



MINUTES

County Council
Regular Meeting

County of Grande Prairie No. 1

June 24, 2013 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, June 24, 2013

Start time : 10:00 AM

Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Council Chambers

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Present were:

1. Reeve

- Leanne Beaupre

2. Deputy Reeve

- Ross Sutherland

3. Council

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

4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Herb Pfau
- John Simpson

7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Oravec

8. Media

- Brad Whisker (Big Country)
- Jocelyn Turner (DHT)
- Jeff Hensen (Free FM)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

ROB RENSCHLER: SAFETY CODES COUNCIL CERTIFICATION AWARD

RECIPIENT

(PRESENTATIONS AND
INTRODUCTIONS)

(Issue #20130617002)

John Simpson, Director of Planning, noted that the Alberta Safety Codes Council has awarded Rob Renschler with the Certification Award as a Safety Codes Officer of the Year for 2013.

As a safety codes officer for the County of Grande Prairie, Rob conducts himself with integrity and passion every day. Rob is a third generation plumber who has spent his whole life working in, and being surrounded by, the trade. He has been a Safety Codes Officer for 9 years in addition to his years in Plumbing. His commitment to the job is second to none; Rob is often the first person to work and the last person to leave. His tireless hours on the job have earned him the respect of his colleagues and clients alike. Rob holds designations in Plumbing, Gas, Private Sewage, Building Level 2 and continues to work towards his Building Level 3 designation.

Rob in the course of his Plumbing career had many apprentices and continues that teaching spirit. He has provided critical on the job training to County Staff with the startup of our own Safety Codes Unit. The successful establishment of the Safety Codes Unit within the Planning and Development Department is largely attributed to Rob. He has recently presented at the Alberta On-site Wastewater Management Association Conference taking the opportunity to share his knowledge and experience with his peers in the Province.

His genial and professional attitude has become a positive presence in the office and throughout the municipality. Photos were taken with Mr. Renschler, Reeve Beaupre, and Mr. Simpson and he was congratulated by Council and those in the Gallery.

10:00 A.M.
AQUATERA 2013
ANNUAL REPORT
TO
SHAREHOLDERS

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130604001)

Bernd Manz, CEO of Aquatera, and Jason Schembri, CFO, were in attendance to update Council on Aquatera and present the 2013 Annual Report to Shareholders.

Mr. Manz noted that 2012 was the first year that there was more water usage billed for than 2009. He also noted that the Board created a new position in 2012 to move the company past shareholder boundaries, kept rates down, provided cash dividend to shareholders, and generated cash for re-investment in Aquatera.

Mr. Manz also discussed the contract to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a cost of \$58 million. To offset the cost there has been a \$10 million contribution from the Federal Infrastructure Grant and there is also a landfill to gas energy project that will be used to operate the treatment facility. He also commented on curbside collection.

Mr. Manz noted that 2012 was the first year that financial statements were not attached to annual report as there was a re-statement in International Financial Reporting Standards. He inquired if Council had any question in regards to the annual report.

Councillor Nelson inquired about the \$3.5 million that would be provided to shareholders as well as Aquatera's vision to double their cash flow to shareholders by 2020. Mr. Manz responded that 2011 was the first year that more than the guaranteed dividend was provided to shareholders. He further noted that growth would occur because of the investment of cash by shareholders in Aquatera.

The increase in cash flow to shareholders was a result of the growth in the company as well as increased cash flow from outside the existing customer base as they are looking to expand their focus and service area into southern

Alberta. Councillor Nelson commented that if cash flow to shareholders was to double, they will have 100% more cash in the bank in 2020. Mr. Manz responded that is correct.

Councillor Nelson also commented on the landfill to gas project and inquired if it will be biomass. Mr. Manz responded that it will be from the organics that are already within the landfill (food waste and land waste). He further noted that the bio-reactor component is an accelerated process, it decomposes quicker and produces gas quicker. Councillor Nelson inquired if they are trying to encourage more organic waste being brought to the landfill, for example wood chips. She also inquired if there is going to be competition if there is another company looking for biomass solutions as well. Mr. Manz responded that they are not encouraging more new materials in landfill, they will be using what is already coming into the landfill. He also noted that there would not be competition as they will be using the biogas to help operate the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councillor Harpe inquired about fluoride and what the costs are for the chemical and the testing. Mr. Manz provided background on fluorination. Fluorination started in the 1960's and had been a requirement in operating approval for many years. It is optional now. They use \$50,000 in chemicals per year with the necessary equipment and storage space. Councillor Harpe commented that there are more negatives than benefits with the fluorination based on scientific evidence that there have been many cities that have stopped that process (negative affect on teeth etc.).

Councillor Smith commented on the net income increase and noted that the new Board of Directors is working quite well and they have made very good changes.

Councillor Sutherland noted that he attended a meeting with someone in the petroleum industry and they had mentioned that the rates for bulk water are lower than the average rates for the residential water supply. He requested that Mr. Manz comment on rates. Mr. Manz responded that the cost for bulk water is over \$7/cubic meter and when you combine the costs for residential water and sewer it is much less

than the bulk water. He further noted that Aquatera has posted their rates online so the public can view them.

Councillor Sutherland inquired how the application for water lines to the West part of County (Wembley, Beaverlodge) is progressing. Mr. Manz responded that Wembley has obtained support from other regional municipalities to get water out to the West County. They have looked at extending to Wembley first and eventually to Beaverlodge and Horse Lake. Initially the application was done through the Water for Life Program, but unfortunately no new projects are being approved this year by the Alberta Government. There are some regional funds available for the project so they are hoping to get started and looking at how to proceed further. Councillor Sutherland responded that his main concern is that there has not been a cost analysis available.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the stakeholder dividends and the shortfall in funding for the Wastewater Treatment Facility as Mr. Manz had spoke about the \$10 million to be provided from the Federal government. However, it was a \$54 million ask for the project therefore leaving a shortfall of \$44 million. She commented that shareholders did not expect a discretionary dividend for 2012 as it was expected that it would go towards the upgrade. Mr. Manz responded that Aquatera was looking to increase the return to shareholders and still have sustainable business going forward. Furthermore, the shortfall will largely come from borrowing which will be paid back over time, some from cash, and some from their infrastructure fund. He also noted that with the possibility of expanding the Clairmont lagoon, the County has lots of opportunities to re-invest in Aquatera.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if Aquatera will be supplying aid to some areas in Southern Alberta due to the recent flooding as there are 4-5 municipalities where employees are needed. Mr. Manz responded that Aquatera have offered their services but have not got any responses yet. Reeve Beaupre noted that her worry was that it would affect our areas if services were being provided in the southern region but it has been understood that

the Province is putting together an Emergency Operating fund to help recover the flooded areas.

Councillor Nelson inquired how many cubic meters were withdrawn from the Wapiti River last year and how much was returned. Mr. Manz responded that 8 million cubic meters was withdrawn and 75-80% was returned back to the river.

Reeve Beaupre commented on bulk water services which industry use for their activities and the concerns expressed from ratepayers in regards to this. She further inquired if untreated water could be sold to industry and golf courses in order to save time and money by not treating the water first. Mr. Manz responded that they have been selling treated wastewater to industry and he sees the opportunity to treat the wastewater located in Clairmont which can then be offered to industry. Reeve Beaupre inquired if Aquatera has researched selling un-treated water to cut out the expenses of treating it. Mr. Manz responded that it is a viable option that will be assessed over time.

Councillor Nelson inquired where there is an opportunity to have Aquatera partner with the County instead of partnering with industry in regards to the use of treated wastewater for the Clairmont lagoon. Mr. Manz responded that the ideal use of the Clairmont lagoon wastewater would be to sell it to industry and have it as an ongoing service to them.

Councillor Harpe commented that the rates for bulk water are \$7.11 per cubic metre but he cannot locate the rates for residences. Mr. Manz responded that the cost is under \$1.40 per cubic metre and treated wastewater has higher rates and the bulk water rate is fixed regardless of the amount purchased.

Councillor Nelson noted that a ratepayer spoke to her about tanker trucks loading up bulk water and providing the water in the Fox Creek area. She also inquired if there are questions asked in regards to who is buying the water and whether they can come from anywhere. Mr. Manz responded that they will sell water to whoever needs water. Reeve Beaupre noted that her main concern is whether the

treated water is being sold for human consumption or for industry because oil companies can be obtaining the water for camps or for hydraulic fracturing.

Mr. Manz presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Clairmont Infrastructure update. He noted that, in regards to Clairmont Infrastructure, strong growth persists in Clairmont. Water and sewer master plans are being updated for 2013-2014. Upgrades to the existing Clairmont Pump House are underway and will address peak hour demands for water.

Growth

- Commercial & industrial growth since 2005 flows increased by 130%;
- Residential population growth strong;
- Highway 43 Industrial Park Local Improvement;
- Clairmont Heights ASP 12k-15k people (over time);
- Water / Sewer Master Plans being updated.

Existing Water Reservoir

- Water storage for fire protection;
- Fire flow requirements.

Existing Pumphouse

- Maintain Peak Hour Demands;
- Maximum day demands;
- Pumps reaching end of life.

Upgrading of the Clairmont Main Lift Station and Force Main are now complete, providing improvements to the operation and maintenance of the system and more capacity to support growth in Clairmont Heights.

2013/14 Improvements

- Zone 3 water line Interconnection - \$750k
- Pumpstation upgrade - \$500k

Future Improvements

- Mercer Hill Reservoir;
- Pressure to ensure there is a second feed and meets

fire suppression issues.

Existing lift stations

Main lift station and:

1. Countryview
2. Industrial Park
3. Cross Roads
4. 4 Mile Corner / Althen
5. In the future, the Countryview, Main and Industrial Park lift stations would be replaced by a new regional lift station – located closer to the lake.

Clairmont is shaped like a bowl with the older part of Clairmont by the lake as the bottom of the bowl. All sewage flows flow through the older part and are then pumped to the lagoon – except for the lands south and west of the bypass served by the 4 Mile lift station that is pumped directly to the lagoon. Lift stations pump the sewage.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the lift station on Highway 43 East and whether it takes product from south of the highway and how far south. Mr. Manz responded that it does take the product south of the highway and it stretches from the top of the hill and flows down to that station. On the West side there is the 4 Mile Corner station that is in a good position for future use. He noted constraints with the current lift stations and that a regional lift station would eliminate the Industrial Park and Countryview stations.

Aquatera continues to participate in a partnership piloting the irrigation of fast-growing poplar trees from the Clairmont Lagoon to reuse treated effluent and reduce discharge volumes. An assessment of wastewater infrastructure in the Clairmont Industrial area identified the need to immediate upgrades to the Industrial Lift Station at a cost of \$200,000.

Wastewater Lagoon

- Sewage lagoon 15% capacity remaining; levels were close to overflow prior to discharge; quality of effluent did not meet the standards;
- 35% over committed as a result of approved development;

- Compliance – quantity & quality: will see capacity being over-expanded because of the upcoming growth;
- Industrial Park lift station difficulties meeting current peak flows;
- Upstream Crossroads lift station much larger;
- Highway 43 East Industrial Park and other industrial growth into Industrial Park lift station (91 ha in 2013);
- Clairmont Heights growth into Country View/ Main lift stations;
- Alternative to run another trunk sewer main line to the regional lift station (if implemented) and they will be doing upgrades to extend life of the station.

Council inquired if the County can expand the Clairmont lagoon. Mr. Pfau responded that the County can expand the lagoon and it is better to have the sewage pumped into the lagoon if there will be further development. Mr. Manz responded that Aquatera is looking for the best interim solution for use of the lagoon. Councillor Smith inquired about the cost to increase the size of the lagoon. Mr. Manz responded that it will be very expensive and that is why they went to the aeration system. He will be getting the actual costs over the summer and have them brought back to Council when it is available.

Further Upgrades

Regional Lift Station: Replaces Countryview, Main and Industrial Park lift stations - \$10M

Forcemain to WWTP: cost of \$13.5M. Assumes Sanitary Trunk Sewer Gap Closed - \$15M

Funding Sources

1. Alberta Municipal Water Wastewater Program - 60% grant funding
2. Infrastructure Charges: Reeve Beaupre inquired if the charges are specific to the area that it serves or to all users. Mr. Manz responded that there will be single water infrastructure charges; 3 wastewater systems have separate charges to fund the particular systems and Aquatera will look to re-invest their earnings.
3. Aquatera Borrowing / Earnings

4. Shareholder Investment
5. New Building Canada Program (reviewed in 2014, still awaiting specifics; hopefully it will provide support for major projects)

Reeve Beaupre inquired whether the same presentation will be given to all shareholders as the City would become our partner because they would be benefiting the most from the improvements. There have been discussions about the trunk sewer at 116th street because it would receive Clairmont wastewater flows.

Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP) Submissions:

- Regional Wastewater Lift Station - \$9.9 M;
- 116 Street Lagoon Discharge \$13.5M;
- Mercer Hill Reservoir & Pumphouse \$14.4M.

Going Forward

Wastewater Treatment Capacity

- Interim options identified in the fall;
- Upgrade timing, funding to be confirmed;
- also further opportunities for Shareholder investment.

Councillor Nelson commented that she is very excited to see the growth in Clairmont and inquired what percentage Clairmont would comprise of in regards to income for Aquatera. Mr. Manz responded that he is not sure of the figure and would need to research and have it brought back. She also inquired if there has been a strategic planning meeting with all of the shareholders of Aquatera to ensure that everyone is on board with the future improvements. Mr. Manz responded that they had their AGM where they did a roundtable to see what the issues are for shareholders. The review is currently still in draft form, but there will be opportunities throughout the course of the year for consultation and they are open to discussions at any point with shareholders.

Councillor Smith inquired about the cost of the line as it was noted that it will be \$13 million and a \$15 million shortfall. Mr. Manz responded that the cost is for a portion

of the line as the sanitary trunk ends around O'Brien lake and the gap in the line will be between there and Costco. The trunk line will continue to 104 Avenue and there is a large area that is still undeveloped. He further noted that there have been discussions with the City in regards to closing the gap.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the City has adopted an Industrial Attraction Strategy and inquired if that includes an investment in the trunk line. Mr. Manz responded that the Industrial Attraction Strategy does include their investment in the trunk line as it located on an industrial road. Bill noted that the \$15 million shortfall is for the area from Costco heading North and the \$13 million is for Clairmont and further south. It will cost \$4 million for work going up to the trunk line. Mr. Manz noted that they hoped to fund the \$4 million from 1/3 from shareholders, 1/3 from Aquatera, and 1/3 from investments and all three pieces need to come together to get it completed and paid for.

Councillor Nelson noted her concern with the capacity needed for Clairmont Heights. She believes Aquatera needs to have an open discussion at a shareholders meeting because of the annexation approaching. Bill responded that after the master plan is complete we can address the gaps and come up with solutions.

Reeve Beaupre commented on the location of the wastewater and inquired if we should be having the wastewater stored at a different area as it is going to cost \$20 million for the new line and the new treatment plant will cost \$45 million. Mr. Manz responded that there will be a package done up soon that will cover what the Clairmont lagoon cannot support and how they are going to proceed further in regards to wastewater.

Reeve Beaupre thanked Mr. Manz and Mr. Schembri for their presentation and they left the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #CM20130624.1001

MOVED by M. ECKSTROM to approve the agenda for the June 24, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/06/24) with

addition as presented.

Councillor Eckstrom added an item on donating gifts for the 4-H Traveling Delegation who will be going to Kyushu Japan in July. It was added as item 10.6 under New Business.

CARRIED

**BORROWING
BYLAW 2981 FOR
THE
CONSTRUCTION
OF THE PHILIP J
CURRIE
DINOSAUR
MUSEUM**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20130619001)

Bill discussed that the proposed Borrowing Bylaw 2981 for the construction of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum was granted 1st reading. On June 17th the "Petition in Opposition to the Passage of the Borrowing Bylaw 2981" was deemed insufficient. The proposed Borrowing Bylaw is before Council again for consideration.

County Administration has sought Legal Counsel on June 18th, 2013, regarding the options available to Council on proposed Bylaw 2981. Legal Counsel responded "assuming that there is only one contract for the entire project, not separate contracts for excavation and other aspects, the best position is not to pass the borrowing bylaw, as work has commenced. If that is the approach that Council takes, I think they should pass a resolution indicating that they do not intent to proceed with the borrowing bylaw which was given first reading - it provides clarity as to the position."

In accordance with the MGA Section 254 "No municipality may acquire, remove or start the construction or improvement of a capital property that is to be financed in whole or in part through a borrowing unless the borrowing bylaw that authorizes the borrowing is passed."

- On April 29th, 2013, 1st Reading of proposed Borrowing Bylaw 2981 for the Construction of the Philip J Currie Dinosaur Museum was brought before Council and granted 1st Reading.
- On May 23rd, 2013, the County of Grande Prairie received a petition "In Opposition to the Passage of Borrowing Bylaw 2981". In accordance with the MGA

Section 226(1) the municipality had 30 days from May 23rd to declare to the Municipal Council the sufficiency of the Petition.

- On June 17th, 2013, at a Regular Council Meeting the "Petition in Opposition to the passage of Borrowing Bylaw 2981" was declared Insufficient by the Chief Administrative Officer as per the MGA 226(1).

Resolution #CM20130624.1002

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that Council not proceed further with Borrowing Bylaw 2981 for funding the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum project.

CARRIED

MONKMAN HOMESTEAD HISTORIC SITE

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130618001)

Bill noted that a letter has been received from Beverly Whalen, President of the Monkman Homestead Preservation Society, including a 2013 report that outlines the significance of the Homestead. The letter is attached to the agenda package and the report has been placed in the Council Reading File.

The society is concerned about the preservation of not only the Alex and Louisa Monkman property but for the protection of the natural area surrounding Cutbank Lake. The proposal is for the County of Grande Prairie to consider acquiring the area for parkland purposes, and possibly connect Saskatoon Island Provincial Park to Saskatoon Mountain, through the Cutbank natural area.

There is also a request for a collaborative meeting with government and other local associations to decide on a course of action.

Resolution #CM20130624.1003

MOVED BY S. NELSON that the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 attend a discussion meeting of interested parties with the Monkman Preservation Society for Monkman Homestead Historic Site.

Councillor Nelson noted that the Historic Site will increase the amount of tourism to the County.

Councillor Smith inquired if there has been any progress on obtaining the land where the Homestead is located. Bill responded that there has not been any progress that the County is aware of, the Monkman property is currently owned by descendants of the Monkman's and they are living in British Columbia.

Councillor Sutherland commented that there is no harm in having a discussion therefore he is in favour of the motion.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she is looking forward to receiving more information on this project and is supportive of motion.

Council voted on motion.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL
AUTHORIZATION
IS REQUESTED TO
APPLY FOR
FUNDING UNDER
THE ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL
AFFAIRS
REGIONAL
COLLABORATION
GRANT PROGRAM
TO UNDERTAKE A
COLLABORATING
ON
TECHNOLOGIES
FOR MUNICIPAL
SERVICE
DELIVERY
PROJECT.**

The County of Grande Prairie, in conjunction with other participating municipalities across Alberta, are in the process of evaluating technology regionalization and collaboration opportunities for municipal service delivery across Alberta. The purpose of this project is to secure funding through the Regional Collaboration Program to obtain services from a consultant to assist us to:

Identify the technology services provided at a municipal level that could be regionalized and delivered in a more effective manner.

- a. Identify the tangible and intangible benefits of services that could be regionalized.
- b. Opportunities for Regional Service Delivery may include but are not limited to:
 - Volume purchasing
 - Centrally hosted services from one municipality or contract from private vendor

1. Infrastructure as a service
2. Software as a service
3. Shared Processes/Learning – e.g. work order management, project and portfolio management, asset management, I.T. leadership development, IT Strategy Development
4. Regionalized Training
5. Shared development opportunities (e.g.: mobile apps)

The following is the proposed process that the consultant awarded the RFP would follow:

1. Survey participating municipalities to describe their current state of technology, and initiatives
 - a. Hardware platforms;
 - b. Software primarily used;
 - c. Current initiatives;
 - d. Service gaps where there is a need (e.g. mobility, mobile apps);
 - e. Technology Areas where they could provide for regionalized services delivery (e.g. Calgary datacenter);
 - f. Determine the current participation in regional service delivery;
 - g. Determine their current awareness of regional service delivery opportunities, and desire to participate in future implementations;
2. Analyze opportunities for regional service delivery and outline costs/benefits.
3. Create a model for municipalities to define total cost of ownership (TCO) for delivering services that are recommended by the consultant for potential regional service delivery. This would assist participants in determining if any of the recommendations are beneficial for them to pursue.
4. The report would be owned by participating municipalities and shared with all MISA

members. Outcomes from the report could then be pursued either by an individual municipality or jointly, with potential for future regional collaboration grants as well.

The project partners have been in contact with Alberta Municipal Affairs to discuss obtaining a Regional Collaboration Grant for the purposes of this project. Municipal Affairs reacted very favorably to the idea of the project, so in order to proceed with the grant application each participating municipality will be required to adopt a resolution for participation. If the grant application is successful then it is expected that costs required would be absorbed within existing budgets, there will be staff time required to meet with the consultant and provide the municipal specific information to them. If grant funding is not obtained then we do not anticipate this project will be viable and this project would not proceed at this time.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the current request does not include other partners and commented that there will be several letters received from other municipal partners in order to have this as a provincial initiative.

Councillor Sutherland inquired if this project has any association with AAMDC. Bill responded that currently it does not but it may segue into it if there is a benefit for buying-in together through our purchasing group. Beaverlodge had said they were short people so we could potentially monitor their technology from here and vice versa. This program can help to identify what is being used for systems currently and opportunities for the future as well.

Councillor Sutherland inquired if the project is for software as well because Bellamy increases their rates dependent on the amount of users. He inquired if it will be similar to them. Bill responded that it will be similar.

Councillor Dueck inquired if the project is for the entire province or if it is only for the County. Mrs. Madden responded that the project is province-wide and all of the municipalities are working together to achieve the same thing. Reeve Beaupre noted that there will be a study

conducted to see what the gaps, shortfalls, and best practices should be within the province of Alberta. Councillor Dueck inquired if it is only a study being done. Mrs. Madden responded that there will be a study done and a report generated from the findings.

Councillor Eckstrom is in support of the request as she believes it is a very proactive project.

Resolution #CM20130624.1004

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that County Council authorize the County of Grande Prairie to participate in an application for the "Collaborating on Technologies for Municipal Service Delivery" project, submitted by the City of Lethbridge under the Regional Collaboration component of the Regional Collaboration Program and further; that the County of Grande Prairie agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement, governing the purpose and use of the Grant Funds.

CARRIED

LYMBURN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PROJECT - REQUEST

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130618002)

Council has received a request from Lymburn Community Association to waive the necessary fees for both the development permit and the building permit. The request letter and estimate were attached to the agenda package for review.

Mr. Simpson commented that the total cost of the permits for the Lymburn Community Association project will be around \$930.00.

Resolution #CM20130624.1005

MOVED BY B. SMITH that the County waive the fees for all of the County permits required for the Lymburn Community Association project.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired if Council direction is required if it is a community hall request or if they are usually processed without approval from Council. Mr. Simpson

responded that typically the request is processed directly without a Council motion as directed previously by Council. Reeve Beaupre responded that the request was brought before Council today because it was addressed directly to County Council and not Planning and Development.

CARRIED

**WEDGEWOOD
INTERSECTION
UPGRADE
TENDER AWARD**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130619002)

Tenders were opened on May 28, 2013 and closed on June 11, 2013 for the Wedgewood Intersection at Resources Road Upgrade. The upgrade will be to install traffic lights at the intersection as well as upgrade the crosswalk and associated signalization.

The following bids were received:

Wapiti Gravel Suppliers	\$576,481.85
Knelsen Rock Products	\$669,630.00

The total estimated cost of the project including engineering and construction is estimated \$730,251.87. This project comes within the budget amount of \$1,500,000.00. Our engineers Beairsto Lehnerns Ketchum recommend awarding the contract to low bidder Wapiti Gravel Suppliers for their bid amount of \$576,481.85.

Resolution #CM20130624.1006

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to award the tender to the low bidder Wapiti Gravel Suppliers for their bid amount of \$576,481.85 for the Wedgewood Intersection Upgrade.

CARRIED

**TEEPEE CREEK -
LOW PRESSURE
SEWER SYSTEM
UPGRADE
REQUEST FOR
QUOTATION**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130620004)

Mr. Pfau noted that quotes were opened for the Teepee Creek - Low Pressure System Upgrade on Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

The following quotes were received:

Westcan Tel Ltd.	\$ 97,912.50
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Mainline Construction Ltd.	\$ 102,858.00
In-Line Contracting	\$ 120,855.00

This project was included in the 2013 budget with funding in the amount of \$50,500.00. The estimated costs to complete the project including engineering is \$110,000.00. The completion of this project is required to comply with environment standards.

Mr. Pfau noted that Public Works had to complete more work in Teepee Creek that they had originally planned for and therefore the initial quote had been under budget but due to the delay they had to obtain a further quote that has come back over-budget. He noted that the shortfall can be taken from the Public Works Reserve or Public Works Surplus.

Resolution #CM20130624.1007

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to award the contract to Westcan Tel Ltd. for their bid amount of \$97,912.50 with the additional funding provided from Infrastructure Reserve or Surplus from other Public Works projects.

Councillor Smith inquired what the Peace Wapiti School Boards contribution is for this upgrade. Mr. Pfau responded that they have already cost shared for emergency work on the Teepee Creek lift station as they will be taking over the lift station. The County will be cutting off the lines and putting them through our main lift station and it will come out to a force main. Mr. Pfau noted that after we cut off the lines the only ones using the lift station will be the school board. Councillor Smith inquired if the school board will be paying Public Works. Mr. Pfau responded that there will be a sewer charge similar to one that is paid by Bezanson school.

Councillor Harpe inquired if the residents in Teepee Creek are going to be tied into the force main. Mr. Pfau responded that we have to extend the lines and upgrade their pumps to push the sewage further. Upgrades will be done to their sewer systems as well as ours and all costs are included.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if we will be imposing an infrastructure charge to offset what we are paying. Mr. Pfau noted that there will be a sewer charge and he is not sure if an infrastructure charge will be imposed as well.

Council voted on motion.

CARRIED

4H TRAVELING DELEGATION TO JAPAN

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130624001)

Councillor Eckstrom commented on a request that was sent into the County from 4-H regarding providing gifts to the delegation that will be traveling to Kyushu Japan. They will be leaving on July 8th, 2013 and are requesting two gifts from the County to be presented to Mayors of the cities in Japan. It was noted that smaller framed pictures of the Trumpeter Swans should be sent.

Resolution #CM20130624.1008

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to provide two framed pictures of the Trumpeter Swans as well as a letter noting the significance of the swans as gifts to represent the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 to the 4-H delegation who will be traveling to Japan in July 2013.

Councillor Nelson commented that more information can be provided in regards to other locations in the County such as Kleskin Hills and Saskatoon Mountain as well.

Councillor Jacobs noted that coordination can be done with Communications and Economic Development to provide information on the significance of the swans and any other areas that are located within the County. It was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Council voted on the amended motion.

CARRIED

ACTION LIST UPDATE

(INFORMATION ITEMS)

The Action Lists were provided Councils Information up to and including May 27th, 2013.

(Issue #20130531015)

Bill noted that there are some long standing actions that are currently being addressed.

Councillor Nelson inquired about the action in regards to the Cenotaph for Ray Boyer in Bezanson.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about recycling for Styrofoam at the County's recycling station. Mr. Pfau responded that they have met with Aquatera and took a tour of the plant and they are currently preparing a report to bring back to Council.

Councillor Harpe commented on billboards.

Councillor Bulford inquired about the Ray Boyer Cenotaph because the original motion was to bring back quotes. Bill responded that the intent was to have both a plaque and a Cenotaph provided. Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, met with people from Bezanson and they noted that a cenotaph was not necessary, they wanted the plaques and pictures instead. This action will be deferred to Ms. Schur the next time the action list is placed on the agenda.

Resolution #CM20130624.1009

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Ms. Schur come back to Council and speak to the outstanding action in regards to the Ray Boyer Cenotaph.

CARRIED

Councillor Sutherland inquired about the CNRL agreement for Dust Control. Mr. Pfau noted that the action was addressed at the last Council meeting and it is still ongoing.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if, in regards to Dust Control for industry, the County requires a more formal

agreement aside from the companies signing off on the Dust Control maps. Mr. Pfau responded that the County also requires the legal land address, name of the company, and other information. Reeve Beaupre inquired if what the companies are signing will stand up in Court if there is a dispute. Mr. Pfau responded that it will likely not but for the last few years the dust control agreements have also been included in their development permits. Prior the agreement being included in the development permits it was necessary to obtain Provincial approval. Reeve Beaupre commented that if the County is doing the work, we should have a signed contractual obligation from the companies.

Councillor Nelson commented that she agrees with Reeve Beaupre. Her concern is that the province is giving the approval to companies to proceed. She inquired if we should review the approval process with the Province in order to understand situations where the County has had to pay for industry dust control. Mr. Pfau responded that he does not think we need to do that as the County can ensure that all measures are taken to prevent non-payment for dust control. The road use agreements cover the County and the new bylaw will cover us as well once it is passed.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if the Province has to circulate development permits to the County like we have to do within the County for adjacent landowners. Bill responded that the Province does circulate the development permits to the County. He also made a suggestion in regards putting a stipulation on the development permit that the area has to have dust control done regardless of further acquisition of that land. Councillor Sutherland commented that he is in favour of Bill's suggestion as it puts the onus on the seller to come into the County and note that the property has been sold to a new company or owner.

Councillor Dueck commented on the Sportsplex naming rights and inquired how finding a company to buy the naming rights is progressing. Mr. Simpson responded that this action is still ongoing because we have not received an appropriate sponsor to purchase the naming rights. Bill

noted that any bids for the naming rights were to be brought back to Council for individual for review.

Resolution #CM20130624.1010

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the meeting be recessed at 11:37 a.m. for a 5 minute break.

CARRIED

11:30
APPOINTMENT -
HIGHWAY TO
MEXICO PROJECT

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130524005)

The meeting was reconvened at 11:43 a.m.

Mr. Miller introduced Mr. O'Sullivan from Sunrise Rotary Club. Mr. O'Sullivan would like the County to consider donating a vehicle to the Highway to Mexico Project.

In 2002 the Highway to Mexico Project was initiated. The Project involves the delivery of fire and other vehicles and equipment to the region of Mazatlan, Mexico. The Rotary Club of Grande Prairie, Sunrise Rotary Club, along with 2 other Rotary Clubs in Grande Prairie and Edson have worked together and have donated 59 vehicles (fire trucks, ambulances, and school buses) since the project began.

Mr. Miller noted that there are two fire engines and a water tender that are coming up for replacement and they could be donated to the Highway to Mexico Project if Council approves. Everett Cooke, Fire Chief, was present to answer any questions that Council has in regards to the fire engines and water tender.

Mr. O'Sullivan noted that they receive applications and a list of what is needed from the non-profit organizations in Mexico and then the Rotary Clubs try and match up the vehicles to the areas in need. Mazatlan provides fuel and training to anyone that will be working with the vehicles and they have two volunteer fire departments and a cadet system as well (children help to fundraise and maintain the vehicles). Mr. O'Sullivan noted that his role is to look for the vehicles and he had seen in the newspapers that some of the County's Fire Services vehicles were being replaced so he wanted to make an appointment to see Council and discuss the needs for the project this year.

Resolution #CM20130624.1011

MOVED BY S. NELSON that the County of Grande Prairie support the efforts of Sunrise Rotary Club and the Highway to Mexico Project and provide vehicles that are no longer in use by the County Fire Services, two fire engines and a water tender that are all more than 20 years old.

Councillor Smith inquired if all Fire Stations within the County currently have enough water tankers. Mr. Cooke responded that there is one that is due for replacement from Teepee Creek and it will arrive in July 2013. By donating the water tender we will not be shorting our water supply for fire fighting as all places that have room for a water tender currently have one.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she is supportive of the motion but wants to keep the water tender in service to have more capacity for the County. Mr. Cooke responded that the water tender can only be stored at the Hythe, Dunes, or Clairmont fire halls. For rural areas in the West County there will still be a delay to get a unit out there unless it was stored at the Hythe Fire Department.

Councillor Dueck commented that the vehicles up for replacement are all 20+ years old and inquired how many years of service the Highway to Mexico Project will get out of the vehicles donated by the County. Mr. O'Sullivan responded that he has seen some fire trucks from the 1950s that are still running in Mazatlan. The town in Mexico has very good mechanics to work on the vehicles. Councillor Dueck commented that she wanted to ensure the water tenders in the County are looked after so there will be enough water to battle fires here. Mr. Cooke responded that all County Fire Service vehicles are up-kept very well on a regular basis.

Councillor Sutherland noted that there has been discussion in regards to putting a unit in Elmworth. Reeve Beaupre responded that the feasibility study has not been done yet. Mr. Cooke noted that they will be starting the study this

September and the intent is to determine what can be sustained in that area. The closest places to obtain water for the Elmworth area is from Hythe, Wembley or from the surrounding Community in the area. Councillor Sutherland inquired what the next vehicle that will be replaced is. Mr. Cooke responded that the LaGlace and Bezanson stations will receive a replacement but that is at least 5 years away from now unless there are deficiencies found. Bill commented that the Elmworth area would not be housing a fire engine, it would be a water station like in Teepee Creek.

Councillor Harpe commented that the County is always short on water trucks. He is supportive of the motion but not in favour of supplying both engines and the water tender. Mr. Pfau responded that Public Works hires water tenders as needed. Councillor Harpe inquired if Mr. Pfau would be able to use the water tender unit for Public Works. Mr. Pfau responded that he is not familiar with the vehicle and it may be a different axle than they are currently using.

Councillor Nelson noted that her concern is that the water tender is currently not in use and we need to assess the cost of what it will be to use it. Reeve Beaupre responded that Council has to opportunity to donate the water tender next year after a review is done on the need for the water tender to stay within the County. Councillor Nelson accepted the amendment to donate only the two fire engines as friendly.

MOVED BY S. NELSON that the County of Grande Prairie support the efforts of Sunrise Rotary Club and the Highway to Mexico Project and provide vehicles that are no longer in use by the County Fire Services, two fire engines that are more than 20 years old.

Councillor Jacobs commented on storage for the water tender and noted that the Beaverlodge shop can potentially be used to store the unit.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired that if we keep the water truck do we have staff to run it from Public Works. Mr. Pfau responded that we have seasonal and other staff that could

run the truck. Reeve Beaupre commented that the unit does not have to leave the fire station for Public Works to use it.

Councillor Bulford commented that the water tender is 1800 gallons and he does not see that capacity being big enough to be on Public Works' fleet. He supports that all three vehicles be donated.

Council voted on the amended motion to donate only two fire engines to the Highway to Mexico project.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130624.1012

MOVED BY S. NELSON that Fire Chief Everett Cooke and Superintendent of Public Works Herb Pfau bring a report back to Council on recommendations for the use of the water tender that is set for disposal from County Fire Services.

CARRIED

**11:50 A.M.
PRESENTATION
OF STRUCTURE
PROTECTION UNIT**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130606001)

Fire Chief Everett Cooke noted that the County of Grande Prairie Fire Service is pleased to announce the completion of the regions first Structure Protection Unit (SPU-1) for the fire service which will be used to help save homes and structures in the area. This unit, purchased by the support of County Council, will be kept at the Clairmont Fire station for deployment defense lines across the region as required.

The new sprinkler unit is a unique additional tool for fire services in our region to protect people, fire service personnel, property and infrastructure. Deployed during an interface fire, the unit can be used to dampen areas around structures protecting walls and roof from ignition. The SPU-1 contains enough equipment to protect up to 25 structures at a time. This Structure Protection Unit is the first of its kind for fire services in our region.

Mr. Cooke provided examples of how the SPU could be deployed. For the Aspen Ridge bridge: if there was a wildfire they would be able to deploy the protection to

maintain the bridge and allow people to get away from the wildfire. Similar fire units were seen in Slave Lake and Zama City. This unit benefits the County as well as the region for Mutual Aid agreements.

The unit was budgeted for in 2012 and Fire Services are hoping to purchase a second SPU to be in service for 2014. SPU-2 would be stationed in the West County for rapid deployment and ease of access for fire crews.

Fire Fighter Doug Porterfield was present in the gallery. Mr. Cooke noted that Mr. Porterfield was assigned the task of getting the unit and implementing it into County Fire Services. Mr. Porterfield came to County two years ago. The SPU was completed in May and deployed the same day to a grass fire in Sexsmith along Emerson Trail. There have already been numerous benefits from having the unit available.

Mr. Cooke and Mr. Porterfield inquired if Council had any questions and noted that the unit is set-up outside of the Administration building so Council can peruse.

Reeve Beaupre thanked Mr. Porterfield for his expertise that was provided for this unit.

Councillor Nelson inquired if the County has an agreement with the M.D. of Greenview where this unit could be deployed. Mr. Cooke responded that the County has signed a Mutual Aid agreement with surrounding municipalities which include the M.D. of Greenview. They also have their own volunteer fire service in the M.D. of Greenview.

Councillor Harpe asked Mr. Cooke to explain how the unit functions. Mr. Cooke referred to the pictures from the agenda package: there are sprinklers to set up protection around homes, valves that can be installed into water lines, portable draw tanks, and mark 3 and striker pumps meant for forest fire-fighting. Mr. Porterfield has experience in these sorts of valves and pipes so that is why he was tasked to implement the unit.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the second SPU. Mr. Cooke responded that in 2012 it was put into the 2014 Capital plan. Reeve Beaupre inquired if there is an opportunity to have a buy-in from other municipalities to further the Mutual Aid Agreement, for example purchasing three unit and housing one in the West County, one in the East County and one located centrally. Mr. Cooke responded that is very good idea and it can be investigated.

Resolution #CM20130624.1013

MOVED BY L. DUECK that the meeting be recessed at 12:11 p.m. for lunch, to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED

1:30 P.M. - ENCANA UPDATE TO COUNCIL

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20130524001)

Don Rowan, Community Relations Advisor, presented to Council over the lunch break and the presentation was held in the Gallery at the Administration Building.

2:00 P.M. - HYTHE LEGION

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20130618003)

The meeting was reconvened at 2:17 p.m.

Bernadine McPherson, Vice President of the Hythe Legion, presented to Council on their emergent issue of replacing the floor, boiler and air exchange. Ms. McPherson presented Council with a completed Capital Grant application and financials as per the request of Council from the June 17th, 2013 Council Meeting.

Ms. McPherson thanked Council for the \$10,000 donation that will be kept for ongoing work to the Legion. In April they discovered an issue with their sub-floor which caused an immediate closure of the hall. Dana Lockhart has come up with the figures for the amount of \$98,000 to repair the sub-floor and the amount includes gift-in-kind donations, donations made from Mr. Lockhart, architect fees, and various other necessary fees.

The cost for the whole project will be between \$160,000 - \$175,000. This amount includes the \$98,000 estimate from

Mr. Lockhart, \$21,600 for ceiling restoration, \$20,000 for air make-up, and \$15,000 for the new boiler system (including materials and labour). Ms. McPherson also noted that the poor drainage needs to be addressed with additional landscaping maintenance of rain water but there were no figures available for Council. They will also have to replace side-walks as they will have to break the foundation walls to fix the sub-floor.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if there is currently a dirt floor under the floor space. Ms. McPherson responded that there is currently dirt there and they will not be putting concrete under the sub-floor. Furthermore, some compromises have been made but they have still maintained the integrity of the project, her understanding is that it will be addressed and she provided some options that could be done for the sub floor. She further noted that the air exchange system is vital to maintain any work that is being done. Reeve Beaupre inquired if replacing the air exchange and completing further landscaping will alleviate the issues for the future. Ms. McPherson responded that the damage has been caused due to dampness in the area, the Legion had a wooden joist on a metal brace and there was also in-floor heating. The floor has now been stabilized with timbers and jacks, the in-floor heating structure is still in tact, and all contact will be done with treated lumber and there will be proper insulation. It was found that the joists cannot be cut out and replaced therefore more work has to be done to fix the problems.

Ms. McPherson noted that the photos provided in the package are worst case scenarios and there are some areas that are not that affected.

Councillor Sutherland inquired if the Legion was built on piles. Ms. McPherson responded that the floor is free-floating from the foundation wall but the shell of the building is still sound.

Councillor Dueck inquired where the most damage is located in the building. Ms. McPherson responded that the affected area is around the exterior of the building with the most critical areas being the southeast corner and in the

kitchen area where the stove was located. There is also significant damage in the boiler area but everything is now stable so work can be done inside.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the request to the County is for \$50,000 and inquired where they predict the rest of the money will be funded from. Ms. McPherson responded that the quote was received on June 13th and from then on they have discussed the fundraiser BBQ on June 28th that will be sponsored by Encana. As well, numerous people from the community have approached her to inquire what they can do. Some people have provided a personal guarantee on a bank note, Mr. Lockhart has already promised his assistance, and there have been calls from several oil field companies in the area that will provide some support. She has also spoke to the Village of Hythe and received a letter of support from Greg Gayton promising the Village will commit funds to the project but no figure had been suggested to them. Ms. McPherson is meeting with the Village of Hythe tonight to give them the figures.

Reeve Beaupre inquired what the main Legion in Alberta is contributing to the restoration project. Ms. McPherson responded that the Hythe Legion has some GIC's but they want to leave them so they can develop further. What the legion can provide are interest free loans. She noted that legions across Canada are dying off due to decreased membership but the Hythe Legion received a Silver Recognition Certificate for membership. The Legion building is what keeps them going in Hythe as it is a very community-orientated area. She further noted that Legion Command would not be able to offer a no interest loan due to the decline in membership over the last 20 years.

Councillor Harpe inquired about total cash and how much Ms. McPherson predicts will be used from the reserves. Ms. McPherson noted that they still need to maintain service and not all funds that are listed in the financial package are available for their general use. Some of the total cash is committed elsewhere because they are a legion: some is committed for projects, some is for Veteran needs, and some is for scholarships. She is not aware of

the total figure for cash that can be used for the restoration project. It was noted that the mortgage for the building has been paid off since the financial report was done for the 2012 year.

Resolution #CM20130624.1014

MOVED BY R. HARPE to advance \$50,000 from the Major Capital Grant Reserve to the Hythe Legion for their restoration project.

Councillor Dueck commented that Ms. McPherson had a very good presentation and that the legion in Hythe is very active and they have lots of Community support in the area as well. She see's the Hythe Legion restoration project as an investment. Ms. McPherson responded that she is very thankful to hear the Legion referred to as an investment.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130624.1015

MOVED BY B. SMITH that a letter of support be drafted outlining the County's contribution to the project and encouraging further donations and support.

Ms. McPherson formally invited Councillors to the Fundraising BBQ that will be held in Hythe on June 28, 2013.

CARRIED

BEC MEETING MINUTES MAY 21, 2013

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130613002)

The approved minutes of the May 21, 2013 Building Expansion Committee meeting was attached to the agenda package.

INFORMATION

BEC MEETING MINUTES JUNE 6, 2013

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130620003)

The approved minutes of the June 6, 2013 Building Expansion Committee meeting were attached to the agenda package.

Councillor Smith referred to the time table for the

renovations. Bill noted that the contractors are starting renovations in Council Chambers and lounge by the end of the week. Reception will be moving to the back of the building in the Gallery until they can be moved into the new building. The last day the reception and lobby area will be open is July 3rd.

INFORMATION

**LETTER FROM
MINISTER RIC
MCIVER - JUNE 6,
2013**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130618005)

Minister Ric McIver spoke to the Gas Tax money that has been budgeted for in the Spring.

It was noted that the County's Gas Tax money will be going towards the Dimsdale Road project.

INFORMATION

**LETTER FROM
MINISTER RIC
MCIVER - JUNE 5,
2013**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130618006)

Minister Ric McIver spoke to provincial Bridge funding. It was noted that municipalities will be receiving the funding this year but not in 2014.

INFORMATION

**COUNCILLOR,
COMMITTEE AND
DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Councillor Eckstrom attended the FCSS Advisory Board meeting. She noted there was good discussion in regards to the School Community Liaison workers. She requested that Administration set up a meeting with Peace Wapiti School Board and we include the discussion in regards to the Liaison worker. Bill responded that we meet with them yearly unless there is something emergent to address. The meeting will probably not occur for another few months. Councillor Eckstrom also noted that Recreation grants for schools should be put on the agenda for the meeting as well.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the Public Service Alliance of Canada Community Stakeholders meeting. They discussed the Code of Practice and asked questions in regards to services to ratepayers and the impact to the community.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the CN Miracle Match and the County was acknowledged as having a table in support of

the Stollery Hospital. The event raised over \$1600 that will be matched by CN. It was noted that 1/3 of the seats were empty and only about 30-35 people attended.

Councillor Dueck attended the FCSS Advisory Board meeting.

Councillor Dueck attended the meeting with PCL at the Community Services Building. She noted that it was a very informative session.

Councillor Dueck attended the groundbreaking for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum. She noted that there were lots of people in attendance and more than anticipated.

Councillor Dueck attended the Dinosaur Ball. She noted that it was a very nice event but there were not as many people in attendance as in past years. She received positive comments in regards to the Ball and the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired about attendance at the Dinosaur Ball. Councillor Dueck responded that there were 302 people in attendance and there was \$50,000 - \$100,000 made in profits. Councillor Suetherland also noted that some sizable cheques were donated from Pomeroy Hotel, Greenbuilt Homes, and Growing the North to name a few. The total amount raised was around \$317,000 when including the donated cheques. Reeve Beaupre noted that she engaged in many conversations with people who were interested in the program and some people were asking how they could make personal donations. There is more interest now that the ground is being turned and the project is progressing.

Councillor Bulford attended the FCSS Advisory Board meeting.

Councillor Bulford attended the Sportplex Food Services meeting.

Councillor Bulford attended the Partnership Session with PCL.

Councillor Bulford attended the Groundbreaking for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

Councillor Bulford attended Kleskin Hills Museum Day. He noted there were about 250 people in attendance and the Bezanson Fire Department was in attendance as well. There was a presentation made to the Museum Society with a plaque for Ray Boyer. MP Chris Warkentin and MLA Everett McDonald were also in attendance. Councillor Dueck asked Councillor Bulford about the Bronze Plaque that was presented. Councillor Bulford noted that the plaque that was ordered was held up at Customs. Furthermore, Ms. Schur will be coming back to Council to provide an update on the cenotaph and plaques.

Councillor Smith attended the South Peace Archives meeting. He noted that they had wrote to the City of Grande Prairie to ask if they could partner on the Montrose site. He further noted that the budget is on track and they should be receiving more money from the Casino.

Councillor Smith thanked the other Councillors for the \$50,000 grant that was approved for the Hythe Legion restoration project.

Councillor Nelson attended the FCSS Advisory Board meeting and noted there is a high need for mental health support in the Clairmont area.

Resolution #CM20130624.1016

MOVED BY S. NELSON to draft a letter to the Minister of Health, MLA McDonald and MLA Drysdale that identifies the need for mental health supports in the region.

This motion was made in reference to the proposed family care clinic in the area.

CARRIED

Councillor Nelson attended the Sexsmith Seed Cleaning Plant meeting and BBQ. She noted that there were close to 100 people in attendance and it was very well recieved that the County BBQ was there. The main concerns expressed were to keep fusarium out of the area. Councillor Nelson recommened that they discuss their concerns with Sonja Raven, Agricultural Fieldman, and come before Council with any further concerns.

Councillor Nelson attended the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum groundbreaking. She complimented Reeve Beaupre on her speech and noted that Councillor Sutherland and Brian Brake did a good job as well.

Councillor Nelson thanked Steve Madden, Environmental Manager, for the cheque to the Clairmont seniors for bottle collection. She commented that it is a very good program for community groups to be participating in.

Councillor Nelson was asked at the Sexsmith Seed Cleaning Plant BBQ by Larry Andersen why they had not received a reply for their request for two loads of gravel for the Sexsmith Museum.

Resolution #CM20130624.1017

MOVED BY S. NELSON to support the Sexsmith Museum with two loads of gravel as per the request, and it be funded from the Public Works line.

Bill commented that we supply gravel to community groups inside the County, Sexsmith is their own municipality. He had looked and could not find the request letter. Mr. Pfau responded that the gravel can be put through the Public Works line if Council passes a motion.

CARRIED

Councillor Nelson commented that she was listening to

CKUA radio and she heard an interview in regards to a successful biomass project in Sherwood Park. Reeve Beaupre noted that in Strathcona County they use the waste energy that is brought in by seacans for their biomass. If any Councillors would like further information it can be viewed on the website Greenenergyfutures.ca.

Resolution #CM20130624.1018

MOVED BY L. DUECK that discussion on the selling of the naming rights for the Sportsplex be put on a future Council agenda.

Councillor Harpe commented that Council had discussed having Mr. Simpson continue to look for a naming sponsor. Bill noted that the last motion made by Council was to continue pursuing naming rights for the Sportsplex.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that there has been discussion around finding a company but to hold the Sportsplex name it will be a significant number. Reeve Beaupre noted that anyone who is interested in purchasing the naming rights for the Sportsplex will be discussed by Council prior a decision being made.

CARRIED

Councillor Dueck commented on a Museum in Councillor Jacobs area that have not received their gravel yet. They were wondering if it would arrive by the middle of July as they have an event. Mr. Pfau commented that he will check on the delivery. Councillor Jacobs noted that she had already spoken to the museum about the gravel delivery.

Councillor Harpe attended the same events as the other Councillors.

Councillor Jacobs attended a meeting with the Minister of Tourism and Reeve Beaupre.

Councillor Jacobs and Reeve Beaupre also met with

Beaverlodge Council, the Mayor of Hythe, and the Councillors in Wembley about the proposed Family Care Clinic for Beaverlodge. It was noted that the current doctors are not pleased because they already have a clinic and they only see a loss of autonomy, loss of control, and loss of contact with their patients if the new FCC is built. They inquired how many FCC's operate without backup from a hospital, the response was that they are all backed up by hospitals.

Reeve Beaupre commented on additional funds from the County for the FCC. Her biggest concern was that the current doctors in Beaverlodge are focusing on their own business opportunities. Everyone was concerned about the whole system but it will expand jobs as well. They got very hung up on the expression of interest letter and she received a letter of support for the expression of interest that speaks to the care and community services. In regards to the Primary Care Network for nurses and physicians, they do not want to lose that because they are the only ones doing it currently. It was noted that there is a meeting sometime in July. Councillor Jacobs commented that a business plan will need to be completed by September 21, 2013 and AHS is supposed to assist communities in completing them. There will be a joint effort with the business manager and they will tailor the plan to each community. It was noted that Mayor Leona Hanson from Beaverlodge and Village Administrator Greg Gayton from Hythe should have been involved in the discussion as well.

Councillor Smith commented that he went to the Beaverlodge Clinic on Thursday night and there were very long line-ups, the waiting room was full, and the doctor was stressed out. At 10:00 p.m. there were still 25 people waiting to be seen. He further noted that things have to change there when the three other doctors retire. Reeve Beaupre commented that the new generation of doctors do not want to serve patients in the same way as the three other doctors who have been around for numerous years have been doing. All of the doctors need to be more flexible. Councillor Smith commented that Beaverlodge has stopped the renovations on the hospital and no progress has been made at all.

Councillor Harpe commented that he concurs with Councillor Jacobs in regards to the FCC because we rely on the hospital and clinics in this area. He also commented on the lack of home-care because new people have not been hired and therefore referrals cannot be handled. He believes the County needs to do something about this. Reeve Beaupre also commented that the lack of home-care is an emergent issue. She also noted that the general public is using the Emergency rooms as walk-in clinics. Councillor Harpe noted that the waiting time for an appointment is at least 2 weeks.

Councillor Dueck commented that we are all assuming that FCC's will be built, but we have no idea what is actually going to be coming to our region. She noted that she spoke to MLA Drysdale about this and he noted we will be given the opportunity to have the asks in the business plan based on the specific needs of each community. She commented that currently Beaverlodge Hospital is a FCC because they have not done surgeries in years. Councillor Dueck commented that if we over-step our boundaries in regards to the the request for an FCC, we might end up with nothing in this region. We need to wait and see what we get here, then we can fight for what we want.

Councillor Jacobs commented that she was sorry that she missed the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum groundbreaking, but saw that it was very well done. Reeve Beaupre commented that the people provided with shovels were the major contributors to the project.

Councillor Sutherland attended an Evergreen Park meeting and noted that numbers are improving and usage is up.

Councillor Sutherland attended the FCSS Advisory Board Meeting. He commented that the County has been asked to fund projects that the Provincial government is supposed to be taking care of (such as the School Liaison program) and we are going to have to be involved in hospitals too.

We should not be responsible for our own health services because it takes a lot from the County to provide those services.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Public Service Alliance of Canada meeting.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Partnering Session with PCL and noted that it was a good meeting and the facilitator did a very good job.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum groundbreaking in Wembley. The Metis Nation has agreed to provide artifacts for the first year at no cost to museum. Reeve Beaupre commented that the Dinosaur Museum is getting lots of interest from Metis Association.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum Ball. he noted that approximately \$317,000 was raised and there will be an additional \$80,000 - \$100,000 expected to come from silent auction items.

Councillor Sutherland noted that an request has been received from Peace Wapiti School District to have the shovel used at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum groundbreaking ceremony donated to them.

Resolution #CM20130624.1019

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that his shovel from the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum groundbreaking be donated to the Peace Wapiti School Board.

CARRIED

Councillor Eckstrom responded to Councillor Sutherland's comments in regards to FCSS targeting gaps that the Provincial government will not be funding. She noted that all Provincial funding to those areas have been cut from the Provincial budget.

Reeve Beaupre attended the groundbreaking ceremony and noted that it was well attended. The County has received a gift from the Town of Beaverlodge and there have been many letters of congratulations received.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the County has received letters of support for the Regional Collaboration Grant from 45% of the surrounding municipalities. Letters have been received from the M.D. of Smoky River, Fairview, Northern Lights County, Fox Creek, as well as many others. She further noted that some municipalities are not meeting until later this week so more letters should be received shortly for the Regional Collaboration Grant. It was noted that a cheque was received from MLA Wayne Drysdale for \$7 million, the letter will be on the next Council agenda and will be placed in the reading file as well.

Reeve Beaupre attended a meeting with the City of Grande Prairie and it was noted that they will be requesting a resolution to apply for annexation at their Council meeting tonight. They have not shared with the County what their annexation plans are. Mr. Simpson noted that there were approximately 20 people total in attendance at their open houses.

Reeve Beaupre attended a meeting with the Minister of Tourism, Richard Starke, and Councillor Jacobs. Reeve Beaupre noted that Minister Starke is taking his holidays and staying in provincial parks across Alberta. He will also be returning to the Bone Bed, Saskatoon Mountain, and other tourist areas in the County of Grande Prairie.

Bill Rogan reminded Council that the Saddle Hills Open House is this Wednesday for those who want to attend.

Councillor Jacobs inquired if there is a possibility that some people or companies might be late with tax cheques because some of the companies are based out of Calgary and their offices and banks may have been evacuated, for example with Encana. Bill responded that we may need to assess each case individually and see

whether an extension can be granted. Councillor Harpe commented that payments can be sent electronically so it shouldn't be an issue.

Councillor Nelson commented that she was not sent an invite to the Kleskun Hills Museum Day. Bill noted that he was not aware of the event either.

Mr. Pfau noted that the contractors are all back to work and are everything is proceeding well. Reeve Beaupre commented that a ratepayer she spoke to wanted to extend thanks to Public Works for sending a letter to Alberta Transportation in regards to cleaning up Highway 668.

Mr. Simpson had nothing further to add.

Mr. Miller had nothing further to add. Reeve Beaupre thanked Mr. Miller and Parks and Recreation for the afternoon on Saskatoon Mountain.

Councillor Nelson commented that she will be asking tomorrow in MPC about a landowner to the East down Range Road 51 as a house is being moved onto a basement, there is ongoing activity on the property and a for sale sign is posted on the corner. Mr. Simpson responded that he will need the legal land description to ensure that all the necessary permits have been applied for and approved for that area.

Reeve Beaupre noted that she has spoke to Mr. Minhas and they are moving ahead with development in the subdivision so they will be coming in to pay the amount they owe for water/sewer charges shortly.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired if she could be kept informed about the potential golf course being constructed in her area. Mr. Simpson responded that the owner has met all of Council's requirements and Alberta Environment has signed off on it. Reeve Beaupre commented that she and Senior Planner Nick Lapp received an email and they have received a copy of the order. Bill responded that we are currently pursuing it. Councillor Smith inquired

about a dust control agreement and whether it has been paid by the landowner yet. Mr. Simpson responded that he believes that he is in compliance with all of the necessary permits.

Resolution #CM20130624.1020

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the meeting be recessed at 3:37 p.m. for a 5 minute break.

CARRIED

The meeting was reconvened at 3:44 p.m.

**WEST COUNTY
SHOP AND YARD**

(IN CAMERA)
(Issue #20130611006)

Resolution #CM20130624.1021

MOVED by M. ECKSTROM that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 3:45 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 West County Shop and Yard, Enforcement Services, and Land Purchase.

CARRIED

LAND PURCHASE

(IN CAMERA)
(Issue #20130618004)

Resolution #CM20130624.1022

MOVED by L. DUECK that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 4:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130624.1023

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the County of Grande Prairie thank Aquatera for their offer to purchase County land, but indicate that Council is not interested in a sale agreement at this time.

CARRIED

These minutes approved the _____ day of _____ 2013.

Reference # _____

**10:20 CLAIRMONT
INFRASTRUCTURE
UPDATE**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130604004)

See attached presentation.

**ENFORCEMENT
SERVICES**

(IN CAMERA)
(Issue #20130617001)

Resolution #CM20130624.1024

MOVED by <NAME> that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 8:14 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 Enforcement Services.

Verbal.

Resolution #CM20130624.1025

MOVED by <NAME> that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 8:14 p.m.

REEVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR