

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD AT COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY JANUARY 21, 2013
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT	CHAIRMAN COUNCILLORS ABSENT LEGISLATIVE SERVICES MANAGER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO REEVE AND CAO RECORDING SECRETARY	L. BEAUPRE H. BULFORD L. DUECK M. ECKSTROM P. JACOBS B. SMITH R. SUTHERLAND R. HARPE SHIRLEY FELDBERG W. A. (BILL) ROGAN (ABSENT) HERB PFAU (ABSENT) JOHN SIMPSON STEVE MADDEN ARLEN MILLER SHERYLE RUNHART AMANDA ORAVEC
MEDIA	AARON HINKS BRAD WISKER JEFF HANSEN	DAILY HERALD TRIBUNE BIG COUNTRY FM FREE FM
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the singing of O Canada.	
ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Councillor Smith added an In Camera item on the Dinosaur Museum. Also adding an addendum to the agenda. <u>MOVED BY B. SMITH</u> that the Agenda be adopted with the additions as amended. <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-56-13</p>	

<p>GRANDE PRAIRIE MOTOCROSS ASSOCIATION- ICE RACE ON CLAIRMONT LAKE</p>	<p>Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, presented Jarrett King of the Grande Prairie Motocross Association. He noted that he had just received a phone call from someone checking ice conditions and they had informed him that they will not have the proper ice conditions to have heavy equipment on the ice in time for the race. He also commented that they will still have a small practice time trail and thanked Council for their time and continuous support.</p> <p>Councillor Smith inquired whether the ice is too thin for the equipment to go on the ice. Mr. King responded that the ice is not too thin (there is currently 14 inches of ice) but the conditions are not ideal as there is too much snow on the ice and they cannot get a Bobcat or grader on to clear it off. He further noted that the racers make 6-8 inch ruts in the ice and in order to have ideal ice conditions the weather would need to be -25 or more for at least a week straight.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson inquired whether the race can take place during the Clairmont Winter Carnival in late February. Mr. King responded that it is hard for the association to get racers here in time as they have changed the schedule but there is a possibility that it could happen. Councillor Nelson inquired whether they would be able to do a demonstration or have a practice session there during the Winter Carnival. Mr. King responded that there is a very good possibility a practice session or demonstration can be arranged for that time.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom expressed her disappointment about the ice conditions not being ideal and inquired when the race would typically be held. Mr. King responded that the season lasts from the last week of January until mid-March. He further noted that because the ice conditions have not been ideal this year other places have had to rearrange their season as well.</p> <p>Mr. King was thanked for his presentation to Council; he noted that he appreciates Council's support for the Grande Prairie Motocross Association.</p>
<p>THINK LOCAL MARKET- MELANIE A. BEKEVICH</p>	<p>Melanie Bekevich-Joos, Think Local Market.com, made a presentation to Council.</p> <p>Ms. Bekevich-Joos discussed the Economic Development platform that has been designed by municipalities for municipalities and has grown within the Peace Country.</p> <p>She came from Peace River to make the presentation and thanked Council for their time and consideration. They have been working on this project since 2010. The Website was launched in Spring of 2011. Think Local Market encourages residents to think and buy locally and create a stronger sense of community. It gives marketing power to local business people. They work with companies and offer online and in person training.</p>

- Creates a network of local merchants that result in connections to the municipality.
- Also allocate \$10,000 for Give Local Campaign; the aid program helps out small local companies.
- have won 2 Economic Development awards; have 22 partners, 14 municipalities, 2 Community Futures offices, 3 Chambers, 3 funders, over 100 merchants, over 450 products and services, approx. \$50,000 in sales; 16 on-site training courses.

Concept: concept of shopping local to the forefront of marketing strategy; supports local entrepreneurs by encouraging residents to shop locally while simultaneously providing an e-commerce capable, web-based market that exposes entrepreneurs to much larger domestic, even international markets. Provides access to an online storefront that is capable of online sales transactions. Also offers online training for merchants.

Ms. Bekevich-Joos showed a video showcasing the merchants that operate within Think Local Market.

Kathleen Turner, Director of FCSS, arrived at 10:17 a.m.

Annual membership based on County of Grande Prairie population Year 1 (\$7469.40), Year 2 (\$3734.70), and Year 3 (\$3734.70).

- Unlimited number of merchants with e-commerce storefront;
- Unlimited administrative access with reporting tools;
- Marketing plans with professionally designed ads for print and web;
- Internal training to community contacts;
- Weekly web-based business skills training;
- Ongoing municipal and technical support.

How it works:

- 1) assign a community contact (approve merchants, promote locally);
- 2) internal training with TLM (administrative capabilities, reports and tracking, marketing plans);
- 3) put TLM to work (stock your shelves, market to residents)

Top 5 reasons to join Think Local Market:

5. Showcase unique local products to the world
4. residents want to think local
3. inexpensive way to send a message that small business matter
2. revenue generated stays within the community
1. Residents will love it

Reeve Beaupre inquired how Community Futures will fit into this plan. Ms. Bekevich-Joos responded that Community Futures will be a partner, the CF office will play a tremendous roll, they help businesses grow further and expand their businesses. She further noted that 3 merchants access small business loans, 27 access advisory

	<p>services, and 3 have taken further training.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson noted that she appreciates the presentation and can see why Think Local Market has received awards. She supports buying local and the philosophy, and was wondering if they have had anyone come forward with red meat concerns or initiatives. Ms. Bekevich-Joos noted that one merchant (Peacefull Pantry) buys local meats and produce from a farmer in Rycroft. TLM provides the marketing but it is up to the merchant to abide by regulations, however policing the merchants is not part of their mandate.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom thanked Ms. Bekevich-Joos for her presentation and posed a question in regards to the role of Economic Development Officers. Ms. Bekevich-Joos responded that the focus is mainly on Community Contacts, they act as gatekeepers, officers can approve or not approve the application/request from a business, they can determine that they require support or guidance and are used as a go between for concerns and issues. They also ensure that all businesses have the necessary permits to operate within Think Local Market.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom inquired what the cost to the producer is. Ms. Bekevich-Joos responded that there is currently no cost to the producer, and the municipalities have said they do not want to change this process.</p> <p>Councillor Sutherland inquired about funding. Ms. Bekevich-Joos noted that the founding members of TLM have provided funding, also support from various Chambers of Commerce, Western Economic Diversification, and the Rural Economic Development Initiative. Councillor Sutherland also inquired what TLM's annual budget is. Ms. Bekevich-Joos responded that the budget is around \$125,000.00 annually.</p> <p>Councillor Dueck inquired whether they have a committee and where they are based. Ms. Bekevich-Joos noted that the office is located in Peace River; the Steering Committee meets monthly in Peace River and there are representatives from PREDA, Economic Development, and Community Futures.</p> <p>Councillor Dueck also inquired about the budget. Ms. Bekevich-Joos noted there is difficulty with the estimated budget forecast as they are looking to expand to have more municipalities and merchants join in the next 3 months. Currently TLM is just focusing on the Northern communities.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre thanked Ms. Bekevich-Joos for her presentation and left the meeting at 10:41 a.m.</p>
GRANDE PRAIRIE SOCCER ASSOCIATION	Robin Watson, founder, and Chris Spaidal, Grande Prairie Soccer Association were asked to come to Council today to discuss Fieldhouse rentals at the County Sportsplex.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the Community member's feedback in regards to the Sportsplex and about the future of soccer in Grande Prairie.

Mr. Watson commented that the first time at the pitch was on Monday and they are very happy with it. He noted that the indoor full sized Fieldhouse will bring lots to the soccer community; however they have lost a lot of children to other sports. He believes that the full sized pitches will help bring children back to soccer. Mr. Spaidal commented that there has been more interest in soccer since the pitch at the Sportsplex opened.

Reeve Beaupre noted there were concerns from Council because the Grande Prairie Soccer Association had said they would purchase all peak hours at the pitch and that has not happened yet. Mr. Watson responded that it has only been open for one week and they are looking at bringing tournaments up here and filling the space. He cannot guarantee that they will have it booked every night because they need more time to get people more involved. Mr. Spaidal further commented that the usual indoor soccer season starts in October and outdoor soccer in May; therefore the opening of the Sportsplex has fallen in between the indoor and outdoor seasons.

Mr. Watson noted they have started to get the word out within the Soccer Community and on their website about the Sportsplex; they will be training the Wolves at the Sportsplex.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the outdoor soccer facility that will be built close to GPRC. Mr. Spaidal responded that if there are students living on campus at GPRC, they cannot transport to the County Sportsplex very easily. Further, Mr. Watson noted that it is an outdoor pitch and there will still be use of the indoor at the Sportsplex because it has much better grass.

Mr. Watson had mentioned in his presentation that the Sportsplex does not service children 12 and under as well as older children and adults. Councillor Nelson inquired why the facility does not accommodate children 12 and under. Mr. Watson responded that it does accommodate somewhat, as Pitch 1 can be divided into 3 sections. But he had found for children 8 and under they require more boards because they kick the ball and the curtains don't always keep the ball in the divided areas.

Councillor Nelson commented that the Sportsplex is an opportunity for the County of Grande Prairie to grow excitement and interest around soccer, she is afraid that the excitement is getting lost within the Soccer Association. She noted that she would like to have all soccer parents coming out to see the new facility and what it has to offer for Grande Prairie Minor Soccer.

	<p>Mr. Spaidal commented that the Sportsplex will have Alberta Soccer there in February and other soccer groups have expressed interest in having soccer camps there.</p> <p>Councillor Smith inquired what the difference in rental costs are for renting the Sportsplex in comparison to another pitch. Mr. Spaidal responded that it is \$57/hour more to play at the Sportsplex; \$162/hour for the full pitch at the Sportsplex and \$105/hour for facilities that are half the size. Mr. Watson commented that the current fee for soccer is \$220/year so they will have to charge more for the pitch rental if they are going to exclusively use the Sportsplex.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre expressed concerns about the lack of support from Minor Soccer in promoting the Sportsplex. She is looking for the full support from the Soccer Association and she wants to see them make a fuller commitment to having soccer there at the County and not furthering the divide between the County and City facilities. She commented that the Soccer Association has the ability to dictate where the leagues will be playing and they should be scheduling more time in at the Sportsplex.</p> <p>Mr. Spaidal agreed that there should be a bigger partnership between the GPSA and the County Sportplex. He noted that the older women's teams have signed on and are paying the extra amount to have more games and a better field at the Sportsplex.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson inquired whether Mr. Watson and Spaidal would be interested in being on a Sports Committee for long range planning in order to grow the Sportsplex and have expansion in the future. Mr. Spaidal noted that the City of Grande Prairie had just formed a Sports Committee. Reeve Beaupre responded that the City's is more for Sports Tourism. Mr. Watson commented that he already sits on the City of Grande Prairie's Sports Committee and he would be interested in joining the County of Grande Prairie's as well if it is formed. He further commented that if the County has any ideas the GPSA are happy to help and participate.</p> <p>John Simpson, Director of Planning, commented that the outdoor soccer pitches should be done in 2014 so they can have more tournaments held there. Mr. Spaidal noted that GPSA will provide any nets that need to be provided for the outdoor pitches in 2014.</p> <p>Mr. Watson and Mr. Spaidal were thanked for time and left the meeting at 11:17 a.m.</p>
COMMUNITY SCHOOL LIAISON FUNDING	Kathleen Turner, Director of FCSS, discussed that this item is follow up on a motion from December. Ms. Turner presented the report she made up about past funding for the School Liaison Program.

The Provincial government was initially funding FCSS grants for 80% of the program, and remaining 20% was divided equally between the County and the School Divisions. However, the FCSS program has grown tremendously over the past 25 years so the level of funding has been decreased.

Peace Wapiti contributed just shy of 10% for 2013. The County has a meeting with PWSD on February 14, 2013 and they can discuss this with them then.

Councillor Nelson commented that she is surprised with the lack of funding from the Provincial government for FCSS and is concerned that we are going backwards with the School Liaison Program. The School Liaison workload is increasing and there is a lot of stress on them; she does not see this program as sustainable, as it will continue to be more County ratepayers dollars going into it.

Councillor Eckstrom noted that FCSS has been lobbying for increased funding from the Provincial government for a while and have not received it.

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to have this item brought forward on the meeting agenda with Peace Wapiti School Board and have background documentation be provided.

MOTION CARRIED 01-57-13

Councillor Smith commented that County Council's mandate is not on education and the more we fund the School Liaison Program the less the Provincial government will provide to FCSS. He referred to issues with receiving grants for recreation and playgrounds.

Councillor Eckstrom responded that this program falls outside the education realm, this program is for preventative situations and creating the best situations for children; FCSS funding is a different issue than what Councillor Smith referred to. Although the County is spending more money, we are making it better for more young children within the County of Grande Prairie.

Ms. Turner noted that the issues that children discuss with the School Liaison workers and school councillors are from home or within the community.

Councillor Nelson inquired what the School Liaison worker job description is and why the Peace Wapiti School Board supports the position if it is outside the education realm. Ms. Turner responded that it is not an education position but they work hand and hand with the schools and councillors. Councillor Dueck commented that the position has a lot to do with teachers as well because they help the students and the teachers who do not want to get involved in the child's personal issues.

	<p>Ms. Turner noted that there has never been a formal agreement with Peace Wapiti School Board it was a verbal style agreement. Reeve Beaupre commented that if Council wants to have an agreement drawn up it can be done and brought to the meeting with the Peace Wapiti School Board.</p> <p>Ms. Turner referred to the Valhalla School Board noted from the document. Councillor Jacobs inquired whether our School Liaison workers have attended the necessary courses and programs. Ms. Turner responded that they had taken the courses in November 2012. Councillor Jacobs believes that Valhalla School Board should be treated like everyone else and a funding request should be arranged with them.</p> <p>Ms. Turner was thanked for her presentation and left the meeting at 11:34 a.m.</p>
<p>FLAG PROTOCOL POLICY B18</p>	<p>This item was asked to be brought back from a previous Council meeting to have the consistent policy noted.</p> <p>Administration recommends alternative one to approve amendments to the Flag Protocol B18 as presented.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom commented that she had previously brought it forward to Council because there were questions in regards to honouring long serving directors/employees (30+ years).</p> <p><u>MOVED BY S. NELSON</u> to accept the policy with amendments and change the years of service to 25 years.</p> <p>Councillor Dueck asked for clarification on whether it would be only the County flag at half-mast and spoke against Councillor Nelson's motion as she believes it should be less than 25 years. Reeve Beaupre responded that it would be only the County flag lowered to half-mast for long serving employees.</p> <p>Council returned to the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-58-13</p>
<p>PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF RELIABLE QUALITY WATER</p>	<p>Mr. Simpson and Sheryl Runhart, Executive Assistant to Council and CAO, presented the Resolution.</p> <p>Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Runhart are looking for direction from Council to amend the Resolution and change the wording from "Potable Water" to "Reliable Quality Water".</p> <p>Councillor Smith commented that there is already a definition for "potable water" and "reliable quality water" does not have a definition; therefore potable should be used for the resolution.</p>

Mrs. Runhart provided a definition for reliable quality water as was provided by Quality of Water documents; she was not sure what Council's intention was, to have ground water and surface water included as well. She can change the resolution from ground water to all water if that was Council's intent.

Reeve Beaupre noted that she recommends whatever descriptive word Ms. Runhart thinks describes the intent the best; she can include the Webster's definition as well. She further noted that we need to ensure that industry has some access to water, but not necessarily drinkable water.

Councillor Nelson commented that potable water needs protection and the groundwater is depleting in some areas as well. Council had initially noted that they wanted industry to look for water that cannot be used for human consumption; she does not agree that industry should have access to the potable water because they are making so much money that can be used to look for their own grey water. Councillor Nelson believes the term in the resolution should be potable water and we need to make industry accountable for using potable drinking water for fracturing.

Councillor Sutherland inquired how Webster's Dictionary defines potable water. Councillor Smith provided the definition. Councillor Sutherland commented that he has no problem with industry using grey water, but it is still technically defined as ground water. He noted that he wants to ensure that the County can continue to make the \$18 million dollars from the linear/pipeline assessments but wants to ensure that they don't use water that is fit for human consumption.

Reeve Beaupre wanted to clarify if Councillor Sutherland is supporting giving water from the Wapiti River to industry because it has not been treated yet. Councillor Sutherland responded that he is in support of that.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that Council needs to ensure that they are practicing due diligence when it comes to allocating water for industry.

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to accept the amended draft of the resolution including Reliable Quality Water.

Councillor Smith noted his opposition to the motion because the resolution had already been drawn up previously and was to be brought to the Floor at AAMD&C.

Councillor Nelson also spoke against the motion for amending the draft resolution as she is in favour of keeping potable water in the resolution.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she is willing to

	<p>amend the motion to use potable water instead of Reliable Quality Water; with potable water to be described under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act. The amended motion will reflect the wording to use Potable water vs. Reliable Quality Water.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre inquired whether the amendment would include the Webster's definition of Potable water or the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act. Mrs. Runhart responded that we cannot use Webster's definition as we part of AAMD&C who are under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom commented that we need to be responsible and ensure that ratepayers have access to reliable drinking water; it will be very difficult for people that have dugouts to have access if the potable water is being drawn from their dugouts.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre commented that the motion speaks to the resolution and they should use potable water for the definition. To date there has not been anything done in relation to the reduction schedule that had been presented to reduce the amount of potable water that is being used for fracing.</p> <p>Councillor Smith commented that he believes that Aquatera and other industry should be able to take water from anywhere else but the aquifers. He wants to ensure that potable water is in definition for the resolution.</p> <p>Councillor Sutherland made an amendment to change the definition in the resolution to potable ground water. Councillor Eckstrom noted it was not a friendly amendment because we need to ensure that all people in Alberta who get their drinking water from dugouts have the ability to survive in their areas.</p> <p>Councillor Smith responded that Councillor Sutherland's amendment still does not protect out aquifers. Steve Madden, Environmental Manager, responded that potable ground water will refer to any water that is drinkable.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY S. NELSON</u> to table this item until later on the agenda to provide Administration more time to obtain information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-59-13</p>
<p>RECESS</p>	<p><u>MOVED BY L. DUECK</u> to recess for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvene at 1:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-60-13</p>
<p>RECONVENE</p>	<p>Meeting reconvened at 2:06 p.m.</p>

<p>PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF RELIABLE QUALITY WATER (CONTINUED)</p>	<p>Councillor Sutherland spoke to his amended motion to change the definition from potable water to potable groundwater so people are not confused with other bodies of water (streams, sloughs, etc.).</p> <p>Councillor Nelson asked for intent clarification from Councillor Sutherland. He noted that he had said groundwater so there can be more clarification to include anything that can be used for drinking water.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson spoke against the motion because she is unsure what is technically defined as potable water; a well that is heavily salinized can be groundwater, but is not potable water.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre noted that there is no requirement to bring this resolution to the Spring Zone meeting, we can table this and have it submitted for the Fall Zone so more work can be done and definitions provided. Councillor Nelson responded that if we leave the resolution until fall there will potentially be new Councillors around the table and it would then need to be tabled again until spring 2014.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre noted that Council has upcoming appointments with the ERCB and EPA and they also may want to wait until Councillor Harpe is back from vacation to comment more on the definitions.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson commented that she believes another message should be sent to the Provincial government to ensure that there is the water protection.</p> <p>Councillor Smith commented that the motion should be to write to the government and get them to follow their rules and come up with set definitions.</p> <p>Council voted on Councillor Sutherland's amended motion to change the definition to potable groundwater.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION DEFEATED 01-61-13</p> <p>Council voted on Councillor Eckstrom's main motion to keep the Resolution name as The Preservation and Protection of Potable Water.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION DEFEATED 01-62-13</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre noted her support for Councillor Smith's suggestion to write to the Provincial government.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY B. SMITH</u> to send a new resolution tasking the Provincial government to take action for the protecting of water and ask for new regulations to cover fracing issues and have timelines attached.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom commented that she agrees with Councillor Smith but the initial resolution said that it should</p>
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	<p>be a phasing in to reduce the use of water for fracing. She had spoken against this motion at the conference because phasing is not clearly defined. Reeve Beaupre noted the resolution that passed in 2011. Councillor Nelson amended Councillor Smith's motion, it was accepted as friendly.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY S. NELSON</u> to put a resolution forward and say that the AAMD&C request the Province of Alberta for more immediate action on the protection of our aquifers.</p> <p>The Resolution would read as follows:</p> <p>Therefore it be resolved that the AAMD&C request the Province of Alberta to create a policy or improve the already existing policy for "immediate action to protect our aquifers" and the health and welfare of Alberta's citizens.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom commented that the wording should be changed from reliable ground water to reliable quality aquifer water as we need to stress the importance of aquifers.</p> <p>Resolution name to be changed to: "The Preservation and Protection of Aquifer Water".</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom spoke in favour of Councillor Nelson's motion.</p> <p>Mrs. Runhart noted that she wanted to ensure that Council approves changing all of the areas where "groundwater" was noted to "aquifer" and that the definition of aquifer is included in the first pre-amble.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson asked Mrs. Runhart to strike "reliable quality" from the resolution and just include "aquifer".</p> <p>Council returned to Councillor Nelson's motion to include the change to "aquifer" in the resolution.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION DEFEATED 01-63-13</p> <p>The Resolution will not be submitted to the Spring Zone.</p>
<p>UNITED WAY CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE SPONSORSHIP</p>	<p>Ms. Schur presented the request for sponsorship. It was noted that there is a history of employee contributions and 'matching funds' to the United Way. Council has not supported this event in the past and sponsorship is not budgeted for.</p> <p>They are asking for \$500.00 to keep ticket costs down. Council can approve sponsorship, purchase tickets for \$40.00 or take no action on the request.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> for no action on the request.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-64-13</p>

<p>NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK LUNCHEON SPONSOR</p>	<p>Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, presented the National Volunteer Week Luncheon to be held on April 26, 2013. Council has sponsored \$1000 for this event in the past.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> that Council sponsor \$1000.00 using FCSS funding.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-65-13</p>
<p>REQUESTS FOR AMENDMENTS TO PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS AFFECTING AQUATERA UTILITIES INC</p>	<p>Aquatera is asking for the same exemption/benefits as have been allowed for EPCOR and ENMAX for the ability to do expanded business out of province without Ministerial Approval.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY B. SMITH</u> to provide a letter of support for Aquatera to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.</p> <p>Councillor Sutherland inquired whether EPCOR and ENMAX already have letters of support written on behalf of the County. Reeve Beaupre responded that both companies now have the ability to operate outside of Alberta. Councillor Sutherland commented that Aquatera had wanted to operate outside of Canada, and he does not agree with sending a letter of support. Reeve Beaupre noted that Aquatera has gotten requests from the North Peace to go into British Columbia.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson spoke in support of sending a letter as we are currently supporting Aquatera to take the profits that have been made and use them to expand into Northern BC.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre noted that understands Councillor Sutherland's objection, the letter to the Province will allow them to go further out of province, but they are still responsible to bring their business plans back to shareholders. Therefore, they can expand their business without going back to Municipal Affairs for all changes but they will still need to inform the County of their business within and outside of Alberta.</p> <p>Councillor Sutherland commented that he doesn't think that the County of Grande Prairie should be in business with selling water unless it is for our residents and ratepayers.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom support's Councillor Smith's motion.</p> <p>Councillor Smith noted that both EPCOR and ENMAX are creating a lot of revenue for their founding areas and shareholders because they have expanded their services.</p> <p>Council returned to the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-66-13</p>

<p>3RD ANNUAL TEEPEE CREEK LADIES NIGHT DIAMOND DINNER FUNDRAISER</p>	<p>Council has provided a silent auction item in the past.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom commented that she has attended this event in the past and thinks that it is a great way to promote scholarships for young women.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> to have a silent auction item donated up to \$150.00 for the Teepee Creek Ladies Night Diamond Dinner Fundraiser.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY S. NELSON</u> to donate \$100.00 for sponsorship for the event as well as a silent auction item up to \$150.00 to come from Community Assistance Grant for the Teepee Creek Ladies Night Diamond Dinner Fundraiser.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom accepted the amendment as friendly.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-67-13</p>
<p>MONTH AT A GLACE- DECEMBER 2012 – CAO BILL ROGAN AND REEVE LEANNE BEAUPRE</p>	<p>Councillor Eckstrom inquired whether Council will be able to view the TV interview Reeve Beaupre completed. Communications was asked to look into getting a copy of the interview.</p>
<p>BUILDING EXPANSION COMMITTEE MINUTES- NOVEMBER 27, 2012 & DECEMBER 11, 2012</p>	<p>Council discussed the changes in colour schemes, and noted that the changes will be viewed at the next committee meeting.</p>
<p>CANADIAN TIME CHAMBER BALL- FEBRUARY 2, 2013</p>	<p>Pomeroy Hotel & Conference Centre, Grande Prairie.</p> <p>Attendees will include: Councillor Sutherland and spouse, and Reeve Beaupre (and possibly spouse).</p> <p>Councillor Sutherland inquired into the County's level of sponsorship. Mr. Simpson responded that the County was an entertainment sponsor for \$2500.00.</p>
<p>ACTION LIST – UP TO DECEMBER 17, 2012</p>	<p>Councillor Sutherland inquired about the SDAB issues noted on the Action List. Shirley Feldberg, Manager of Legislative Services, responded that the letters were sent by Registered Mail to adjacent landowners and Board members. Councillor Sutherland commented that the motion made was to use hand delivered letters not Registered Mail. Mrs. Feldberg noted that in order to have the notices hand delivered there would need to be a signed affidavit and Peace Officer will have to deliver each one. Reeve Beaupre commented that she received her notice through the mail, but inquired why notices were not sent through email as per the motion.</p> <p>Councillor Jacobs left at 3:03 p.m. and returned at 3:04 p.m.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom commented that we should be using email instead of Canada Post to notify affected parties.</p>

	<p>Mr. Simpson commented on the issues with using electronic letters and further noted that the County does not have a bank of all adjacent landowner's email addresses and some landowners do not have email.</p> <p>Councillor Smith provided an example of a similar issue with a CARB hearing. He noted that the appellant had said that he had not received notice by registered mail or by email but his significant other had read the email and not provided him with notice.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson inquired about the Crystal Creek water point and asked for more information. Mr. Madden responded that they had tested the water quality and noticed that it was higher in fluoride content than it should be for our needs; they are looking for different options so it has stalled a bit.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre noted that Ray Boyer and Beth Sheehan were recipients of The Queen's Jubilee Award and will get their awards tomorrow (January 22, 2013); Stu Rempel and Everett Cooke received their awards last week.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre posed a question for Mr. Madden about Five Mile Hall Transfer Station. Mr. Madden responded is it operational, they are changing the bins over to a different style; they are still dealing with access on the site.</p> <p>Dale Van Volkingburgh, Area 2 Foreman, noted there were issues with the garbage trucks turning around and having access to the gates at the site.</p>
<p>TANDEM CAB AND CHASSIS – RFP</p>	<p>Mr. Van Volkingburgh discussed the Public Works RFP for the Tandem Cab and Chassis.</p> <p>Public Works recommends awarding the RFP to Greatwest Kenworth Trucks of Grande Prairie in the amount of \$121,491.25.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre inquired how much was allocated in the budget for this equipment. Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that there was \$140,000.00 so all the bids fell in the allotted amount.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> to accept the Kenworth Trucks of Grande Prairie offer for the amount of \$121,491.25.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-68-13</p>
<p>IN CAMERA</p>	<p><u>MOVED BY L. DUECK</u> that the meeting go In Camera at 3:18 p.m. to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Farm Familyb) Dinosaur Committee: Footings and Foundations <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-69-13</p>

<p>OUT OF IN CAMERA</p>	<p><u>MOVED BY H. BULFORD</u> that the meeting come out of In Camera at 3:47 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-70-13</p> <p><u>MOVED BY B. SMITH</u> that the Farm Family as discussed In Camera as previously nominated family declined for reason as discussed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-71-13</p> <p><u>MOVED BY B. SMITH</u> that the Farm Family Policy be brought back for review, that Councillors are able to nominate families, and that first contact be in person.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-72-13</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre discussed Think Local Market, she is in support of this program and there are funds through the Economic Development budget to obtain membership.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> to join Think Local Market with membership in support with funds expended from the Economic Development budget.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-73-13</p>
	<p><u>COUNCILLOR REPORTS</u></p>
<p>ARLEN MILLER, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES</p>	<p>Mr. Miller left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.</p>
<p>SPORTSPLEX COMMITTEE MEETING</p>	<p>Councillor Bulford attended the Sportsplex Committee meeting.</p>
<p>MEETING WITH THE MEDIATOR</p>	<p>Councillor Bulford attended the meeting with the Mediator in Council Chambers.</p>
<p>SASKATOON MOUNTAIN MEETING</p>	<p>Councillor Bulford attended the Saskatoon Mountain meeting.</p>
<p>RURAL CRIME WATCH AND BEAVERLODGE AGM</p>	<p>Councillor Dueck attended the Rural Crime Watch meeting and noted that the Beaverlodge Area AGM will be on March 25th 2013.</p>
<p>ANNEXATION MEETING AT STONEBRIDGE</p>	<p>Councillor Dueck attended the Annexation Mediation meeting at Stonebridge Hotel.</p>
<p>ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE</p>	<p>Councillor Dueck attended the Alberta Health Services Update in Council Chambers and noted that it was a very good information session.</p>
<p>MEETING WITH THE MEDIATOR</p>	<p>Councillor Dueck attended the meeting with the Mediator in Council Chambers.</p>
<p>20TH ANNUAL STARS LOTTERY LAUNCH</p>	<p>Councillor Eckstrom attended the 20th annual STARS lottery launch. She noted that MLA McDonald and MP</p>

	Chris Warkentin attended as well. STARS were 45% sold out of tickets when they announced the starting of the lottery.
ANNEXATION MEETING AT STONEBRIDGE	Councillor Eckstrom attended the Annexation Mediation meeting at Stonebridge Hotel.
MEETING WITH THE MEDIATOR	Councillor Eckstrom attended the meeting with the Mediator in Council Chambers.
ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE	Councillor Eckstrom attended the Alberta Health Services Update in Council Chambers. She asked about having a clinic in Clairmont and there was a very positive outcome and discussions.
	Councillor Smith had nothing to add.
ORGANIZATION MEETING FOR CLAIRMONT WINTER CARNIVAL	Councillor Nelson attended the Organization meeting for the Clairmont Winter Carnival. It will be hosted by local community groups and the school on February 22-23 rd .
SPARKED MEETING	Councillor Nelson attended a SPARKED meeting at the Wellington Centre and it was the largest meeting to date.
RED MEAT INITIATIVE	Councillor Nelson noted that she will be unable to attend the ASB Conference and she would like to have someone discuss concerns because they will lose the industry if there is not more support for Red Meat in the North. There needs to be more discussion within Council about this as it has declined 40%. Reeve Beaupre noted that she would like to have Mr. Paszkowski attend the February 4 th meeting and discuss the issue with Council.
MEETING EXTENSION	<u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> that the meeting extend past 4:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED 01-74-13
RED MEAT INITIATIVE CONTINUED	<u>MOVED BY L. DUECK</u> to have Economic Development discuss this item at the February 4, 2013 Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED 01-75-13 Councillor Eckstrom commented that this issue is not being addressed by the Provincial government; it costs too much and is bad for the animals to have them shipped live to Brooks for slaughter. We need to talk to our MLAs as this is going to impact the quality of beef in Alberta. Councillor Sutherland commented that people do not want to pay more for quality meat, that is why it is so important to support local farmers and meat producers like Think Local Market promotes. He also noted there are not enough people coming to meetings and discussions about Red Meat. Councillor Smith also discussed the issue of money and noted that cow farming is a 365 day process with lots of

	<p>associated costs.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom commented that the price of meat is going up so it is positive but it is getting harder to farm because of the developments that are being approved (i.e. skidoos ruining prime agriculture land).</p>
MEETING WITH THE MEDIATOR	Councillor Jacobs did not attend the meeting with the Mediator in Council Chambers.
SASKATOON MOUNTAIN MEETING	Councillor Jacobs attended the Saskatoon Mountain meeting and provided recommendations for the Committee.
LAND STEWARDSHIP GRANTS	Councillor Nelson noted that Land Stewardship Grants close February 1 st 2013.
ANNEXATION MEETING AT STONEBRIDGE	Councillor Sutherland attended the Annexation Mediation meeting at Stonebridge Hotel.
COUNTY ANNEXATION LETTER	Councillor Sutherland has received calls from ratepayers who were impressed with the letter that was sent out in regards to the City/County Annexation.
RED MEAT INITIATIVE	<p>Councillor Sutherland commented on the Red Meat Initiative, and asked that Walter Paszkowski, Economic Development Officer, contact MLA McDonald to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom noted that she would like to be notified when the meeting will be so she can let the sheep and beef producers in her area know.</p>
EVERGREEN PARK EXECUTIVES BOARD MEETING	Reeve Beaupre attended the Evergreen Park Executives Board Meeting and noted they have hired Don Moon as a part-time sponsorship person to do marketing for their organization.
JOHN SIMPSON, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING	<p>Mr. Simpson commented on the Growing the North Conference and noted that Premier Redford has confirmed to be here Wednesday night. The County has booked a room at Evergreen Park as there will be opportunities to meet with Ministers throughout the day (Minister Ambrose, Minister of Energy Hughes). Reeve Beaupre noted the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resources may be present as well.</p> <p>Mr. Simpson noted there will be very good speakers coming to the Conference and we need to determine what issues will be discussed with the Ministers while at the Conference.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom wanted to ensure that there will be enough time allocated for discussion with the Minister of Economic Development. Councillor Eckstrom also posed a question about AAMD&C and the phase in period from the Resolution that was passed in 2011. Reeve Beaupre responded that they will be present at the Conference and they can comment on the Resolutions then.</p>

<p>STEVE MADDEN, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER</p>	<p>Mr. Madden noted that there are some ditches that have a lot of melted snow, plows and Bobcats have been very busy trying to clear it up. He also commented that he had been active with the Wapiti River Planning Group, and that Council will see more activity in February.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p><u>MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND</u> that the meeting adjourn at 4:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-76-13</p>
<p>These Minutes Approved this ____ Day of _____ 2013. Reference # _____</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">_____ REEVE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR</p>