



MINUTES

County Council
Regular Meeting

County of Grande Prairie No. 1

March 11, 2013 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, March 11, 2013

Start time : 10:00 AM

Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Council Chambers

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Present were:

County Council

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

Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

Directors Group

- Herb Pfau
- John Simpson

Legislative Services

- Shirley Feldberg

Recording Secretary

- Amanda Oravec

Media

- Jeff Henson (Free FM)
- Brad Whisker (Big Country FM)
- Aaron Hinks (DHT)

Absent:

Directors Group

- Arlen Miller
- Barry Donovan
- Noreen Vavrek

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada. Council and those in Council Chambers sang Happy Birthday for Shirley Feldberg, Manager of Legislative Services.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Eckstrom added the STEP Program Provincial funding cuts to New Business (item 10.6).

Bill Rogan, CAO, added Bylaw 2977, Borrowing Bylaw, to item 7.1 under Bylaws.

Resolution #CM20130311.1001

to approve agenda for meeting March 11, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/03/11) as presented with additions as amended.

CARRIED

INTRODUCE RAMONA ROLLINS

(PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS)

(Issue #20130306004)

Introduce Ramona Rollins, new General Manager of the County Sportsplex.

Reeve Beaupre welcomed Ms. Rollins to her new position at the County Sportsplex.

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

(MINUTES APPROVAL)

(Issue #20130306009)

See attached.

Councillor Sutherland noted a correction in regards to his Councillor Reports: the Colour sorter is operational and they are happy with the progress at the Seed Plant.

Councillor Dueck noted that she was not in attendance.

Resolution #CM20130311.1002

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

Moved for approval of the February 25, 2013 Council minutes with changes as amended.

CARRIED

PT. SE-26-72-09-W6M - AG TO CR-5 - BEAIRSTO, LEHNERS, KETCHUM/SCHMIDT (FILE PLLUB20130019) BYLAW 2680-13-009

(PUBLIC HEARINGS)

(Issue #20130304001)

Resolution #CM20130311.1003

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

That a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate part of SE-26-72-09-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District.

The meeting went into Public Hearing at 10:07 a.m.

CARRIED

Matt Konowalchuk, Intermediate Planner, presented the application. Mr. Cody Beairsto was present to answer any questions.

Mr. Konowalchuk noted that this application is to amend the County Land Use Bylaw by re-designating approximately 3.14 hectares (7.76 acres) of part of SE-26-72-09-W6M from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for subdivision of one lot.

This lot is the first parcel out of the quarter. There are several country residential uses in the area; therefore the potential for conflict is low. The proposed lot is located in a forest area and has not be given a Farmland Assessment rating. In the context of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), the policies set forth in section 7.3 are most applicable. The application is consistent with the MDP.

There were comments received from the ERCB in regards to setback from sweet wells and the right-of-way.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if there was anyone in the audience to speak to this application; there was no one in the audience..

Councillor Jacobs commented that this is located in her area and she has no problem with it.

Resolution #CM20130311.1004

Moved By: Pat Jacobs

Motion to come out of Public Hearing at 10:10 a.m.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1005

Moved By: Pat Jacobs

That Bylaw 2680-13-009 to redesignate part of SE-26-72-09-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1006

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

That Bylaw 2680-13-009 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1007

Moved By: Sharon Nelson

That consent be given for third and final reading of Bylaw 2680-13-009.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1008

Moved By: Richard Harpe

That Bylaw 2680-13-009 to redesignate part of SE-26-72-09-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**PT. NW-17-73-05-W6M -
AG TO CR-5 - BEAIRSTO,
LEHNERS,
KETCHUM/BALDERSTON
(FILE PLLUB20120782)
BYLAW 2680-13-010
(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20130304002)**

Resolution #CM20130311.1009

Moved By: Richard Harpe

That a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate part of NW 17-73-5-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at 10:11 a.m.

CARRIED

Matt Konowalchuk, Intermediate Planner, presented the application. Mr. Cody Beirsto was present to answer questions.

Mr. Konowalchuk noted that the purpose of this application is to allow for country residential development, and would facilitate the development of 1 new lot for this use. This lot is the first parcel out of the quarter, and has a Farmland Assessment rating of about 47%.

The Aquatera Sewage Lagoon is located on the quarter section immediately to the west of the property of interest. The drainage course from the lagoon discharges to the east, through the quarter section on which the applicant wishes to re-zone. The Setback Distance from Wastewater Lagoons requires a minimum setback distance of 300 metres of an "Occupied Building" (this includes such developments as residences) where the lagoon serves a designated municipality. The buffer from the wastewater lagoon coupled with the wastewater treatment facility setback requirements in the County Land Use Bylaw, Section (3)25a, greatly limits the available building site for future development on the proposed parcel.

In the context of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), the policies set forth in section 7.3 are most applicable. Due to insufficient area for development as a result of the 300m buffer, the application is NOT consistent with policies from section 7.3, including the suitability of the site for an occupied building or a sewage disposal system. Further, inconsistencies with respects to section 7.3 include land use conflicts and the availability and adequacy of the water supply caused by the drainage course from the lagoon discharging into the lot. It is on this basis that Administration recommends that Council refuse this Bylaw. Comments were received from ERCB, Alberta Environment, and Aquatera/Adjacent landowner.

After their meeting with Aquatera it was noted there were no objections as they do not need the land. Mr. Beirsto commented that Mr. Balderston cannot farm due to the size of both the lot and the equipment used for farming. They are asking for

direction from Council on what can be done there as the last application to rezone to Light Industrial (RM-1) was rejected. There was no one from audience to speak to the application.

Councillor Eckstrom noted that it is unfortunate that the land will not be used for farming. She noted that she does not support residential development in this area due to odour.

Reeve Beaupre asked Public Works whether the road extends 100m to be outside the buffer zone. Herb Pfau, Superintendent of Public Works, responded that the road was graveled up until the main entrance to Aquatera.

Councillor Nelson commented that she is familiar with the property in discussion and she agrees with Councillor Eckstrom in regards to the odour from the sewage lagoon. She also spoke to the farm-ability of the property noting that the area is good agricultural land; there is no obligation from Council to ensure that all farmers land has road access. Councillor Nelson also commented that it is not the County's responsibility to change the zoning because the farming equipment is too large.

Councillor Harpe commented that as long as the purchaser knows about the odour and what they are buying the zoning can be re-designated. Mr. Beirsto commented on the buffer zone for residential zoning.

Councillor Dueck posed a question in regards to the discharge from the sewage lagoon. Mr. Beirsto responded that he is not familiar with the amount of discharge.

Councillor Eckstrom commented on the buffer zone noting that buffers are set for a reason and it will have an impact on whoever buys the property.

Resolution #CM20130311.1010

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

That the meeting come out of Public Hearing at 10:24 a.m.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1011

Moved By: Richard Harpe

That Bylaw 2680-13-010 to re-designate part of NW 17-73-5-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District to be read a first time.

DEFEATED

**PT NE 32-72-6-W6M - AG
TO CR-2 - HARDER (FILE
PLUB20120761) BYLAW
2680-13-005**

(PUBLIC HEARINGS)

(Issue #20130306001)

Resolution #CM20130311.1012

Moved By: Sharon Nelson

To reconvene the Public Hearing from the February 11, 2013 Council meeting.

The Public Hearing commenced at 10:26 a.m.

CARRIED

Presentation began at 10:25 a.m.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the last Public Hearing was being recessed until the applicants could provide 1:100 flood levels to demonstrate that the proposed lots were not a flood risk. Mr. and Mrs. Harder were present to answer any questions from Council.

Anna Martin, Intermediate Planner, noted that since the last public hearing, February 11, 2013, the applicants have amended their application to reflect one parcel for rezoning instead of two parcels.

Comments were received from the ERCB, ATCO Electric, and Alberta Environment. Administration is recommending REFUSAL of this application.

Reeve Beaupre commented that Council had given them time to get the flood plans, Mrs. Harder responded that she did not have enough time to have the 1:100 flood levels done so they changed the application to just one lot because the lot on the NE does not need the flood plain.

Mrs. Harder read a letter to Council discussing the Weed Control and that the County had approved building permits in 2011. She commented that they have abided by all of the rules and they are displeased that the County had approved the building permits and are now not allowing them to further the building. Mrs. Harder also

showed pictures to Council of the present home on the NE lot and distributed the copies of the development permits to Councillors.

Reeve Beaupre asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak to application. Jim Polasek, adjacent landowner to the North, spoke to the application. He noted that the development permit was to build a house on the property and there should be a defined plan done up rather than having one piece done at a time. He also discussed the approaches to their lots and noted that he was shocked to hear that it will be the County's responsibility if the lot floods. He commented that his family used to live here and there will be flooding happening (in 1990 there was lots of flooding); the creek gets very full in the Spring. He believes that this subdivision is confusing and there has been an overall lack of planning.

Mr. Harder commented that their approach is off of Township Road 730 as they could not do them off of Range Road 64.

Councillor Harpe left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Councillor Nelson noted that she has concerns because it is being put on AG land and the County has no responsibilities in regards to where they built on their land. She also commented on the fear of flooding and the legal responsibilities that would fall on the County. Ms. Martin commented that Planning had approved the development permit because they were unaware of the flooding at that time.

Mrs. Harder commented that their property is located at a higher elevation and that Bruce Beairsto had advised them that there would be no flooding in the location that their home has been built on.

Councillor Nelson inquired whether their pump-out is located on higher ground. Mrs. Harder responded that they met all the recommendations during building.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that the County's responsibility for flooding lies in approving the land use change; and inquired why the applicants did not get the 100 year flood level studies. Mrs. Harder responded that Ms. Martin advised her there wasn't enough time to have the plans done. Ms. Martin clarified that due to advertising and timelines the applicants would not have had time to have the plan completed and still remain on the March 11, 2013 Council meeting date. Reeve Beaupre commented that Council could have recessed to another Council meeting in order to have the flood plain presented.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she believes the 1:100 year flood plain should have been done as Mr. Polasek has been living there his whole life and is aware that there has been flooding in the past; she does not think the application should be approved without the flood plain.

Councillor Smith commented that this Public Hearing was recessed to get the flood plains done and they were not done.

Councillor Sutherland commented that he concurs with Councillor Smith and inquired if the applicants have the engineer's comments in regards to flooding documented in writing. Mrs. Harder responded that Mr. Beairsto confirmed this verbally. Councillor Sutherland commented that Council should recess the public hearing and application to a later date.

Reeve Beaupre commented that recessing will give the applicants the opportunity to have the 1:100 year level plain plan done and the application brought back for approval. Ms. Martin commented that Planning will need 3.5 weeks to advertise the application and public hearing.

Resolution #CM20130311.1013

Moved By: Sharon Nelson

Recess the Public Hearing until May 14th in order for the applicants to obtain a 1:100 year flood levels report.

CARRIED

**10:45 A.M.
APPOINTMENT -
DONATION /SUPPORT**

The members of the County of Grande Prairie Fire Service's Bezanson Station are hosting their 8th Annual Fireman's Ball on April 13th, 2013. This event, hosted solely by the members of Bezanson Station, has been very successful over the past years

**FOR BEZANSON
STATION FIREMAN'S
BALL**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130227005)

selling out on many occasions. Funds raised from this annual event are used by the members specifically for projects in the Hamlet of Bezanson as well as the immediate surrounding areas.

Projects that have benefited from this event include Bezanson's out door skating rink, raising funds for a new rescue unit, tools and equipment for Bezanson Station and supporting community programs such as Movie Night for kids in the community at the fire hall.

The County of Grande Prairie is very proud of the achievements of our staff in Bezanson and have supported this event in past years. In 2012 the County elected to support the event with a \$5000 donation.

The members of Bezanson Station are seeking our support again for the 2013 Fireman's Ball.

Resolution #CM20130311.1014

Moved By: Harold Bulford

The County of Grande Prairie support the members of the Bezanson Fire Station with a Platinum Sponsorship of \$5000.00 for the 8th Annual Fireman's Ball on April 13, 2013, funding to come from the Operational Budget for the Bezanson Station.

CARRIED

**11:00 A.M.
APPOINTMENT -
REQUEUST FOR
DONATION FROM
HYTHE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130227009)

The Hythe Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) is seeking support from the County of Grande Prairie for \$140,000.00 towards the purchase of a new Medium Duty Rescue Unit. The Hythe Volunteer Fire Department has prepared a proposal which was attached for review and consideration.

The County of Grande Prairie and the Village of Hythe have shared fire and mutual aid agreements dating as far back as the 1960's. Over the last 5 decades the HVFD has responded to countless incidents throughout the region including providing mutual aid assistance to Sexsmith, Wembley, LaGlance and Beaverlodge when needed.

The current rescue unit utilized by the HVFD has served its purpose well however is now due to be replaced as repair costs have increased and the storage capabilities of the unit have been outgrown. This new unit is designed to respond to all types of calls including Highway responses, Fires, Rescue and Medical Calls throughout the region carrying the needed equipment for firefighters to combat such events.

The HVFD has committed that once the new Rescue Unit is completed and in service the current unit serving in the that role will be refitted as a Brush Unit able to provide a quick, rapid attack to brush and wild fires throughout the West County.

Ken Westwater, Fire Chief of the HVFD, and Ed Woloszyn, Fire Captain, were present to answer any questions from Council.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the County has supported Volunteer Fire Departments in the past, but not for as large of an amount; she asked Mr. Westwater to expand on the size of the unit the HVFD plan on purchasing. Mr. Westwater commented that they had looked at a light duty truck (similar to what they use currently) and it is not big enough; due to new technology there is not enough room on the light duty truck for all the necessary equipment. Reeve Beaupre commented that at the Bezanson Station there is a different setup and was wondering why it isn't consistent for all rural Fire departments. Dan Verdun, Deputy Fire Chief, responded that Bezanson was always under the impression that they had backup coming from other stations so they were able to have a smaller truck on their fleet.

Councillor Nelson commented on precedence; she supports the new truck for Hythe but asked Mr. Verdun what impact there will be for other volunteer fire departments in regards to funding. Mr. Verdun responded that Council have provided assistance to any department in the fire service regardless if they are contract or volunteer; the amount and truck proposed are justifiable and Mr. Westwater has done the necessary research. Councillor Nelson inquired whether there have been funding needs identified by other volunteer fire departments. Mr. Verdun responded that nothing has been bought to his attention.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired whether this truck is a replacement of the existing vehicle Hythe FD already has. Mr. Westwater responded that Hythe has been doing the co-support medical response on their light duty truck; the new medium duty truck will be used for responding and the old truck will be used for the Brush Unit. Councillor Eckstrom commented that she is in support of this ask because of the medical co-response.

Councillor Smith commented that the Hythe Volunteer Fire Department is one of the best fire departments in the County, they are very busy because they cover the border up to BC; they are volunteers and work very hard.

Councillor Bulford inquired whether there are any other medium rescue truck in the County besides the one at the Clairmont Station. Mr. Verdun responded that Clairmont and Hythe will be the only two in the County. Councillor Bulford commented that he supports approval of this because he knows how fast fire trucks fill up with the necessary equipment.

Councillor Jacobs commented that Fire Chief Everett Cooke was in discussions with Mr. Westwater in regards to the truck selected. She also asked about the budget. Mr. Westwater responded that Hythe put \$30,000 towards the truck and the Fire Department have raised about \$100,000; so funding is already at about \$130,000.

Councillor Dueck commented that Hythe has a very active fire department and they fundraise very well therefore she is in favour of approving this funding as it will be well used.

Resolution #CM20130311.1015

Moved By: Brock Smith

Support the Hythe Volunteer Fire Department with a \$140,000.00 donation as requested divided into two payments: the first being \$90,000.00 paid on delivery of the Cab and Chassis to the factory and the second, \$50,000.00, payable on delivery of the completed unit to the Hythe Volunteer Fire Department.

CARRIED

Reeve Beaupre thanked Mr. Woloszyn and Mr. Westwater for their hours and years of volunteer service for the County of Grande Prairie. They left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENT
BYLAW 2975:**

SW-34-70-06-W6M

(BYLAWS)

(Issue #20130307001)

Nick Lapp, Senior Planner, presented the Local Improvement Bylaw (Bylaw 2975) and the Borrowing Bylaw (Bylaw 2977).

The County has received a petition for Local Improvement to install municipal water services within the SW-34-70-06-W6M. The petition has been validated by County Administration and a Local Improvement Plan has been circulated to the affected landowners. The County has not received a sufficient petition against the Local Improvement within the 30 day time limit outlined in the Municipal Government Act and therefore can proceed with adopting a Local Improvement Bylaw.

The project involves installation of a water line connecting to existing services and running through the SW-34-70-06-W6M to service three parcels (75 ml line). The total cost of the project is estimated at \$163,116.00. No financial contribution from the County is contemplated.

Mr. Lapp asked if Council had any questions.

Councillor Smith commented that this is our municipal responsibility to to this as long as the ratepayers are alright with it.

Resolution #CM20130311.1016

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

That Bylaw 2975 to authorize the Council of the County of Grande Prairie to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$163,116.00 for the purpose of Municipal Water Services Extension at 112 Street South of Subdivision known as Sunrise Estates (SW 34-70-6-W6M) be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1017

Moved By: Lois Dueck

That Bylaw 2975 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1018

Moved By: Ross Sutherland

That consent be given for Third and Final reading of Bylaw 2975.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1019

Moved By: Sharon Nelson

That Bylaw 2975 to authorize the Council of the County of Grande Prairie to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$163,116.00 for the purpose of Municipal Water Services Extension at 112 Street South of Subdivision known as Sunrise Estates (SW 34-70-6-W6M) be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1020

Moved By: Lois Dueck

That Bylaw 2977 to authorize the Council of the County of Grande Prairie to impose a local improvement tax in respect of all lands that directly benefit from the Extension of Municipal Water Service at 112 Street south of the Subdivision known as Sunrise Estates (SW 34-70-6-W6M) local improvement project be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1021

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

That Bylaw 2977 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1022

Moved By: Pat Jacobs

That consent be given for third and final reading of Bylaw 2977.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1023

Moved By: Ross Sutherland

That Bylaw 2977 to authorize the Council of the County of Grande Prairie to impose a local improvement tax in respect of all lands that directly benefit from the Extension of Municipal Water Service at 112 Street south of the Subdivision known as Sunrise Estates (SW 34-70-6-W6M) local improvement project be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**LOCAL ROAD PAVING
TENDER**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130304004)

Mr. Pfau noted that tenders were opened on Thursday, February 28th, 2013 for the following projects:

- Range Road 62 Base Paving (NS.6213) - From City boundary to Highway #43 Service Road
- Teepee Creek Roads (CR.1302)
- LaGlace Streets (LG.ST13) 101 Street and 101 Avenue
- 156 Avenue and Highway 43 Service Road Overlay (SR.15613)
- Aspen Ridge Overlay (SD.AR13)
- Highway 672 and Roange Road 63 - Intersection Improvement (NS.63BC)
- County Parking Lot (PW.PL13)

The following bids were received:

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| 1. Wapiti Gravel Suppliers, Div of NPA Ltd. | \$3,965,630.85 |
| 2. Knelsen Rock Products Ltd. | \$4,622,469.95 |

These projects, including construction, engineering and contingency come within the 2013 budget with the exception of the Aspen Ridge Overlay. This project comes approximately \$187,000 over budget.

Public Works recommends the additional funding to complete the project be transferred from Subdivision Reserve.

Reeve Beaupre commented on Off Site Levy Reserves and noted there is no specific Subdivision Reserve, but this project can be completed under the Rehabilitation Reserve.

Public Works noted that two separate motions should be passed, one for awarding the tender, and the second for approving the Aspen Ridge Overlay project.

Resolution #CM20130311.1024

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

To award the local road paving tender to the low bidder, Wapiti Gravel Suppliers, for their bid of \$3,965,630.85.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1025

Moved By: Harold Bulford

To transfer \$187,000.00 from the Rehabilitation Reserve to fund the shortfall on the Aspen Ridge Overlay Project.

CARRIED

**DINOSAUR MUSEUM
ACCESS ROAD**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130304003)

The proposed Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum requires the construction of a 240 meter access road to the site. The committee and Councillor Ross Sutherland have discussed the requirement and Councillor Sutherland would like to allocate a portion of Division #4 SPOT Construction to construct and fund this request.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if ATCO has a gas line located on the site. Mr. Pfau responded that it is just ConocoPhillips that has a line there.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired whether this will be included in the County's overall contribution to the Dino Museum. Bill responded that it will be part of the County's contribution and it will be a Capital Cost.

Mr. Pfau commented that this is not a major job besides the gas-line issue and it should come in under \$100,000.00.

Councillor Nelson commented that if the museum is being built it will require an access road, so having this completed is a necessity.

Resolution #CM20130311.1026

Moved By: Ross Sutherland

To approve the request to use a portion of Division #4 SPOT Construction allocation to construct and fund the new access road as identified by Public Works, subject to the museum construction proceeding, and advise the Dino Building Committee of this motion.

CARRIED

**PIPESTONE
CARETAKER RFP
RESULTS**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130305008)

Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, discussed that the RFP FN-2012-0361 Caretaker Services for Pipestone Creek Park opened December 28, 2012 and after two extensions, was closed on February 15, 2013. 4 packages were collected and signed out from the Community Services Building. 1 bid was returned. All returned bids were compliant.

Total budget: \$70,000.00 per season

Total Contract bid: **\$68,000.00** per season

Name of bidder: Mary Jane (MJ) Cook

Second caretaker: Kerry Lock

The contract for \$68,000.00 per season will be done up including both Caretakers.

Councillor Smith inquired about taxable benefits and what accommodations are included for the Caretakers. Ms. Schur responded that the house is supplied, they do not pay the utilities, however no vehicle is supplied and they pay for any long distance phone calls they make.

Resolution #CM20130311.1027

Moved By: Ross Sutherland

To enter into a contract for Seasonal Caretaking services at Pipestone Creek Park for the 2013 and 2014 camping seasons with MJ Cook in the amount of \$68,000.00 per season.

CARRIED

VALHALLA HERITAGE SOCIETY

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130306007)

Kathleen Turner, Director of FCSS, was present and noted that this letter has been supplied to Protective Services. Presented as information to Council.

Resolution #CM20130311.1028

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

To advise Protective Services of the concerns that Valhalla Heritage Society has with unsightly premises' in the hamlet of Valhalla.

CARRIED

GROW OP FREE ALBERTA CONSULTATIONS

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130306011)

Grow Op Free Alberta has issued a release asking for participation from experts in building codes and standards as well as Fire officials and representatives for their stakeholder consultation sessions scheduled to begin in March and community meetings being held in April which are working towards addressing issues associated with Marijuana Grow Operations.

Resolution #CM20130311.1029

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

To have Administration submit names for the Grow Op Free Alberta consultation process.

CARRIED

STEP PROGRAM

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130311001)

Councillor Eckstrom discussed the elimination of the STEP (Summer Temporary Employment Program) Program.

Councillor Jacobs commented that cancelling this program will hurt the students because of the cost of University and further education.

Reeve Beaupre inquired whether the STEP student must be returning to post-secondary education in order to qualify. Bill responded that it was not necessarily a requirement. Ms. Schur responded that the STEP student must be registered as a fulltime student in either high-school or post-secondary education.

Resolution #CM20130311.1030

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

To send correspondence to Minister Hancock, with carbon copies to the Premier and MLA's, in regards to the elimination of the STEP Program as it limits opportunities for youth and also express the County of Grande Prairie's disappointment as small municipalities use this program to hire local students.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1031

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

Recess for a 5 minute break at 11:40 a.m.

CARRIED

11:45 A.M. MP CHRIS WARKENTIN - 2 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20130306010)

The meeting reconvened at 11:46 a.m. and MP Chris Warkentin announced two Community Infrastructure projects that will receive funding from the Federal Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF).

Mr. Warkentin noted that \$46,935.00 will be invested in Pipestone Creek Campground to enhance water and sewer systems. He also noted that \$26,000 will be invested in the Teepee Creek Fire Hall to support upgrades to the facility which include the addition of administrative facilities and upgrades to the building's plumbing and electrical systems. He commented that the funds will be matched by the County and community.

Reeve Beaupre thanked Mr. Warkentin for the funding support for these two projects as they are both much needed projects.

Councillor Eckstrom also thanked Mr. Warkentin for the contributions to Teepee Creek Fire Hall on behalf of all the ratepayers living in the area.

Councillor Sutherland thanked him for the funding for Pipestone Creek Campground

and commented that it is a very well used place within the community.

Councillor Smith thanked him for the additional mailboxes and upgrades that were completed at the Hythe Post Office.

Reeve Beaupre commented on the Rural Addressing from Canada Post. She noted that the new addresses do not always fit into fill able forms especially with the legal name "County of Grande Prairie No. 1" and that there is still work that needs to be done in regards to the mail delivery service. She also noted that as of August 1, 2013 Canada Post will no longer be re-routing mail and this is a problem because of the issue mentioned above in regards to the length of the town name.

Mr. Warkentin commented that he can pass on a letter to Canada Post from the County of Grande Prairie as it is a great concern that address changes and online ordering cannot be completed. He also noted there may be challenges with tax time approaching.

Reeve Beaupre also commented on the annexation and how it will affect ratepayers that will be annexed into the City; they will potentially have two address changes and there had been a discussion on who will be paying for those changes (Canada Post said they would incur the cost). Mr. Warkentin noted that if there are any issues with Canada Post he can address them on behalf of the County.

**11:45 A.M. - MP CHRIS
WARKENTIN - QUEEN
ELIZABETH II DIAMOND
JUBILEE MEDAL TO
REEVE LEANNE
BEAUPRE**

(PRESENTATIONS AND
INTRODUCTIONS)

(Issue #20130226001)

Member of Parliament, Chris Warkentin to present Reeve Beaupre with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on behalf of the Governor General.

Thanked Reeve for advocating for the County and Community.

Reeve: noted that she is accepting on behalf of the entire County of Grande Prairie, thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts as she cannot do everything she does alone.

Reeve Beaupre and Chris Warkentin took photos and Reeve Beaupre was presented with the medal.

Resolution #CM20130311.1032

Moved By: Pat Jacobs

To recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED

EMS FOUNDATION

(INFORMATION ITEMS)

(Issue #20130306006)

The meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

Information only. Thank you letter for Council's support of the 13th Annual Wine Fair and Auction in the amount of \$1000.00. It was noted that they raised \$58,000.00 to support EMS related initiatives in Northern Alberta.

ACTION LIST UPDATE

(INFORMATION ITEMS)

(Issue #20130306012)

Mr. Pfau commented that there is grading occurring on Range Road 91.

Councillor Harpe commented on Range Road 91 as Mr. Pfau was supposed to figure out if the land has been secured. Mr. Pfau responded that a letter was sent to the Regional Director and he had verbal discussions with him as well; he is trying to get it approved and added to the twinning in Beaverlodge. They did not want to start negotiations until everything was finalized.

Councillor Nelson commented on the Community Connections Magazine. Her timeline was to have it out by Fall so parents can get their children into various programs. Bill responded that Lesley Nielsen-Bjerke has researched costs however she is not present in Council this afternoon to comment on them.

**1:30 P.M. APPOINTMENT
- PHILIP J. CURRIE
DINOSAUR MUSEUM -
PCL AND ATB
ARCHITECTS**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20130306005)

Brian Brake presented Mr. Russell Bridgeman, Construction Manager for PCL Construction Management Inc., Mr. Martin Baron, from Teeple Architects, and Karla Horcica, Project Manager of PCL. He also acknowledged the Building Committee who were present in the gallery.

Mr. Brake noted that the purpose for coming to Council today is to get Council's permission to start work on the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum. The prices presented today are valid until April 9, 2013.

Mr. Brake noted the three parts of the presentation:

- Part 1: Construction tender
- Part 2: Display design
- Part 3: items not included in part 1 and 2 and therefore unfunded

Mr. Bridgeman commented that they expect better local Grande Prairie Region tender coverage and that the work needs to be done prior to temperatures dropping in the fall.

Ms. Horcica commented on the Value engineering. She advised that when tenders closed on March 6th and there were some items missing as well as some items that will yield cost savings. There has already been savings of \$20,000 and there are other items that show savings as well; for example, specification changes that will save \$50,000 for baby change tables, the building permit can be done internally by the County of Grande Prairie Planning Department, and landscaping can be done to reduce the amount of concrete being used. Reeve Beaupre inquired how much savings there will be overall. Ms. Horcica responded that saving can be up to \$500,000.00 (items #5 and #6 from package for alternate roofing and siding materials).

Councillor Harpe inquired about cash allowances for power, oil, and gas. Mr. Bridgeman responded that there is a budget for power and gas included but there is no allowance for the main service; there will be no additional cost to the County. Councillor Harpe responded that he believes there will be an associated cost.

Councillor Harpe commented that Council needs to see some form of breakdown for staffing and hours. Mr. Brake responded that a list of project staff was requested at the Dino Building Committee meeting, this was provided and put into the meeting minutes.

Councillor Smith commented on the labour costs for non-resident workers and inquired if PCL is paying room and board plus subsistence for non-local workers. Mr. Bridgeman responded that we are paying room and board plus the living out allowance. Councillor Smith responded that is why they need to hire local contractors so there are not as many additional costs. Mr. Bridgeman noted that he was not able to find any local construction companies that would provide a bid for certain aspects of the project.

Mr. Bridgeman provided figures in regards to room and board: \$75/night, \$50 food, and transportation back and forth which is about \$189/day to a total of \$741/day for a labourer. Councillor Smith commented that Mr. Brake should have engaged local companies. Mr. Brake responded that they did not receive any local bids from local companies for the form work. Mr. Bridgeman commented that they will continue to look for local bidders but they haven't been able to find any yet to do the form work.

Councillor Nelson also commented on having local workers and companies on this project. Mr. Bridgeman noted that they have been asking for local bidders but the local contractors have declined the bid or said that they do not have enough time to address it. They have also asked local contractors who did not bid for references for local workers in the area that they could employ; through this they received the name of a local concrete supplier.

Mr. Brake inquired if any Councillors have recommendations for local companies or workers as Mr. Brake and PCL have been actively pursuing additional local bidders but have been unsuccessful to date. Bill noted that when the Sportplex was done, they advertised for local workers once the contract was secured and they were able to secure local labour for that project.

Part II- Exhibit Design:

Mr. Brake showed comparable costs for other designs based on costs per sq./ft. (the Royal Ontario Museum, the Virginia Museum of Natural History, and the Royal Tyrell); the Dino Museum displays will be comparable to other world class displays. Reeve Beaupre inquired whether this was only comparable to other Reich + Petch projects. Mr. Brake responded that is correct.

It will be a fixed price contract at \$4.7 million and the design space will be 11,853 sq./ft. Mr. Brake discussed the process used to select the exhibit designer. The recommended exhibit designer is Reich + Petch as their fee is \$277,000 less than the

next competitor.

Part III- Items not in the budget:

- Third Party inspections (not to exceed \$100,000): materials/soils/compaction/concrete testing at \$19,750; structural steel inspections estimate; foundation waterproofing and building envelope reviews
- LEED Commissioning \$45,000
- Furniture (\$500,000.00): 2 SMART technology Classrooms (\$100,000 each); seats/AV \$75,000; lab tables/storage bins \$200,000; office furniture/benches \$50,000; boardroom \$50,000; maintenance equipment \$25,000;
- Site digital sign (\$100,000.00)

Total approximately: \$745,000.00

Sponsorship Summary: potential result \$3,000,000.00; playground (\$250,000) and 8 outside family spaces (\$200,000).

Mr. Brake showed breakdowns of Tender Results as well as the difference in deficiency for costs.

Mr. Brake noted that he entered into discussions with ATCO in regards to donating to the project. The file was opened recently and they are waiting on one piece of documentation to proceed. After the file was setup, he received a call from ATCO in regards to getting an "in kind contribution". It will be 6 weeks before Mr. Brake receives a response; we will still have to pay the bill but then it will be reimbursed back to the County if approved.

Councillor Nelson inquired whether ATCO had provided other examples of this being done in the past. Mr. Brake responded that he was encouraged by someone at ATCO to follow this process. Councillor Eckstrom inquired whether this agreement with ATCO was documented in writing. Mr. Brake responded that there is a contract with them that is being fulfilled and he did submit the application to ATCO about the In Kind contribution; he received email confirmation and they have already received the earlier \$25,000 contribution.

Councillor Nelson inquired about alternative power options as it had been discussed at previous meetings. Mr. Brake responded that he did not research alternate power options. Mr. Baron noted that the options had not been researched on this project specifically but it has been done with other projects; with those projects some costs are donated from power/energy companies as start-up is where the majority of the costs come from. Mr. Brake noted that researching the alternate power options was an oversight on his part and that they would like to try and address alternate power sources for the Dino Museum.

Mr. Brake also noted he spoke with IMAX again yesterday (March 10, 2013) but they will not make an offer until the ground has been broken. He also spoke to RBC and ATB and they are considering a sponsorship in the amount of \$50,000-\$75,000 over the next couple years. Reeve Beaupre inquired if they are willing sign a MOU. Mr. Brake responded that they will not sign one.

Councillor Harpe commented on sponsorships and inquired how much of the \$2.55 million has been fully committed and received. Mr. Brake responded that \$2 million has been fully committed and received.

Mr. Brake was told by MP Chris Warkentin that the Dino Museum can apply for a furniture grant from the Federal Government to offset some of the additional costs. It was also noted that the MD of Saddle Hills has asked for an application through funding and the Town of Wembley will donate once they receive the sponsorship package and are done with their budget.

He also discussed the overall anticipated shortfall being \$8,593,348.00.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if there has there been further discussion with the City of Grande Prairie about upping their contribution to this project. Mr. Brake responded that there is no opportunity for further donation from the City. It was also noted that when Mr. Brake was in discussions with the MD of Greenview they advised that they would entertain another request for funding but it would have to come from County Council.

Councillor Nelson asked for clarification on the Town of Wembley's commitment to the project. Mr. Brake responded that they have committed to funding the water and sewer hookup from the Town of Wembley to the Dino Museum Site (about a mile);

they also indicated that they will donate a cash contribution (within their capabilities). John Simpson commented that the value of the water and sewer hookups is about \$1 million. Mr. Brake commented that there is an effort to make the services available to all users, they want to get the pipes out there to get the added value to the area.

Councillor Smith inquired whether the new well is hooked up yet. Mayor of Wembley, Chris Turnmire, responded that the new well will not increase the volume but it will ensure that it remains the same; they are not increasing the water but it will allow for more people to tie into the hookup. They are currently waiting for a feasibility study and they are looking for a long term water supply.

Councillor Smith posed questions to Mr. Baron in regards to architecture firms. He also noted that the overall project costs are going up because of the amount of concrete. Mr. Baron noted that the design was not changed, the additional concrete was added after the initial costing in December 2011 but before the tenders were opened; the volume of concrete was increased by the engineer. Mr. Brake also noted that the drawings were not 100% complete at the time of the initial costs, after the drawings were completed in 2012 they realized more concrete was required. Mr. Bridgeman spoke to the additional concrete: he noted that the circular stairs can be trimmed back down; some of the structural engineering choices were made due to continuity (a block instead of concrete); concrete stairs down to the exhibits will be staying it is the other stairs in discussion.

Councillor Smith inquired about the land and land title. Mr. Simpson responded that the land is still owned by Chris Andersen; this year they completed an appraisal of the land and made an offer to Mr. Andersen. The Andersen's had countered the offer and the County is sending another counteroffer. Mr. Andersen is currently in Ethiopia for a month and is unable to be reached and this will be addressed when he gets back. Councillor Smith commented that he is not sure how we can proceed with the project if we still don't have the land title in the County's name.

Councillor Harpe inquired about the cost for the lift station and whether it was included in the initial budget. Mr. Bridgeman responded that the cost is \$200,000.00 and the price was included in the estimate.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she is not in favour of a \$12 million Borrowing Bylaw that will come back on the ratepayers. Reeve Beaupre noted that Administration has not determined where potential funding can come from yet, it will need to be brought back to Council for Spring Budget decisions; it was noted that Council would maybe be able to access a surplus or from General Taxation once the Linear information is returned from the province.

Councillor Sutherland noted that Council had wanted a museum that is "world-class", the size of exhibits can be reduced to save money but it will take away from the museum. He further noted that he agrees with Councillor Smith's comments in regards to the land title and that we need to make a commitment to have the museum built or stop right now and cut the losses. Reeve Beaupre commented that Council cannot make decisions until they are presented with the overall budget and breakdown of costs for the museum from Noreen Vavrek, Director of Finance.

Bill commented that the auditors are in this week therefore the numbers can be provided to Council within the next couple weeks; we can also have Mr. Andersen and the title done in order to address everything at once at the next Council meeting. Mr. Brake noted that there have been a couple tenders put out and he will ask for an extension to April 9th for the closing.

Councillor Harpe commented that it is County Council's responsibility to further infrastructure that accommodates the ratepayers; there have been numerous cuts from provincial funding (bridges, roads, etc) that need to be addressed before the museum. He further commented that he is OK with building the Dino Museum but there are no allowances that have been allocated from the beginning. We can use the money that has already been allocated and committed to build a smaller, still world-class museum with exhibits and continue to help ratepayers.

Reeve Beaupre requested that Administration bring back potential funding sources and the impact on other everyday projects if the additional funds are allocated to the museum.

Mr. Brake, Mr. Bridgeman, Mr. Baron, and Ms. Horcica left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Resolution #CM20130311.1033

Moved By: Lois Dueck

To recess for 5 minute break at 3:01 p.m.

CARRIED

**3:00 P.M. APPOINTMENT
- ODYSSEY HOUSE**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20130305007)

The meeting was reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

As requested by Council at the February 25, 2013 meeting - Odyssey House representatives will be resubmitting their funding proposal for the second stage shelter project. The proposal and revised budget information was provided in the agenda attachments.

Jasmine Greavett, Executive Director, noted that they have had conversations with MLA Wayne Dyrsdale, MD of Saddle Hills, the MD of Greenview, and the Federal Government (full breakdown in package) and they have restructured what their requests are.

Currently Odyssey House has a \$1.6 million deficit for funding their second stage shelter housing project; the presentation showed the breakdown of the requests that have been sent to surrounding municipalities. They are asking for funding in the amount of \$450,000.00 from the County of Grande Prairie.

It was noted that the \$2 million they had previously received was from the province and that Odyssey House was not fully aware of that until the meeting they had with the County. They received 70% of their funding from Provincial sources therefore 30% needs to be funded through outside sources.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she discussed Odyssey House's situation with MP Chris Warkentin and she was informed that someone from his office had spoken to them, and they will have an announcement from Minister Ambrose in regards to this project and projects like this. Reeve Beaupre also noted that she had discussed with Minister Ambrose at Growing the North Conference and was assured there is funding available for places that work with Native groups as well.

Councillor Nelson inquired what support is supplied other than housing (14 apartments, secure living); she was mainly referring to mental health, and avenues for ongoing support. Ms. Greavett responded that they have \$650,000 in operating cash for the main floor of the facility which is support structures, community kitchen, etc.; they will have people staying at the second stage housing for six months to two years, and they are partnering with other facilities addressing these issues. Reeve Beaupre commented that there will be a continuation of services in transitional housing as well as the initial Odyssey House Emergency Shelter.

There was discussion on the following items:

- whether there is enough in reserves to fund this project;
- whether Odyssey House has approached other MD's, Towns, or Villages for funding;
- that Odyssey House has approached the Western Cree to engage multiple resources; it was noted they can approach the Metis as well;
- Councillor Nelson inquired what percentage of the residents at Odyssey House are Senior Citizens; Ms. Greavett responded that they have a very small percentage of seniors at their facility and that their main priority is women with children (usually between the ages of 21-35 years old). It was also noted that there is an Elder's Shelter in Grande Prairie so that is typically where seniors will go for help.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she is very pleased to see that Odyssey house looked at other sources for funding and that the second stage transition housing is an excellent program.

Resolution #CM20130311.1034

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

To commit the \$450,000.00 for Odyssey House and the funding source and time frame to be identified at Spring Budget.

CARRIED

**COUNCILLOR,
COMMITTEE AND
DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Councillor Smith posed a question in regards to the completion of the Sportsplex as there are 4 areas that still need to be done.

Mr. Simpson responded that the fitness area will be up and running by mid-May; we are funding the security, computers, and televisions but all fitness equipment is being funded by World Gym. It was also noted that DHT had advertising for the concession area and the multi-purpose room; the drawings are complete and tenders are set to close March 28th.

The eating area is almost completed (they currently have someone coming in to do it on weekends),

The retail space will cost about \$20,000 to finish and the Building Committee has approved this. They are still working on landscaping and outside furniture (tables, chairs, etc.). Paving will be done on the East and South sides of the parking lot first once snow melts and the North side will be paved during the summer. Mr. Simpson noted that they still need to fill the General Manager position and that ice will be going out of the Chris McMillan rink shortly.

Resolution #CM20130311.1035

Moved By: Sharon Nelson

To have Rhonda Gauthier come to Council and speak about the Wapiti River Water Management Plan, explain the terms of reference, and to extend an invitation to the AESRD to attend the meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Nelson noted that she will not be able to make the next Annexation meeting on Friday and that she is concerned with the mediation meetings so far.

Mr. Simpson commented on the Annexation discussions and noted that he can discuss any issues that Councillor Nelson has at the next meeting as she will be absent.

Councillor Harpe inquired whether the agenda has been completed for the meeting with Minister Griffiths in regards to Seniors Housing. Bill responded that the agenda is not completed yet.

Councillor Harpe commented that he would like to see a cost breakdown of the Sportsplex.

Councillor Harpe noted that he submitted the new County logo vote sheets to Lesley Nielsen-Bjerke and was told he had missed the deadline; he was unable to get them in by the deadline because of the locations of the rate payers in his area. He further noted that there was no meeting in the West end of the County and the website was difficult to navigate in order to locate the voting page; he will make a motion to have the additional logo sheets submitted and counted. Councillor Bulford concurred that the logo vote sheets should be accepted past the cutoff date.

Resolution #CM20130311.1036

Moved By: Richard Harpe

To accept the County logo voting sheets that were received after the deadline to ensure that the information is documented accurately.

CARRIED

Councillor Jacobs attended the Law Seminar in Grande Prairie.

Councillor Jacobs expressed her concerns in regards to Saskatoon Mountain and the bike trails. Bill commented that we need to know where the Off Road Vehicle area will be. Councillor Jacobs commented that the natural area is currently being tore up by motorbikes; Bill responded that Provincial Parks suggested keeping the area that is already tore up as the off road vehicle area, but we want to protect that area. They had wanted to speak to Councillor Jacobs specifically and there will be a meeting hopefully set up in the near future.

Councillor Jacobs commented that in regards to Dinosaur Museum, the first mistake is calling it a museum because it is more than just a museum; it is active and educational. She noted that she is not happy with what is happening with PCL; she does not like the lump sum figures that they provide, she believes that Council

needs to be supplied a breakdown of the different categories and associated costs for their review.

Resolution #CM20130311.1037

Moved By: Ross Sutherland

That correspondence be forwarded to Canada Post Corporation and the Postmaster General stating the County's concern with regard to the non-recognition of the full name of the City, County and Towns within the corporate boundaries in the addressing of mail to these locations and requesting an extension of time for address change transitions for rural addresses within the County of Grande Prairie.

CARRIED

Councillor Sutherland attended a meeting with Minister Olsen prior to the Farm Family Luncheon. He noted there was much discussion on the Red Meat initiative. Councillor Sutherland noted that Minister Olsen was receptive to what they said and they discussed costs of delivering fresh meat to Alaska and other states. There was some discussion on pork processing here which can be sent to Asia, and that would greatly increase the value. It was also noted that we need to try and export more commodities through Prince Rupert. Bill and Mr. Simpson also attended the meeting with him.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Peace Country AG Classic and commented that it was very well done. He noted that some younger people wanted more high tech stuff discussed and it costs more money to do that; the County of Grande Prairie AG booth was happy with responses they received and there were between 8,000 - 10,000 attendees.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Call2Order training held in Council Chambers by Sheryle Runhart and Shannon Baird.

Councillor Bulford attended his first Joint City/County of Grande Prairie Recreation Committee meeting. He noted that it went very well and they discussed trail systems and the possibility of joining trails between the City and County.

Councillor Bulford attended the Farm Family Awards Banquet.

Councillor Bulford attended the Peace Country AG Show and commented that his children really enjoyed it.

Councillor Dueck attended the Annexation meeting.

Councillor Dueck attended Call2Order training in Council Chambers with Sheryle Runhart and Shannon Baird. She commented that she really likes the format of the program.

Councillor Dueck attended the Joint City/County of Grande Prairie Recreation Committee meeting. She noted that a profile was brought forward in regards to what the County does and what the City does for Recreation; they are very close in recreation funding and investments.

Councillor Dueck attended the Dino Meeting.

Councillor Dueck attended the Municipal Law Course.

Councillor Dueck attended the Farm Family Banquet and Supper and complimented the AG Department on their hard work.

Resolution #CM20130311.1038

Moved By: Lois Dueck

To send a Thank You letter to the County of Grande Prairie AG Department thanking them for their attention and detail in regards to the Farm Family Awards event.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130311.1039

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the meeting extend past 4:00 p.m.

MOVED BY R. HARPE to amend the Procedural Bylaw policy and have Administration bring it back to Council for review and approval.

CARRIED

Councillor Eckstrom thanked staff for the Call2Order presentation (Shannon Baird especially for her ongoing support). She noted that Council will need to have the

training sessions occurring more often when the program gets fully implemented for all meeting types. Councillor Jacobs commented on the "How To Guide" that Mrs. Baird provided is very helpful and asked if the steps can be put on a smaller page with the login information as well.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the Municipal Law Seminar.

Councillor Eckstrom provided the Blessing at the Farm Family Banquet. She commented that Mr. Everton publicly thanked Councillor Smith for the nomination and that the family was very appreciative to receive the award.

Councillor Eckstrom noted that there is an Open House in Teepee Creek tomorrow night (March 12, 2013) from 5-7 pm to discuss local projects. She commented that Council can attend if they wish to.

Councillor Eckstrom posed a question to Mr. Simpson in regards to the WiFi service at the Sportsplex. Mr. Simpson responded that the WiFi has already been installed. Bill noted there was discussion of having a cell phone booster installed as well.

Councillor Harpe commented on Council representation at the County AG booth; he noted that Council used to sign up and rotate through sitting at the booth and it was a very good place to talk to ratepayers. He further noted that the overall attendee numbers have gone down. Reeve Beaupre inquired why the interest in the AG Show has gone down as she believes the quality is the same. Councillor Harpe responded that there used to be more events geared towards children (face painting, etc.) and he is not sure why it is gone now. Reeve Beaupre noted that she will provide feedback at the Evergreen Park meeting. Councillor Nelson suggested combining the AG Show with the local Farmer's Market to try and get a better turnout and engage more groups to attend.

Reeve Beaupre attended a Conference call with Alberta Municipal Affairs and the Minister of Transportation as Reeves and Mayors were asked to participate for an hour. She noted there was lots of discussion on Resource Road funding as the funding was to be allocated into Municipal transportation. They also spoke about the Bridge Program and he said that they are considering relaxing the requirements for engineering; they are not making bridges less safe but it could be a cost savings for the County. Reeve Beaupre asked about HWY 43X for the balance of bypass as they have acquired the land and he did not know anything about the project. She later received a call from his office stating that Highway 43X it is a priority for the province but it is not in the 3 year plan. They also discussed the Water for Life Strategy funding and the cuts from \$200 million to \$87 million.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Joint City/County Recreation Committee meeting. She noted that she had a conversation with the Mayor of Grande Prairie about extending trails from Muskoseepi Park and the Dunes; that project might qualify for collaboration grants.

Councillor Nelson noted that she also attended the Joint City/County Recreation Committee meeting. She commented that they are re-opening the Leisure Center and will have water in it by 2014; there may be a request for operating support in the near future.

Councillor Nelson also posed a question for Mr. Simpson in regards to developing a soccer league in Clairmont and whether Nustadia would help to cover the costs. Mr. Simpson responded that they will need to discuss this with Ms. Schur in regards to assistive funding for their soccer league.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA) were looking for a door prize donation from the County.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Farm Family Banquet. She noted that they are a very nice family and it was an honour to be in attendance.

Resolution #CM20130311.1040

Moved By: Mary Ann Eckstrom

To supply the CPAA with a door prize to the maximum of \$150.00.

CARRIED

Bill Rogan inquired which Councillors will be attending the meeting with Minister Griffiths; everyone but Councillor Nelson will be attending.

Herb Pfau, Superintendent of Public Works, commented on the 10 to 10 road ban. He also noted that he will be attending the Teepee Creek Open House on March 12, 2013 and staff from Fire Services and Planning and Development will be attending as well. He also commented that an Engineer inspected the Teepee Creek Lift Station and noted that it is not in very good shape if it is even running at all; they are trying to get some options together on what can be done. Mr. Pfau hopes the project will be done before the Provincial spring budget. Bill noted that the Lift Station should qualify for water and wastewater funding if it is determined to be County owned.

Mr. Simpson noted that Anna Martin, Intermediate Planner, will be sending out the County's response to the City's position on the Annexation tonight (March 11, 2013). Councillor Eckstrom commented that she received an email from PREDA discussing the Mighty Peace Watershed AGM being held on March 22nd, 2013. She noted that the ERCB will speak on Hydraulic Fracturing. Councillor Nelson commented that Council is invited to attend the AGM.

Councillor Harpe posed a question for Mr. Pfau in regards to the emergency on-call policy and keeping roads open. Mr. Pfau responded that they send out what is necessary for the degree of emergency; he is usually informed of any issues on Monday mornings and he will look into this and when the plow truck went out and where.

Councillor Nelson commented that the County should try and encourage the City of Grande Prairie to keep taxes on par with the County's in regards to Annexation discussions; the County is waiting to see if the Mayor of Grande Prairie wants to make the tax changes.

Councillor Jacobs commented on the additional fees that the Home Builder's Association are putting on developers; these developers then forward the costs onto the new homeowners. It was noted that the City of Grande Prairie wants to do this. Reeve Beaupre noted that she attended a meeting with Home Builders Association in regards to these fees. There was also discussion with Rocky View, Sturgeon Lake, and Parkland County in regards to offsite levies.

Councillor Smith commented on Mayor Given and his statement on roads.

Resolution #CM20130311.1041

Moved By: Richard Harpe

To adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

CARRIED

REEVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR