the purchase of grader blades and sandvik teeth to Valley Blades for the amount of \$128,828; and awarded the purchase of five new graders from Finning International for a total cost of \$1,723,861.

Sponsorships - Council approved the contribution of \$500 to the Canadian Cancer Society's Face Off Against Cancer being held January 24-26, 2014 at the Coca-Cola Centre. For further information, visit www.cancer.ca/faceoffagainstcancer. Council approved a \$1000 for the 3rd annual Sled Dog Derby taking place January 3-5, 2014.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing on Bylaw 2680-13-043 to redesignate approximately 14.78 acres of land located ½ a mile east of the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Range Road

53 from Country Residential (CR-5) to Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2). Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing on Bylaw 2680-13-039 to redesignate approximately 10.08 acres located 7 miles northwest of Hamlet of Bezanson, adjacent to Township Road 724A from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing on Bylaw 2680-13-040 to redesignate approximately 10 acres of land located within the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Range Road 55 from Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District to allow for subdivision of one lot for Industrial use. Council gave the bylaw third reading

Council held a public hearing on Bylaw 2680-13-041 to redesignate approximately 86.7 acres located 1 ½ miles north of the Town of Sexsmith, adjacent to Highway 2 and Range Road 60 from Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District to allow for industrial use. The bylaw did not receive first reading.

Council held a public hearing on Bylaw 2680-13-042 to redesignate approximately 31.17 acres of land located east of the Hamlet of Bezanson, adjacent to Highway 43 and Range Road 31 from Agricultural (AG) District to Highway Industrial (RM-4) District to allow for subdivision of one lot for industrial use. The bylaw did not receive third reading.

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Council held a public hearing on Bylaw 2680-13-038 to redesignate approximately 9.88 acres of land located 5 miles west of the Village of Hythe and 1 mile south of Horse Lake Reserve 152B and adjacent to Highway 672 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for subdivision of one lot for residential use.

Next regular Council Meeting is January 6, 2014. These meetings will be held in the EOC in the Community Services Building until further notice.

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