

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 7, 2013
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT	CHAIRMAN COUNCILLORS ABSENT LEGISLATIVE SERVICES MANAGER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO REEVE AND CAO RECORDING SECRETARY	R. SUTHERLAND H. BULFORD L. DUECK M. ECKSTROM P. JACOBS B. SMITH S. NELSON L. BEAUPRE R. HARPE SHIRLEY FELDBERG (ABSENT) W. A. (BILL) ROGAN HERB PFAU ARLEN MILLER SHERYLE RUNHART AMANDA ORAVEC
MEDIA	AARON HINKS BRAD WISKER	DAILY HERALD TRIBUNE BIG COUNTRY FM
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. with the singing of O Canada.	
ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> that the Agenda be adopted with the additions as amended. Bill Rogan, CAO, removed In camera B) communications. Councillor Dueck added Hamlet signs and illumination lights under unfinished business 8a) and 8b). Councillors Smith and Sutherland added in camera items.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-01-13</p>	
INTRODUCTION: RIKKI CHRISTIE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PARKS AND RECREATION	<p>Megan Schur, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced the new Administrative Assistant for Parks and Recreation, Rikki Christie.</p> <p>Council welcomed Ms. Christie to the County of Grande Prairie.</p>	

<p>INTRODUCTION: LINDSAY MACDOUGALL, COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER LEVEL 1</p>	<p>Stu Fry, Peace Officer, introduced the new Community Peace Officer Lindsay Macdougall. She attended Lethbridge College, worked in Cochrane and Slave Lake as a Peace Officer.</p> <p>Council welcomed Ms. Macdougall to the County of Grande Prairie.</p>
<p>MINUTES: DECEMBER 10, 2012 DECEMBER 17, 2012</p>	<p><u>MOVED BY L. DUECK</u> the minutes of December 10, 2012 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-02-13</p> <p>Councillor Bulford noted one correction from the December 17, 2012 minutes: the Building Expansion Committee meeting should be Branding Committee Meeting (on pg. 39).</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> to approve the December 17, 2012 minutes with the noted amendment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-03-13</p>
<p>BYLAW 2972 – AQUATERA OFFICE CONSOLIDATION (THIRD READING)</p>	<p>Bylaw 2972 was brought back from the December 17 2012 Council meeting where it received first and second reading. Council wanted to see the comparable rates from previous year’s prior giving third reading. If not approved County of Grande Prairie will have to pay the difference in rates.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY B. SMITH</u> that Bylaw 2972 for regulating and providing for the terms, conditions, rates and charges for the supply and use of the water and wastewater utilities provided by Aquatera Utilities Inc. in the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 be read a third time and finally passed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-04-13</p> <p>Councillor Smith inquired whether the letter to Aquatera was sent as per the December 17, 2012 Council Meeting. Herb Pfau, Public Works, and Bill Rogan responded that the initial letter was previously sent from the County but they have not received a response letter back from Aquatera in regards to the installation of a second water meter for the new Public Works/IT Building.</p> <p>Councillor Smith inquired whether Administration had received the information regarding the clauses in the USA yet. Bill Rogan advised that Bernd Manz was expected to provide the clauses in January 2013 and would follow up.</p>
<p>BYLAW 2680-12-058 PT. SE 04-73-6-W6M AG TO CR-5 (THIRD READING)</p>	<p>Matt Konowalchuk, Intermediate Planner, outlined the proposed re-designation. Bylaw 2680-12-058 received first and second reading during the December 10, 2012 Council Meeting.</p>

	<p><u>MOVED BY H. BULFORD</u> that Bylaw 2680-12-058 for the purpose of redesigning part of SE 04-73-6-W6M from Agricultural (AG) district to County Residential (CR-5) district be read a third time and finally passed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-05-13</p>
<p>BYLAW 2680-12-060 PT. SE 23-71-9-W6M AG TO CR-3 (THIRD READING)</p>	<p>Matt Konowalchuk, Intermediate Planner, outlined the proposed re-designation. Bylaw 2680-12-060 received first and second reading during the December 10, 2012 Council Meeting.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY L. DUECK</u> that Bylaw 2680-12-060 for the purpose of redesigning part of SE 23-71-9-W6M from Agricultural (AG) District to County Residential (CR-3) District be read a third time and finally passed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-06-13</p>
<p>HISTORICAL RESOURCE SITES PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED FOR REGISTERING AND BYLAWS NOT PREPARED</p> <p>BYLAW 2959- LAKE SASKATOON TOWNSITE</p>	<p>Bill Rogan outlined the Historical Resource Site and noted that the Bylaw was not previously prepared; Administration is looking for all 3 readings.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> that Bylaw 2959 to designate the site known as the Lake Saskatoon Townsite as a Municipal Historic Resource to be read a first time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-07-13</p> <p><u>MOVED BY P. JACOBS</u> that Bylaw 2959 be read a second time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-08-13</p> <p><u>MOVED BY B. SMITH</u> that consent be given for third and final reading of Bylaw 2959.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-09-13</p> <p><u>MOVED BY L. DUECK</u> that Bylaw 2959 to designate the site known as the Lake Saskatoon Townsite as a Municipal Historic Resource be read a third time and finally passed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-10-13</p>
<p>HAMLET SIGNS</p>	<p>Councillor Dueck commented that she would like to ask for a hamlet sign for Elmworth.</p> <p>Bill Rogan asked Mr. Pfau whether there was funds in the budget for more signs. Mr. Pfau responded that the original budget was for 5 replacement signs, this turned into 6 signs; the additional sign was approved as a separate item. Council can input the Elmworth sign into the Spring budget.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY P. JACOBS</u> to have the Elmworth hamlet sign put into the 2013 spring budget.</p> <p>Councillor Dueck asked Councillor Smith if the signs for his</p>

	<p>hamlet had been installed yet. Councillor Smith responded that they were installed and the cost was \$200.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom spoke in favour of the motion.</p> <p>Council returned to the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-11-13</p>
<p>ILLUMINATION</p>	<p>Councillor Dueck commented on illumination for the intersection of Highway 667 and Highway 732 because the highway made the lanes wider. She is wondering if anything transpired in regards to receiving more illumination.</p> <p>Bill Rogan noted that Administration will have to look at records. He recalled that Transportation indicated when they do the road improvements they will include illumination but did not provide dates on when the construction would commence.</p> <p>Councillor Dueck noted that there are lots of accidents at the corner because of the log trucks; there were a few accidents this winter.</p> <p>Administration will follow up with Alberta Transportation.</p>
<p>UPGRADE GRAVEL TRUCK TO PLOW</p>	<p>Mr. Pfau advised that one of the plow trucks had recently been in an accident and is out of commission. Because of this, they have been double shifting trucks in order to keep to the level of service that is needed for the County. They currently run 4 routes and have one hired plow truck.</p> <p>Public Works had put in a new tandem gravel truck that was approved in budget. They would like to supersize the truck that is being ordered this year and would like council's consideration to upgrade the truck to a plow truck. The additional funds required will be approximately \$100,000.00 to be potentially funded from Infrastructure Reserve.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY B. SMITH</u> to approve Option 1 and fund the extra \$100,000.00 from Infrastructure Reserve to allow for a spare plow truck.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom inquired what will happen with the existing truck that was in the accident in regards to insurance. Mr. Pfau responded that they will fix the truck by the second week in February, but then it has to go to Calgary for more upgrades and will miss the rest of the season.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom inquired how much money will be left in the Infrastructure Reserve once the \$100,000.00 is taken out. Mr. Pfau responded that there will still be a couple million left in the reserve.</p>

	<p>Council returned to the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-12-13</p>
<p>SUBDIVISION TIME EXTENSION REQUEST</p>	<p>John Simpson, Director of Planning, spoke to the time extension request.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> that the following subdivision time extension requests be approved in order to fulfill the conditions of approval:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Diella Schatz, Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 094 0260; PT SE 16-71-08-W6M, Div. 5; January 7, 2014, second time extension, File 10GP72 (10194).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-13-13</p>
<p>WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND OTHER EVENTS</p>	<p>a) Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer – 2013 Annual Municipal Law Seminar dates;</p> <p>-Edmonton (February 22, 2013), Airdrie (March 1, 2013) and Grande Prairie (March 8, 2013).</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> that Council attends the Grande Prairie Conference on March 8, 2013 if they wish.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-14-13</p> <p>b) Northwest Corridor Development Corporation (NCDC) – 60TH Meeting Board Of Directors – January 28, 2013- Yellowknife, NT.</p> <p>Bill Rogan noted there is currently one seat left on the flight from Peace River; Reeve Beaupre cannot attend this conference.</p> <p>Councillor Sutherland noted that he attended the NCDC Conference in Prince Rupert, not sure who the speakers will be in Yellowknife. He also commented that Yellowknife is a very long way to travel for such a short conference.</p> <p>Councillor Dueck inquired if it would be beneficial to attend this conference. Bill Rogan responded that it can be beneficial, but if we are going to attend, only one person should attend.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY L. DUECK</u> for no action.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-15-13</p>
<p>INFORMATION ITEMS</p>	<p>Correspondence from Brent Paterson, Executive Director, Agriculture and Rural Development – RE: Peace Region Water Hauling Infrastructure Program.</p>
<p>INCREASING LEVEL OF</p>	<p>Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, noted that</p>

<p>SERVICE FOR LAGLACE STATION TO INCLUDE MEDICAL CO-RESPONSE</p>	<p>Mr. Cooke will be arriving shortly to discuss the increased level of service for the La Glace Station. Everett Cooke, Fire Chief, arrived at 10:30 a.m. and began his presentation.</p> <p>Referred to 2009 when Council approved the Dept. Fire Chief of Rural Operations position to provide assistance daily operations and training opportunities in Teepee Creek and Bezanson.</p> <p>Mr. Cooke noted successes in expansion and membership of rural stations. He also commented that members of the rural Fire Stations are getting their Medical Co-Response certifications.</p> <p>In 2010 he was approached by the members of the La Glace Fire Station who wanted to take the necessary training to include Medical Co-response in their levels of service (like the Clairmont and Dunes Stations). Mr. Cooke advised the La Glace Station that once their basic fire training is done he would go to Council to approve the service in La Glace.</p> <p>A number of the firefighters have now completed the necessary training to provide the MCR Services as well the needed equipment to provide these services has been acquired using regular budget dollars.</p> <p>Mr. Cooke is looking for Council's support to have medical response in the La Glace area.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom commented that this accomplishment is very impressive for La Glace.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> to increase the La Glace Levels of Service to include the Medical Co-Response to their response area.</p> <p>Mr. Cooke advised that La Glace will be able to provide the critical care in time as there is currently a delay in the response time from other stations given the distance to travel.</p> <p>Councillor Bulford inquired whether the level of service will be full or limited co-response. Mr. Cooke responded that it will be Limited co-response. Councillor Bulford spoke in favour of the motion because in his area he is noticing that the response time is getting longer; he thinks that this is a great program to have for the rural municipalities. Council returned to the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-16-13</p> <p><u>MOVED BY H. BULFORD</u> to send a letter to the La Glace Fire Station congratulating them on achieving the Medical Co-Response in their levels of service.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-17-13</p>
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<p>CONSTRUCT A SIGN IN RECOGNITION OF DUSTY LAVALLEY</p>	<p>Mr. Pfau began the presentation at 10:35 a.m. as Ms. Caron was not available until after lunch.</p> <p>Bareback Champion Dusty LaValley- the County had to get his permission to use the photo and construct the sign; this has been received.</p> <p>The County will need to purchase the rights to use the photo (\$250.00) and the construction costs (\$1120.00). Mr. Pfau advised they are not sure where in Bezanson it would be erected. There can be room to add more stickers for future achievements on the sign.</p> <p>Councillor Bulford inquired if the sign can be placed closer to the highway so it can be seen between Bezanson and the City of Grande Prairie. Mr. Pfau advised that it can be constructed close to the highway on the East entrance because the service road belongs to the County.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom received a text message from Terry Sudnik at the Grande Prairie Stompede Association. She asked if they can add the Stompede on the sign as well; the Stompede raised \$100,000.00 in 2012 and are looking to get on projects that promote Western heritage. The Stompede Association noted that they will provide maintenance of the sign as well as cost sharing.</p> <p>Councillor Smith inquired who proposed this sign and whether we have enough money to pay for it. Bill Rogan responded that the sign was originally brought forward to Council by Councillor Bulford as there was another sign constructed in Valhalla Centre for Wrestler Christine Nordhagen.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> to defer this item to another date so Administration can discuss potential partnership opportunities with Terri Sudnik from the Stompede.</p> <p>Councillor Jacobs noted that she has issues with partnering with the Stompede for this sign, but she is happy with the proposed location in Bezanson. She is not sure if we should be sharing the costs because the Stompede will take the credit for the sign and it should be promoting Dusty LaValley and Bezanson not the Stompede; it would take away from the whole purpose of the signage.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom commented that she believes this is a good partnership opportunity.</p> <p>Councillors Sutherland and Bulford noted that they agree with Councillor Jacobs because the sign should only be used to promote Dusty LaValley and his accomplishments; the Stompede can construct separate signs.</p> <p>Council returned to the motion.</p>
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RECESS	<p><u>MOVED BY L. DUECK</u> for a 5 minute recess at 10:46 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-20-13</p>
RECONVENE	The meeting reconvened at 10:54 a.m.
	<u>COUNCILLOR REPORTS</u>
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMITTEE	Councillor Eckstrom attended the Municipal Planning Committee meeting.
DIRECTOR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH	Councillor Eckstrom attended the Directors Christmas Lunch.
OPEN HOUSE WITH MLA DRYSDALE	Councillor Eckstrom attended the Open House with MLA Wayne Drysdale. She noted that Minister Vandenberg was there.
DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER VANDEBERG	Councillor Eckstrom met with Minister Vandenburg to discuss Seniors. She also spoke about FCSS, special needs snow plow requests, and ensuring adequate food and houses are clean. She noted there were no additional funds to be provided.
OPEN HOUSE WITH MLA MCDONALD	Councillor Eckstrom attended MLA Everett McDonald's Open House.
DINO MEETING	Councillor Dueck attended the Dino meeting. She noted that it was a construction meeting and they also discussed terms of reference.
OPEN HOUSE WITH MLA MCDONALD	Councillor Bulford attended MLA Everett McDonald's Open House.
OPENING OF THE COUNTY SPORTSPLEX	Councillor Bulford attended the opening of the County Sportsplex. He noted that the kids he went with loved it and that he would like to commend staff that made the opening go smoothly (Public Works, Planning, Parks and Recreation and their staff).
	Councillor Jacobs had nothing to add.
DOG SLED DERBY AT EVERGREEN PARK	Councillor Smith attended the Dog Sled Derby at Evergreen Park. He noted that he watched five teams of 10-dogs each and that the organizers had to cut 2 miles off the track because a portion of the trail was damaged by County logging.
LIBRARY	Councillor Smith noted that the Provincial average for a library card is \$23.46 and the County is in the provincial average for what we pay into libraries.
OPEN HOUSE WITH MLA DRYSDALE	Councillor Sutherland attended the Open House with MLA Wayne Drysdale and noted that there are no promises of more money.
DOG SLED DERBY AT EVERGREEN PARK: MUSHERS OPENING	Councillor Sutherland gave a greeting on behalf of County of Grande Prairie at the Dog Sled Derby at Evergreen Park.
OPENING OF THE COUNTY SPORTSPLEX	Councillor Sutherland attended the opening of the County Sportsplex. He commented that the Sportsplex is

	<p>very impressive, bright, open and user friendly.</p>
<p>DINO MEETING RE: CONSTRUCTION</p>	<p>Councillor Sutherland attended the Construction meeting with the Dino association. They developed a tentative construction committee, approved by the River of Death and Discovery Dinosaur Museum committee (will consist of 6 voting members, 4 whom are from the County of Grande Prairie).</p> <p>Councillor Smith inquired about the tenders for the Dino Museum. Bill Rogan noted that all tenders will be at once and it will take until the end of February before all the pricing is completed.</p> <p>Picking of PCL as Construction Management was done in July 2011. The Dino Committee will be presenting the Terms of Reference for the Construction Committee to Council at the next meeting.</p>
<p>PARTNERSHIP WITH GRANDE PRAIRIE STOMPEDE RE: SIGNAGE</p>	<p><u>MOVE BY M. ECKSTROM</u> to have Terri Sudnik from the Stompede come into Council and discuss partnership opportunities.</p> <p>Councillor Jacobs would like Council to have a discussion within Council first before meeting with Terri about partnership on the Dusty LaValley sign.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom noted that Terri Sudnik and the Stompede are interested in any opportunities for partnerships with the County; it does not have to be on the Dusty LaValley sign. Bill Rogan wants to meet with Mr. Pfau and the Stompede prior them coming to Council to discuss options for partnerships.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom withdrew the motion.</p> <p>Councillor Jacobs wanted to discuss the signage issue. She is against having the partnership on the Dusty LaValley sign as it is paying homage to a native person to the area.</p> <p>Bill Rogan noted that if the Stompede wants to discuss opportunities for other signage, we need to discuss the extent with them because these signs are meant to recognize individuals and were not intended to be cluttered with other sponsors.</p> <p>Councillor Sutherland noted that he agrees with Bill Rogan, having the Stompede on the sign will clutter it up; we need to stick to acknowledging people from the community and their accomplishments.</p>
<p>FIRESMART</p>	<p>Bill Rogan noted they will be doing work in Dunes area for FireSmart. Tenders have come in from one company to cut and haul and Weyerhaeuser will take the wood.</p>
<p>ANNEXATION</p>	<p>Bill Rogan inquired whether it is still in Council's interest to have all Council members present at the Annexation mediation as the Mediator was asking who will be part of</p>

	the discussion. Council will need to advise soon.
VACATION	Bill Rogan will be away the week of the January 19 th , 2013 on vacation.
DOG SLED DERBY	Councillor Sutherland provided clarification with Sled Dog Derby. The tracks were marked off and the Sled Dog Association had been talking to FireSmart but when they cleared the tracks they cleared too much.
HERB PFAU, PUBLIC WORKS	High snow banks and drifting snow before and after Christmas. Equipment is being repaired (Challenger is down); some work is under warranty and some is not. Councillor Sutherland inquired whether Public Works was dealing with any delays in companies fixing the equipment (i.e. Volvo). Mr. Pfau noted no delays as the County is a major client with Caterpillar and Volvo so they give us priority for repairs.
ANNEXATION MEDIATION	<p>Councillor Eckstrom commented in regards to the Annexation committee, noting that anyone who has been part of the Annexation proceedings thus far should be present for the Annexation talks and Mediation process.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> to contact the Mediator and inform them that anyone on the original County Annexation committee will be attending the mediation proceedings.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-21-13</p> <p>Councillor Smith inquired whether the County had picked Mediators yet. Bill Rogan responded that we had selected two mediators as was outlined by Alberta Municipal Affairs.</p>
ARLEN MILLER, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	Nothing to add.
JOHN SIMPSON, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING	<p>Thanked Council in regards to comments on the Sportplex. There are minor issues still being completed (electrical fixtures being fixed and tweaked). He has done lots of tours for staff and Council, as well as the public; they were all pleased with the facility.</p> <p>The grand opening on Wednesday went very well, it was busy from 10-6pm and there was Minor Hockey afterwards. They are currently painting lines on the track.</p>
EMAIL FROM BERNIE HOUSE	Councillor Jacobs noticed in the Director's Meeting Minutes that Mr. Miller had received an email from Bernie and asked what he had said. Mr. Miller noted that Bernie is really enjoying himself and has bought a trailer. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Will be back in the Spring to visit
SEATS IN SPORTSPLEX FOR ICE PADS	Councillor Dueck inquired about the benches that were installed for watching hockey and why benches were installed instead of the seats with backs and not many seats for spectators. Mr. Simpson responded that the committee agreed on the benches because it was meant to be functional and not based on spectators. It is

	<p>also a matter of pricing because the ones with backs are more expensive.</p> <p>Bill Rogan commented that he hasn't heard any complaints about the seats but has heard positive comments from players about the ice; people who use the ice are enjoying it very much.</p>
<p>IN CAMERA</p>	<p><u>MOVED BY L. DUECK</u> that the meeting go In Camera at 11:24 a.m. to discuss:</p> <p>a) Beaverlodge Annexation; b) Clinic/Physician Recruitment; c) Evergreen Park Staffing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-22-13</p>
<p>OUT OF IN CAMERA</p>	<p><u>MOVED BY H. BULFORD</u> that the meeting come out of In Camera at 12:04 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-23-13</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p><u>MOVED BY P. JACOBS</u> that the meeting adjourn at 12:05 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 01-24-13</p>
<p>These Minutes</p> <p>Approved this ____</p> <p>Day of _____</p> <p>2012.</p> <p>Reference #</p> <p>_____</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">REEVE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR</p>