



MINUTES

County Council
Regular Meeting

County of Grande Prairie No. 1

March 25, 2013 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, March 25, 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

- Arlen Miller
- Herb Pfau
- John Simpson
- Noreen Vavrek

Legislative Services

- Amanda Oravec
- Shirley Feldberg

Media

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA**Resolution #CM20130325.1001**

MOVED by B. SMITH to approve agenda for meeting March 25, 2013 Council Meeting with additions as presented.

Councillor Harpe added Procurement of Construction Manager for the Dino Museum (9.4) and Snow clearing for mailboxes, garbage, and recycle in Valhalla Centre to New Business (9.5).

Councillor Jacobs added an In Camera item on Personnel (14.1).

CARRIED**MARCH 4, 2013**

(MINUTES APPROVAL)
(Issue #20130319005)

Councillor Nelson noted corrections on page 6 of the agenda attachments in Mr. Heffernen's presentation under unconventional reservoirs: she was not sure if what is in the minutes is the full explanation of unconventional reservoirs. Her understanding from the presentation from the ERCB is that unconventional reservoirs flow through material as hard as granite. She requested more clarification on unconventional reservoirs.

Councillor Smith commented on page 11 of the attachment package; the minutes should reflect his comment on surface casing depth and casings as well as leaving frac fluids in the aquifer not amount of water in the aquifer.

Councillor Eckstrom requested that the March 4, 2013 minutes be re-read for spelling errors and missing words.

Resolution #CM20130325.1002

MOVED BY S. NELSON to approve the March 4, 2013 minutes with the corrections as amended.

CARRIED

**10:15 A.M. APPOINTMENT -
ALBERTA SAND AND GRAVEL
ASSOCIATION / TRUCK
REGISTRY PROGRAM - TERI
MUHLBEIER**

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130312001)

Herb Pfau, Superintendent of Public Works, introduced Teri Muhlbeier, Association Manager, who began her presentation at 10:09 a.m. Mr. Pfau also noted that this program is a numbering system for trucks that haul sand and gravel.

Ms. Muhlbeier thanked Council for allowing her to present at the meeting this morning. She introduced a Board member who was in attendance, Dallas Frith, and noted that he can address any questions from the producer level. The ASGA represents

aggregate producers and advocates the responsible development of these non-renewable resources. In 2002 they started an aggregate task force to address concerns with this resource in Alberta.

Ms. Muhlbeier noted that the biggest issue is that hauling is affecting Counties. Ratepayers will call Counties to complain about driving behaviour or problems with the load on the truck (un-tarped gravel causing gravel to crack windshields, etc.). It is currently too hard to control individual trucking behaviour; a solution would be to have municipalities controlling the route, not specific drivers. Ms. Muhlbeier also noted the Community Aggregate Levy.

The ASGA developed the Truck Registry program to:

- add accountability to truckers;
- take the burden of complaints away from MD's;
- collect data to know the facts;
- educate the public, industry, truckers, and government.

The ASGA requests that all counties or municipalities with aggregate operations require an operator have their operational trucks registered as a condition of their development permits or as a condition of the haul road agreements. Alberta Transportation requires that all contractors working on provincial or municipal contracts will participate as a condition of their contracts – the ASGA program is cited as the model.

Ms. Muhlbeier noted the County's, M.D's, and companies that have committed to the Truck Registry Program: Parkland County, Lacombe County, Susan Lake, Hammerstone Corporation, Red Deer, and Rocky View County. The ASGA have met with Camrose, Foothills, and the City of Grande Prairie and intend on implementing the program across Alberta.

Program Components:

- Minimum Operating Standards;
- Common Truck ID Sticker & mounting locations;
- One Common Complaint Line;
- Database;
- Discipline;
- Recommended complaint handling protocol.

How it works:

- Each company registers trucks/haulers they use through the ASGA website and database;
- A unique 4-digit truck number is assigned by the ordering system and the decal package is sent to the registrant of that vehicle;
- Registration is valid for one year and expires on December

- 31st;
- All operational trucks are required to display current registration;
- Producers are required to enter related driver information into the database.

Ms. Muhlbeier showed examples of the decals and what they will look like on trucks.

The Complaint Process:

To resolve a complaint the company:

- finds out the details of the complaint;
- follows up with the complainant;
- addresses the issue with the driver and owner of the vehicle;
- enters the information in the database and closes the investigation and notifies the ASGA of any disciplinary action taken.

Ms. Muhlbeier commented that the volume of complaints that they receive have decreased at a County level. The BC government is looking to implement a similar truck registry program and Ontario is doing this as well. Their goal is to have the entire province of Alberta participating in the truck registry program.

Reeve Beaupre inquired whether the M.D. of Greenview had committed to the program as a lot of aggregate will be coming through their municipality. Ms. Muhlbeier responded that the ASGA has not met with them yet but they are on the top 10 list of places to contact.

Councillor Smith inquired that if something happens with a gravel truck, can the ASGA do anything about it. He asked about this because Council was almost involved in an accident with a gravel truck a couple years ago. Ms. Muhlbeier explained that a call would be made to the complaint line, they would get a copy of the complaint at their office, the owner would receive a complaint immediately and they would probably suspend the driver until further notice. The ASGA only does the complaint process, they do not have the power to suspend the drivers.

Reeve Beaupre clarified that the process is tracking the complaints and issues first, and then addressing the situations afterwards. Mr. Fritz commented that the complaints are registered in the database and then they gets emailed to the owner/producer and the onus is put on them to do the follow-up and the repercussions afterwards. He further noted that the complaint remains as a red flag in the database until the issue is addressed by the producer and they report back to the ASGA to say the issue has been resolved. The companies who are part of

the program have to enforce and address the issues or they cannot get a renewal sticker. Ms. Muhlbeier commented that if a producer is non-compliant with addressing the complaint notices the ASGA will notify the surrounding Counties to say that the producer is non-compliant with the regulations and provide a warning. Reeve Beaupre also noted that if the producer is non-compliant they cannot bid on County or municipal jobs or projects.

Mr. Pfau commented that this program is really good because there were a lot of trucks coming to the County from the Edmonton area last year. He further noted that non-compliant drivers and producers can have the truck numbers marked so Arlen Miller and others in Enforcement Services can go to the company and if necessary criminal charges can be laid. Mr. Pfau believes this is a very good program to have implemented in Grande Prairie.

Ms. Muhlbeier noted that the costs of the program are covered by the producer and the hauler. Reeve Beaupre inquired about the County's own municipal gravel pits. Ms. Muhlbeier responded that the County can be part of the program if they wish, the main purpose of the program is to remove the non-county drivers that are not being compliant.

Councillor Nelson commented that she believes that this is a great program and inquired whether the participating MD's and Counties have access to the complaint and incident information. Ms. Muhlbeier responded that they cannot provide County specific information as it is documented by each company that is participating. Mr. Fritz commented that the database is sorted by producer not necessarily location; at Board meetings they can tell which producers have infractions. He further noted that the database does have the ability to filter by location because when reporting is done they report the area it occurred. Ms. Muhlbeier commented that they also produce a yearly report that is sorted by producer. Mr. Pfau commented that this program would be a great benefit because it puts the onus back on the producer to address the complaints and incidents.

Councillor Jacobs inquired what the response from trucking companies has been. Mr. Fritz responded that there are some companies that do NOT want to participate in the project and other producers are OK with it because they want to ensure that they are compliant and can be hired for projects. He further noted that the required book work may be seen as a deterrent for some companies. Mr. Fritz concluded that the ASGA are still in the infancy stages of this program and that they can get into more training and education for drivers in the future.

Ms. Muhlbeier commented on some issues in the Fort McMurray

area; loads being left un-tarped even though it is mandatory and rocks from dual wheels which cause damage to other vehicles on the road. The producer has to respond to incidents and address all reported issues.

Councillor Smith inquired about the cost to join the program. Ms. Muhlbeier responded that the initial registration is \$105.00 and \$50.00/year per vehicle. Ms. Muhlbeier noted that Parkland County and Lacombe County said they can use them as a reference for the program and the County of Grande Prairie can contact either County if they have questions.

Reeve Beaupre thanked Ms. Muhlbeier and Mr. Frith for their presentation which concluded at 10:34 a.m. and they left the meeting.

**10:30 A.M. APPOINTMENT -
REEL SHORTS REQUEST FOR
CONTRIBUTION**
(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130312002)

Terry Scerbak, Director/Programmer for the Reel Shorts Film Festival presented; she noted that this is the 7th Annual Reel Shorts Film Festival held in Grande Prairie.

Last Spring Council approved a request for the Reel Shorts Film Festival in the amount of \$2,800.00 with funds coming from the Community Assistance fund. Attendance and participation in the festival increased by 38% last year. Ms. Scerbak also noted that the Youth Program is one of the largest in Canada and that Reel Shorts is excited about new upcoming initiatives (such as their mentorship program).

Ms. Scerbak commented that the film festival provides a dual purpose: 1) to bring short films to Grande Prairie; and 2) to develop film makers in the region to tell our stories to the rest of the world. She also commented on the interns and strong County representation in the festival this year. She noted there are about 6 films that were filmed in the City/County of Grande Prairie.

Resolution #CM20130325.1003

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to sponsor the Reel Shorts Film Festival for the same amount as 2012, \$2800.00, to come from the Community Assistance Fund.

CARRIED

Councillor Eckstrom commented that this film festival encourages County of Grande Prairie students to expand their cultural horizons and sponsorship of the festival also lines up with the County's Strategic Plan.

Ms. Scerbak thanked Council for their time and sponsorship and left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

**10:45 A.M. APPOINTMENT -
BERNIE SMASHNUK**

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130322001)

Bernie Smashnuk began his presentation about concerns regarding the Dinosaur Museum Project.

Mr. Smashnuk noted that he has kept up with the process of the Dino Museum and he does not believe the proposed location is favourable. The people that he has spoken to cannot believe they have chosen Wembley for the museum; he commented that the air quality is questionable at the facility and some Wembley residents have sued because the smell was not disclosed prior purchasing property in the area.

Mr. Smashnuk commented that the proposed intersection is very hazardous and will only get worse as the County develops further. He inquired why a location close to amenities such as fire stations, hotels, and restaurants wasn't chosen. He also noted that he is very concerned with the December 10, 2013 Media Release from the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum; it noted that the project will be going forward and ground will be broken in April 2013 and that the City of Grande Prairie donated \$3.5 million (10% of total cost) to the project.

Mr. Smashnuk believes there is a better location for the museum; the building proposed by Mr. Smashnuk is located on 6 acres of land, it is a brand new building, pavement is already completed, lighting is complete, there is a fire department across the street, and an electrical company located beside the building. The cost of the land and building Mr. Smashnuk referred to is \$8.5 million (therefore can be purchased for 1/3 of the cost) and the current owners are very negotiable on price; the building in discussion is the former RONA building and is located within the City of Grande Prairie. He commented that the Real Estate Agent will come before Council and discuss any specifics if they choose to have him present; and the people who own the building want to sell ASAP.

He discussed the admission fees for the Royal Tyrell Museum: \$8.80 per adult, senior \$6.40; child \$5.40; anyone under 7 is free. He also noted that the people who work at the Royal Tyrell are volunteers and that there is limited use of the museum in winter months; the majority of people that go to the Royal Tyrell Museum are school students who attend through school programs.

Mr. Smashnuk commented that as a County resident and ratepayer, he does not want to live in the County if they are going

to be charging the tax payers for the next 30 years in order to borrow money for the Dino Museum. He further noted that by going with the alternate proposed location for the museum, it will save \$25 million.

Councillor Sutherland commented that they only receive up to a 1/3 of the costs from the Provincial Government therefore the funding will only be \$10 million contingent on a \$30 million project. Furthermore, Council advised that the Dinosaur bone bed is in the County and Council the museum in the County (if possible). Mr. Smashnuk commented on the smell complaints from other ratepayers in Wembley; the smell is from the Wembley lagoon. He further noted that if it wasn't for the education system supplying schools with tours, the Royal Tyrell would not be busy at all.

Councillor Nelson commented that she is the Chair of PAZA and they have never received any written formal complaints on the orders for the Dinosaur Museum property. She also noted that people she has spoken to are excited about having the museum located there as it will be an increase of economic development for their area.

Councillor Nelson commented that the Dino Museum is a tourist and economic development proposal; people deciding on a holiday will view Alberta as a Dinosaur place (because of the Royal Tyrell, Dinosaur Provincial Park, the Royal Alberta Museum, and the proposed museum in Wembley). She wants to see good investments and long term planning done for this area to ensure that they can give back to the community. Mr. Smashnuk responded that the museum will not be paying taxes and the MP discussed the costs to tax payers. He has seen the Royal Tyrell Museum once said that he will not likely go back again. He further noted that there are now numerous lots and houses for sale in Wembley, there are cheap property taxes, and not many businesses have been successful in Wembley (some business owners have moved into Grande Prairie in order to be successful).

Mr. Smashnuk concluded that the former RONA building is beautiful, there is no smell there, and there is access to all amenities. He left meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Resolution #CM20130325.1004

MOVED BY L. DUECK to recess the meeting at 11:04 a.m. for a 5 minute break.

CARRIED

**FAMILY CARE CLINIC
(VERBAL)**
(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130315001)

Councillor Nelson noted that she attended a meeting with Reeve Beaupre, Councillor Smith, and a local physician that is interested in a Family Care Clinic in the Clairmont area.

Councillor Smith commented that the application for the Family Care Clinic is still in draft form but there is \$250 million in the provincial budget for primary care networks, mental health, and family care clinics.

Reeve Beaupre commented on the meeting with the local doctor; it was noted that he recruits for AHS as well and is familiar with what the County of Grande Prairie wants to do and is very supportive of the initiative. He had also noted that it is very beneficial to recruit when there is a willingness from the community. Reeve Beaupre spoke about concerns from other doctors in other municipalities. They explained the amount of growth and the approved Area Structure Plan for Clairmont that will encourage growth of about 25,000 residents; it was also noted that Grande Prairie ratepayers will travel to Clairmont for health services at the Family Care Clinic.

Councillor Eckstrom spoke in favour of Councillor Nelson's motion. She asked for a friendly amendment to include conjunction with Administration as well. Councillor Nelson commented that they will require a separate motion when selecting the members for the committee which can come later on.

Councillor Nelson commented that they had contacted the doctors in Sexsmith and asked their opinion about a Family Care Clinic in Clairmont as well as the proposed physician; they are verbally in favour of the physician and commented that it is positive to have more doctors in the area as well.

Resolution #CM20130325.1005

MOVED BY S. NELSON to form a committee, to meet with AHS, and a member from Administration to pursue a location and possible construction of a family care clinic in the Hamlet of Clairmont.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130325.1006

MOVED BY B. SMITH to form the committee with 3 Council members and one Administration staff member tasked with meeting with the MLA and bringing back a Terms of Reference.

Councillor Nelson suggested that herself, Councillor Eckstrom and Councillor Smith be part of the committee and suggested

Kathleen Turner, FCSS, be the Administration staff member.

Councillor Jacobs amended Councillor Smith's motion. Councillor Smith withdrew his initial motion.

MOVED BY P. JACOBS that Councillors Smith, Nelson, and Eckstrom and a staff member from Administration (potentially FCSS) be appointed to this committee and be tasked with meeting the MLA and bringing back Terms of Reference to Council.

CARRIED

**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
AND SHOP EXPANSIONS AND
MODERNIZATIONS**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130315003)

Tenders were opened on Thursday, March 14th, 2013 for the Administration Building and Shop Expansions and Modernizations, and the following bids were received:

1. **Johnston Builders** **\$3,820,000.00**
2. T-West Construction \$4,394,863.29

The project costs include the contract, A/V equipment, design and travel which is estimated to be \$4,100,000.00. The project is over the budget amount of \$3,843,200.00 by \$256,800.00. The additional \$256,800.00 may be funded from the Clairmont Landfill reserve.

Public Works recommends awarding the tender to the low bidder, Johnston Builders.

Reeve Beaupre commented that Council had previously discussed the A/V equipment budget and inquired why there is another ask for additional funding. Mr. Pfau noted that we were waiting for a more detailed outline and that Natalia Madden and John Keating created this proposal.

Councillor Smith noted that there was \$125,000 available in the budget for the A/V equipment; the initial estimate received was really high so they went back to other vendors to get more prices.

Resolution #CM20130325.1007

MOVED BY B. SMITH to accept Public Works recommendation and award the tender to the low bidder, Johnston Builders, in the amount of \$3,820,000.00, with the additional funding to come from the Clairmont Landfill Reserve.

CARRIED

Mr. Pfau commented that they were supposed to get a timeline

today so they want to proceed quickly.

Reeve Beaupre thanked the Building Committee for all their work on this project.

Councillor Nelson inquired whether the expansions will alleviate the space issue at the CSB and whether staff will be moved around. Bill Rogan responded that the expansion will not impact the CSB at all. Reeve Beaupre also noted that there will be extra offices in the PW/IT Building and those will help accommodate meetings with ratepayers.

WILD PINK YONDER - UPDATE
(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130319004)

Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, noted that The Wild Pink Yonder is requesting support for their upcoming event in the Peace region, happening August 2013. Council has directed administration to find out what the surrounding communities are doing to support this event.

The Wild Pink Yonder presented to Council on January 14, 2013 to request support for their event. Council requested that the group submit their financials for review, which was provided at the February 25, 2013 Council meeting. Before a motion was made, Council directed administration to find out what the surrounding communities are doing to support the event. The following information has been provided by Rusty of the Wild Pink Yonder:

- The Town of Sexsmith is going for the grand prize to be the Pinkest Little Town in the West. They have started an event committee to brain storm ideas and plans. Administration has confirmed this information with the Town of Sexsmith.
- The Town of Wembley is gauging the interest of the community before committing to any plans. Administration has contacted the Town of Wembley but hasn't received confirmation of this information yet.
- The Town of Beaverlodge is also gauging the interest of the community. Administration has contacted the Town of Beaverlodge but the person heading this initiative is away on holidays for a few weeks. No one else in the office was able to provide an update.
- The Village of Hythe will be starting a committee to assist with fundraising for the event. Administration has confirmed this with the Village of Hythe.
- Clairmont is also evaluating the interest of their communities.
- Teepee Creek and Woking are unable to support the event due to other commitments.

Administration has researched the cost of providing a boxed

lunch for the Wild Pink Yonder riders. The cost of a boxed lunch is approximately \$10.00 per person - for 30 riders for 5 days the total would be approximately \$1,500.00.

Councillor Nelson commented that the 4H might be interested in participating as well and that she would like to have the horses boarded at Evergreen Park if they are able to.

Administration recommends approving Option 1: to support the Wild Pink Yonder event by providing boxed lunches for 5 days from the Community Assistance fund (approximately \$1,500.00).

Resolution #CM20130325.1008

MOVED BY S. NELSON to approve Option 1 and support the Wild Pink Yonder event by providing boxed lunches for 5 days from the Community Assistance Fund; and also investigate the costs of boarding the horses at Evergreen Park and provide communication to surrounding municipalities in regards to the County of Grande Prairie's contribution to the event.

CARRIED

Councillor Dueck inquired if the event will still be 5 days even if the other communities in the County do not participate. Ms. Schur responded that they plan on being in the County for 5 days and that Rusty had said they will iron out the route once they know where the participation will be within the County.

Bill Rogan commented that Council can scale back the donation if the Wild Pink Yonder plans on scaling back the tour. Reeve Beaupre noted that Ms. Schur was suggesting sponsorship in a flat amount of \$1500.00 and whatever is not used for lunches can be put towards fundraising.

**PROCUREMENT OF
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER
FOR THE DINO MUSEUM**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130325001)

Councillor Harpe discussed this issue.

He noted concerns about how the construction manger for the Dino Museum was hired and the process that was used. It was noted that on May 6, 2011 the contract put out for purchasing; the closing date was May 26, 2011. He commented that the Opportunity Description was clear and he read it aloud.

All of the paperwork was done as ATB suggested. On May 25, 2011 an Addendum was issued and if addendum wasn't signed and a box checked off on the form by May 26, 2011 the

submission was unopened and returned; there was also to be no fee included. Councillor Harpe referred to the Second paragraph that noted "...narrowed down to the shortlist of 4 without the fees".

Mr. John Simpson, Director of Planning, put the sheet Councillor Harpe was reading from on the overhead so all of Council could view the document.

Councillor Harpe commented that Mr. Brian Brake did not fully disclose the process to Council; there were two places that tried to get to ATB and have their submissions considered but they had not checked off the box on the Addendum so they did not qualify. He noted that all plans that were submitted were incomplete and they did not want to extend the closing date. He also noted that it was more difficult for local contractors to be able to have their applications submitted on time and considered because the Addendum was issued only one day prior the closing date.

Resolution #CM20130325.1009

MOVED BY R. HARPE as County Policy was not followed that the proposal for construction management services be re-done to permit opportunities for other bidders to apply.

It was noted that PCL had come to Council and asked for suggestions on local workers and companies that could be used for the Dino Museum Construction.

Bill Rogan commented that there were 10-12 companies that sent in applications, these applications were then short-listed to 5 companies; from those 5 applications they chose the construction company.

Councillor Harpe inquired what would need to be done to terminate the contract with PCL. Bill responded that certain agreements were signed, he has not had enough time to send the contract in for legal advise.

Resolution #CM20130325.1010

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the motion be tabled until further legal advise can be obtained on the release of the present construction management firm and the financial implications for the process of re-tendering.

TABLED

**SNOW CLEARING FOR
MAILBOXES AND RECYCLING
IN VALHALLA CENTRE**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130325002)

Councillor Harpe noted that Valhalla is revamping the rural mailboxes to have a cement base and they are unable to be cleared of snow (now the new boxes are in a u-shaped formation). He noted that they could be cleared up by a Bobcat.

He also noted issues with snow removal around the recycling bins as the grader cannot get past them as they have to be at an angle.

Mr. Pfau noted that he will work with Canada Post to address the issue and determine who is responsible for the snow clearing.

Resolution #CM20130325.1011

MOVED BY R. HARPE to have Public Works investigate the costs and implications with Canada Post in regards to snow removal for rural mailboxes and recycling bins in Valhalla Centre with the costs to come back to Council.

CARRIED

Councillor Eckstrom inquired where the mailboxes are located. Councillor Harpe responded that they are located in the park.

Councillor Dueck inquired what changes were made to the mailboxes. Councillor Harpe responded that they made the boxes higher and did a "U" configuration in order to accommodate wheelchair access.

Councillor Nelson commented that she has seen the same issues in Clairmont; there are several sites that have become unaccessible. She inquired if the County plows clean the areas in the Hamlet of Clairmont as well; Mr. Pfau responded that if they can clear it with the equipment they will clear it.

**11:45 A.M. APPOINTMENT -
COUNTY FIRE SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENT - NEW
WATER TENDER ENTERING
SERVICE**

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130227003)

Captain Trevor Grant noted that during the expansion of the County of Grande Prairie Fire Service into the Hamlet of Clairmont and the Dunes areas, the need to purchase an additional water tender was identified.

The primary role of a water tender is to provide additional water to Engine companies combating fires in areas that are not protected by Municipal water sources (Hydrants). The new water tender is designed for this role, however, it is also unique to our service as it is the first tender that will be able to combat fires independently. This new tandem axle unit is equipped with a 1000 GPM pump,

pre connected hand lines, a hose bed to carry the needed supply hose to connect to hydrants and other fire apparatus as well as having the ability to draft from static water sources.

The new unit will be entering service at Station 17 (Dunes) with the existing single axle unit moving to Station 14 (Clairmont).

The new unit was purchased from Mid-west Fire in Minnesota. It has the ability to contain the water supply as well as the ability to dump the entire load of water in minutes. It can also get water from dugouts as well. There is an increase from 4000 gallons to 7000 gallons and Tender 1701 is parked outside of the Administration Building for Councils perusal after recessing for lunch break.

Councillor Eckstrom left the meeting at 11:54 a.m. and returned at 11:56 a.m.

Councillor Smith inquired if there is a portable tank on the new truck. Captain Grant responded that there is a portable tank that allows for a continuous water supply.

Captain Grant concluded his presentation at 11:56 a.m.

APPROVAL OF 2012 RESERVE TRANSFERS
 (NEW BUSINESS)
 (Issue #20130319009)

Noreen Vavrek, Director of Finance, noted that a motion to approve all of the reserve transfers for 2012 is required to facilitate our audit process. In the attachment package there is a report of reserve transfers and balance of reserves at December 31, 2012.

A full financial report will be provided to Council in April, once the Audit is complete.

Resolution #CM20130325.1012

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the 2012 Reserve Transfers be approved as presented by the Finance Department.

CARRIED

LINE PAINTING/CRACKSEALING TENDER
 (NEW BUSINESS)
 (Issue #20130318005)

Mr. Pfau noted that the tenders were opened on Friday, March 15, 2013 for the supply of Line Painting and Crack-sealing for 2013. The following bids were received:

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| 1. R & N Maintenance | \$268,694.18 |
| 2. Federal Joint Sealing | \$296,525.82 |
| 3. Wapiti Gravel Suppliers | \$363,281.00 |

The budget for the 2013 Line Painting Crack-sealing Program was increased slightly to allow staff to experiment with applying a perma-line in some heavy traffic areas. This perma-line would have a longer life span (possibly three years). This would be a benefit for safety as in some heavy traffic areas the lines visibility becomes very poor in a short time period; and as the number of roads paved increases throughout the County, the line painting and crack-sealing costs increase as well as the time to complete the work.

Public Works recommends accepting lowest bid from R & N Maintenance as it includes the perma-line alternative, and is within the 2013 budget.

Resolution #CM20130325.1013

MOVED BY R. HARPE to award the Line Painting/Cracksealing contract to R & N Maintenance for their low bid in the amount of \$268,694.18.

CARRIED

Councillor Eckstrom inquired what the overall budget for this project is. Mr. Pfau responded that he will have the information to Council by 1:00 p.m. today.

Councillor Nelson inquired whether R & N Maintenance was a local company. Mr. Pfau responded that they are based out of Edmonton and that the only local bid was from Wapiti Gravel Suppliers (which was the most expensive).

Councillor Jacobs commented on 116th Street and noted that we need to talk to Alberta Transportation about the lines so people know where and how to turn in that area as the stacking lanes cut the corners into other lanes. Mr. Pfau responded that area can be reviewed by Public Works, but the intersection belongs to Alberta Transportation.

**DECOR AND PICTURES IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130315004)

Mr. Pfau noted that as per a motion passed at the February 28th, 2013 Building Expansion Committee meeting, County Council is asked to discuss and provide feedback on how they would like to have Council photographs and other items displayed on the walls after the renovations in Council Chambers have been completed.

As well, the Building Expansion Committee is asking County Council for their feedback on where the existing foyer furniture should be donated.

Right now, photographs of previous years' Council members are displayed on the back wall of the Council Chambers in a staggered pattern in different size and color frames. Existing foyer furniture which will be replaced in the renovation could be donated to an organization in the area.

Reeve Beaupre explained the background on this item and the various options: electronic frame and constant frames for the pictures on the walls (of the last 3-5 Councils).

Councillor Nelson commented that she likes the idea of the digital frame in the lobby for the customers to view upon entry but wants the photos of all past Councils inside the Chambers as well.

Councillor Dueck commented that she likes the digital picture frame idea instead of having the all of the pictures on the walls but the current Council photo should be hung on the wall in Chambers.

Councillor Bulford noted that in the regional junior high school in Hythe there is a poster on a hinge with a metal frame and you can flip through the frames and pictures; he believes that is a good idea.

Resolution #CM20130325.1014

MOVED BY R. HARPE to frame the existing Council pictures that are in Council Chambers the same size and have them hung in two rows on the back wall as well as having the digital picture frame in the foyer with all Council photos on display.

CARRIED

Mr. Pfau spoke to the furniture as well and commented that it can be donated to a non-for-profit organization.

Councillor Nelson commented that the gallery seats can potentially be donated to Terri Scerbak who presented earlier in the meeting for the Reel Shorts Film Festival as they may require theatre seats.

It was noted that Goodwill does not take furniture, therefore they would like to see if there is an organization that will take the furniture such as Ovations and the Little Theatre.

Resolution #CM20130325.1015

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to dispose of the furniture as per policy and contact local theatre groups in regards to the gallery seating.

CARRIED

Councillor Jacobs commented that we can donate the gallery seats to the Dino Museum (if needed) as they require theatre seating. It was also noted that the leather couches from the Council Lounge could be moved to the main foyer.

Mr. Pfau commented that the Councillors can speak to other groups in their Divisions and see if they want or can accept the donated furniture.

Resolution #CM20130325.1016

MOVED BY L. DUECK that the meeting be recessed for lunch at 12:13 p.m. to be reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED

**1:30 P.M. APPOINTMENT -
WEST COUNTY WATERSHED
SOCIETY - CATHY NEWHOOK**
(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130312003)

The meeting was reconvened at 1:41 p.m.

Cathy Newhook, President of West County Watershed Society, began her presentation at 1:41 p.m.

Ms. Newhook thanked Council and the guests in the gallery for attending her presentation.

She noted that the West County Watershed Society is based out of Beaverlodge and showed a map of the Beaverlodge River and Watershed. It was noted that the River begins in BC, runs through Horse Lake, Beaverlodge, Hythe, and to the Red Willow. She also showed a picture of the Red Willow Watershed which Beaverlodge River ties into.

Ms. Newhook discussed that the Beaverlodge River is part of the Red Willow Watershed and the Smoky/Wapiti River Sub basin; the area is mostly boreal forest, as well as small town and rural areas. Previously, the WCWS were part of the Agro-Forestry and Woodland Extension Society (AWES) which addresses industry oil, forestry, and Agriculture.

She further noted that there was a Riparian enhancement project done in 2010 to increase the awareness and knowledge of local

watersheds and the adoption of practices and actions that benefit local watersheds. One of their main initiatives is to restore the fish in the rivers that disappeared in the mid-1980's.

Drainage Background:

- functions as a source of quality drinking water
- was a critical Arctic Grayling spawn area
- increased AG activities and other pressures are impacting this.
- The land is like a sponge, if the snow melts slower the land will absorb more and will let the water out in drier times.

Human impacts: over the last 100 years there have been more human activities; former wetlands and oxbows have been changed to reservoirs and water/sewage treatment.

Councillor Eckstrom left the meeting at 1:47 p.m., returned at 1:51 p.m.

Ms. Newhook noted that they hosted a spring and summer tour with both Beaverlodge and Grande Prairie Composite High Schools and worked with Jill Henry, Rural Extension Officer, on these tours and commented that the students would like to kayak and canoe the river. She also noted that the County helped provide fencing for the Riparian area. She also commented that there is bio-fuels sewer fertilization done at PRT in Beaverlodge.

Ms. Newhook showed a picture of the spring willow plant and commented that by Beaverlodge Golf Course there were over 13,000 willows planted by the high school students to aid in filtration; young spruce are also doing the job of filtering debris prior to getting in the river (they absorb more nitrates and ammonia from the water). The WCWS has also been providing education on ground water and well water to high school students.

She also noted that the water is narrowing due to debris at Beavertail Creek on Range Road 115 and they are seeing erosion occur. She showed a picture comparison from 2007 to 2008 after trees were planted. She further commented that landowners are very passionate about this and they are donating parts of their land to improve the conditions of the river.

They have been putting up signs with logos of companies that they are working with (picture showed AWES and Jill Henry). The WCWS has been working with:

- the County of Grande Prairie;
- the Alberta Conservation Association;
- Cows and Fish (AB Cattle Association);
- SRD;

- Agro-Forestry and Woodlot Extension Society;
- Mighty Peace Watershed Society;
- ConocoPhillips;
- EnCana;
- local nurseries (such as PRT, etc.)

Where are they going:

- more recreation on the Beaverlodge River;
- maintain a drinking water supply from the Beaverlodge River;
- education;
- awareness of contamination;
- awareness of the Beaverlodge Watershed;
- enhancement of riparian management.

Reeve Beaupre inquired how many private landowners have been involved with donating land to the WCWS. Ms. Newhook responded that over 40 landowners have been participating to date.

What drives her to do this:

- keeping water clean and working together: private landowners, schools, industry, society, First Nations Horse Lake, grazing associations (Goodfare, etc), towns on the Beaverlodge watershed, County of Grande Prairie, provincial government;
- she built the society on talking with neighbours and have been to a lot of conversations at local events;
- working with the high school students and engaging them to participate in preserving the Beaverlodge Watershed.

Ms. Newhook noted that because of the County's contributions, the WCWS will be able to hire a full-time summer student that specializes in Rural Extension for the community.

Upcoming Events for the WCWS:

- April 29, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.: WCWS AGM in Beaverlodge at the Anglican Hall;
- May 28, 2013: Presentation at Beaverlodge Regional High School; there will be speakers in the morning (Craig Sponholtz), lunch provided by ConocoPhillips, and a tour of river electro-fishing by the SRD in the afternoon.

What does the Society need?

- 99% sure that they will get a summer student;
- could use a Communications Officer;
- thanked the County and Jill Henry for the support;
- tax incentive or land rental for farmers who donate their valuable land so others can have clean water (they should be rewarded so they don't lose land);

- the government should pay farmers for growing trees or have equitable or favourable taxes;
- better communication with BC, i.e. Swan Lake and Kiskatinaw Watershed;
- better communication between large government groups; having the County, Roads, and Agriculture all working together.

Ms. Newhook concluded her presentation and inquired whether Council had any questions.

Councillor Nelson inquired whether the WCWS has experience with beaver dams and how they handle the dams as the County blows them up. Ms. Newhook responded that it is the opinion of the WCWS that beaver dams are both good and bad because they can act as sponges for water and in the event there is a drought, they can tap into them for water. Furthermore, Mr. Sponholtz is going to come to the County shortly to make a presentation and he is more of an expert on the dams. It was noted that the beaver dams slow the water down and therefore also slows erosion down.

Councillor Harpe inquired whether the willow sticks noted earlier in the presentation grow. Ms. Newhook responded that the willows do grow and oil and gas companies use this technique as well for aiding in filtration.

Councillor Smith commented on the bridge located on Range Road 115: there has been lots of money put into the bridge and they have tried to fix it because it blocks fish from coming into the Beaverlodge River. He also inquired about the old fish ladder and commented the fish cannot get past the beaver dams. Ms. Newhook responded that Ducks Unlimited uses weirs and do not have fish ladders. The WCWS is hoping that the Town of Beaverlodge will take down their old fish ladder and that they are trying to work together to figure out a solution. She further noted that with the bridge on Range Road 115 there used to be an oxbow and now it has been straightened out.

Reeve Beaupre thanked Ms. Newhook for her presentation. It was noted that Ms. Newhook was asked to present to Council today as not all Council members were in attendance at her presentation at the Stewards in Motion event. Ms. Newhook left the presentation at 2:13 p.m.

**SUBDIVISION TIME
EXTENSION REQUEST LOT 2,**

John Simpson, Director of Planning, noted that approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:
File No.: **09GP106 (09305)**

**PLAN 8522429; PT
NE-29-70-6-W6M; FILE NO.
09GP106 (POWELL)**
(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130308001)

Legal: **Lot 2, Plan 8522429; Pt NE-29-70-6-W6M**
Name: **Marcie and Timothy Powell**
Division: **4**
Date Approval Extended to: **March 5, 2014**
Recommend: **Third and Final Time Extension Approval**

The applicant is requesting the subdivision endorsement time extension in order to fulfill the conditions of approval that applies to this subdivision application.

Resolution #CM20130325.1017
MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the following subdivision time extension request be approved in order to fulfill the conditions of approval:

Marcie and Timothy Powell; Lot 2, Plan 8522429; PT. NE-29-70-6-W6M, Div. 4; March 5, 2014, third and final time extension, File 09GP106 (09305).

CARRIED

**SUBDIVISION TIME
EXTENSION REQUEST -
NE-20-71-6-W6M - FILE NO.
11GP63 (117693 ALBERTA
LTD.)**
(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130308002)

Mr. Simpson noted that approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:
File No.: **11GP63 (11306)**
Legal: **NE-20-71-6-W6M**
Name: **117693 Alberta Ltd.**
Division: **4**
Date Approval Extended to: **March 30, 2014**
Recommend: **First Time Extension Approval**

The applicant is requesting the subdivision endorsement time extension in order to fulfill the conditions of approval that applies to this subdivision application.

Resolution #CM20130325.1018
MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the following subdivision time extension request be approved in order to fulfill the conditions of approval:

117693 Alberta Ltd.; NE 20-71-06-W6M, Div. 4; March 20, 2014, first time extension, File 11GP63 (11306).

CARRIED

**SUBDIVISION TIME
EXTENSION
REQUEST-SW-2-73-5-W6M-FILE
NO. 10GP69-MOOSE HAVEN
RANCH**
(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130318003)

Mr. Simpson noted that approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:

File No.: **10GP69 (Focus 010024992)**

Legal: **SW-2-73-5-W6M**

Name: **Moose Haven Ranch & Douglas Small**

Division: **2**

Date Approval Extended to: **January 27, 2014**

Recommend: **Second Time Extension Approval**

The applicant is requesting the subdivision endorsement time extension in order to fulfill the conditions of approval that applies to this subdivision application.

Resolution #CM20130325.1019

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the following subdivision time extension request be approved in order to fulfill the conditions of approval:

Moose Haven Ranch & Douglas Small; SW 02-73-05-W6M, Div. 2; January 27, 2014, second time extension, File 10GP69 (Focus 010024992).

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR LEASE ALTUS
GROUP**
(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130319010)

Mr. Simpson noted that a "DRAFT" Lease Agreement has been received from Mr. Morgan Huber of Altus Group. The draft was also referred to Planning and Development and Public Works for comment. Planning and Development has indicated no objection to the Lease subject to issuance of an approved Development Permit. Public Works has indicated no opposition to the proposed lease. Lease Agreement proposes to Lease a 10m X 10m space for the placement of a telecommunication tower. The space is located in a Public Utility Lot (PUL) at Plan 002 4970, Block 16, Lot 11PUL.

It was noted that this area is located within the Mcrae Industrial Park and that it will be a Telus tower being installed.

Resolution #CM20130325.1020

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the Lease Agreement with Altus Group be approved as presented subject to them receiving a Development Permit for the proposed use.

CARRIED

**INVITATION TO 33RD ANNUAL
ART AUCTION**
(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130318001)

Reeve Beaupre had received an invitation for Council to attend the 33rd Annual Art Auction on April 13th at 7 p.m. at the Teresa Sargent Hall in Grande Prairie. The tickets for this event are at no cost.

It was noted that if any Councillor would like to attend the Art Auction they should let Sheryle Runhart know so their attendance can be confirmed with the Executive Director at the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie.

**CAMPGROUNDS FIREWOOD
TENDER**
(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130318002)

Ms. Schur explained that the provision of Firewood for County Parks and Campgrounds is determined through a Tender process. FN-2012-0362 closed on March 8, 2013 for firewood for the 2013 and 2014 camping seasons. There were 10 packages sent out and 5 bids were returned. All returned bids were deemed compliant.

The Total Tender Value is for the combined cost for 2013 and 2014. Each season the total cost for the contracted service is 50% of the Total Tender Value; \$50,000.00 was budgeted per season. Floyd Pfau Contracting and Flintstone Forestry Ltd. bid values would fall within budget without requiring any adjustments. The bids are noted below:

Bidder	Total Tender Value before GST
Floyd Pfau Contracting	\$100,300.00
Boreal Forest Ventures	\$262,350.00
Simmonds Contracting	\$150,000.00
Reata Enterprises	\$150,000.00
Flintstone Forestry	\$87,000.00

Councillor Sutherland recommended that the fire boxes should be cleaned out before the company delivers the firewood for the 2013 camping season.

Resolution #CM20130325.1021

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to award the tender to Flintstone Forestry Ltd. for their low bid in the amount of \$87,000.00 for the Campground Firewood Tender for the 2013/2014 camping seasons.

CARRIED

Councillor Dueck inquired whether Flintstone Forestry Ltd. is a local company. Bill Rogan responded that the company has done lots for the County of Grande Prairie in the past.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired whether there is a maximum amount of wood that we are asking for. Ms. Schur responded that the tender was based on 300 cords of firewood per season. Councillor Eckstrom inquired whether the 300 cords is for all of the parks in the County. Ms. Schur responded that the firewood is for all of the parks and listed them. She further noted that 300 cords per season has been enough wood for all of the parks in the last few years.

**3RD ANNUAL CIVIC AWARD
AND VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION DINNER**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130318004)

The 3rd Annual Civic Award and Volunteer Recognition Dinner is to be held on Wednesday April 24th from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Community Centre in Beaverlodge.

FCSS Beaverlodge is offering sponsorship opportunities as well. An RSVP by April 15th is required. There is first come first serve seating and Council's tickets are at no cost.

In the past (2011) Council have sponsored \$500 which came from the FCSS Volunteer Appreciation Budget. There was no request for sponsorship in 2012.

Resolution #CM20130325.1022

MOVED BY P. JACOBS to attend and sponsor the 3rd Annual Civic Award and Volunteer Recognition Dinner in same amount as 2012 (\$500.00) to come from FCSS or the Community Assistance Line as discussed with Administration.

CARRIED

It was requested that the event be inputted into Council calendars by Sheryle Runhart for acceptance.

**DINO BALL 2013 - AN EVENING
IN PARIS**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130319011)

Once again the Pipestone Creek Dinosaur Initiative is hosting the Dino Ball and this year the theme is "An Evening In Paris". The Dino Ball will be held at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre in Grande Prairie on June 22, 2013 starting with a Reception at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

A table of 8 with sponsorship is \$5000.00, a table of 8 without sponsorship is \$2000.00 and individual tickets can be purchased at \$250.00 (provided there individual seating still available). The Dino Ball is also looking for auction items that value \$250.00 or greater if Council wishes to contribute.

This evening does not conflict with Council's calendars as of today's date and in the past Council has purchased a table; if they want to purchase a table, the \$5000.00 needs to go to the Spring budget.

Resolution #CM20130325.1023

MOVED BY S. NELSON to purchase a sponsorship table of 8 seats for the Dino Ball 2013 and have \$5000.00 placed in the Spring Budget.

CARRIED

It was noted that Brian Brake, Executive Director, has arranged the date and time with the Pomeroy and they are anticipating 400 people at the venue.

Mr. Brake was in attendance and he noted that he met with the people at the Pomeroy and expressed concerns about the food service because of the issues with the Premier's Dinner. They have assured that what they are serving can be prepared in advance and it will be much better service than at the Premier's Dinner.

FCSS NW SPRING REGIONAL MEETING

(WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS)

(Issue #20130319008)

The date for the meeting has been changed since the previous presentation to Council on March 11, 2013. The FCSS NW Spring Regional Meeting has now been rescheduled to May 13 & 14, 2013 in Grande Prairie.

There is a conflict being Regular Council Meeting is on May 13 and MPC is on May 14, 2013. Originally this meeting was scheduled for May 9 & 10 and did not have any conflicts.

INFORMATION

MONTHLY STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 2012

(INFORMATION ITEMS)

(Issue #20130306002)

A report of monthly cash flows, investments and accounts paid for December 2012. The audit for the 2012 financial year begins on March 11, 2013. A full report and draft financial statements will be provided for Council approval in April 2013.

The report is submitted monthly for Council's information.

Resolution #CM20130325.1024

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to accept the monthly statement report for December 2012 as information.

CARRIED**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS FOR
EXTENSION OF BRANDING
AND VISUAL IDENTITY
CONTRACT**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130318006)

In October, 2012, Council approved Schollie Research & Consulting as the successful contractor for the Branding & Visual Identity Program. A County Branding Advisory Committee was formed to provide insight and guidance towards the development of a new Branding and Visual Identity program for the County of Grande Prairie.

As per the terms of the contract, the brand position, promise and concept were presented to Council in January. The "Spirit of the Pioneer" was approved. Council requested that the consultation process be expanded during the visual identity phase of the project to include two open houses along with the online survey. This was completed and the results were presented to the County Branding Advisory Committee on March 12, 2013. The committee recommended that the visual identity phase of the project be extended to accommodate additional opportunities for public input. Specifically, Communications was directed to have hard copies of the visual identity survey available at the Peace Petroleum Show and the County open houses at the end of June.

As per the current terms of the contract, the final recommendations must be presented to Council in May 2013. An extension to the contract and additional funds will be required to accommodate the additional opportunities for public input.

Staff Requirements/Implications:

A member of the Communications department will attend the Peace Petroleum Show on May 15 and 16 at Evergreen Park and the County Open Houses June 25, 26, and 27 with hard copies of the survey available for the public.

Resources Required:

Additional County Branding Advisory Committee meetings to accommodate extension of the contract to December 2013.

Bill Rogan discussed the background information in regards to Branding and noted that the County had imposed the deadline for submissions as March 2013 but we wanted to have more public input at the June Open Houses and also the Oil and Gas Show in May; extending the contract will allow for further consultations.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the recommendation was that an extension be granted so the Councillors can discuss the brand and new logo with more ratepayers and the oil and gas industry.

Councillor Nelson inquired why they are going to a Petroleum

Show and getting opinions from there. Bill noted that they wanted to ask industry in the area what their opinions are on the new branding. They also wanted to get the outside opinions from people who would be coming to the oil and gas show.

Resolution #CM20130325.1025

MOVED BY R. HARPE to terminate the County of Grande Prairie Branding Project.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that the County has already funded about \$60,000 and we need to put the \$6900.00 more in so that more ratepayers' opinions can be obtained.

Councillor Nelson commented that average rate payers only see the money being spent on the new logo, but it is for a whole new branding identity. The previous consultation was approved and \$6900.00 is not much more to put out for the information that will be received.

Councillor Smith inquired how much over the initial budget of \$55,000 they are for Branding. Councillor Harpe also inquired what the total amount spent on the project has been. Bill noted the numbers will have to be brought back as they do not have the exact figures here; Council wanted additional consultation and there are additional costs associated with that (specific people they wanted to meet with). The deadline has already been extended once and this will be the second request.

Resolution #CM20130325.1026

MOVED BY R. HARPE to table the termination motion until Finance can bring back the total amount of funding spent to date on the County Branding Project.

TABLED

**ESTIMATED IMPACT OF
PROVINCIAL BUDGET 2013/14**
(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130320001)

Bill Rogan noted that Council had requested information be brought back regarding the impact of the Provincial budget announcements on the County budget and programs. A summary was provided by Noreen Vavrek, Director of Finance, in the attachment package for information purposes. At the time of writing, this was the information as understood and available, but may not be an inclusive listing of all the impacts.

There was discussion on the impact for each grant.

STEP Program: was provided as a fixed amount and will be a \$12,000 loss as the program has been suspended.

Slight increase with MSI Operating: \$459,676 in 2013 to decrease yearly over the next 4 years; it will be added into the Regional Collaboration Program (which will be used to fund studies and designs among other things).

Reeve Beaupre inquired where the funds for operating are targeted. Ms. Vavrek responded that they are being targetted towards the Dunes/Fire Operations. The County will need to find more operating revenue in upcoming years to fund this.

Water for Life: 48% reduction to the program; the County currently has one application in for a study on getting water from the Peace for the water and wastewater program. It is population based and not really used recently for Clairmont but may still qualify for the program as it has been used in the past for Bezanson and La Glace.

There was considerable discussion in regards to the Local Road Bridge Program.

Local Bridge Program: no current funding available and it is hard to estimate the impact as it is based on an application basis. There is lots of bridge work that needs to be done still and Council asked Ms. Vavrek to add \$500,000 to the 2013 budget, \$750,000 in 2014, and \$1 million for 2015 to keep up with the program funding cuts. Reeve Beaupre asked for a dollar figure on what bridge work will cost within the County of Grande Prairie. Mr. Pfau responded that bridge work will cost about \$4 million over the next 2 years.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the Minster was looking into reducing the requirements for engineering so there can be some cost savings. Bill commented that low volume, rural road bridges (like some within the County) do not require the engineering of high traffic level crossings. Mr. Pfau noted that we will need to ensure a safe system is implemented to address the reduction in bridge program funding.

Councillor Eckstrom commented on the \$6 million of MSI Capital funds and inquired whether some could be used for the bridge program; "do we already have plans for the \$6 million for roads, or do we have leeway?". Bill responded that 75% of the MSI Capital has been designate for roads (3-4 years of improvements have been selected already); some funding will be going to the CSB; some funding for the new PW/IT building; Beaverlodge Pool; and other areas as well. Councillor Eckstrom commented that if there is any extra funding available it should be

allocated to the bridges. Bill agreed with Councillor Eckstrom and noted that the Minister said there was provincial funding available in other areas that can be used for the bridges and other projects as well.

Councillor Sutherland inquired into the size of culverts and the difference between having a culvert and a bridge. Mr. Pfau responded that anything over 5 feet is considered a bridge. Bill noted that anything with multiple pipes and totaling 5 feet or more in diameter is considered a bridge.

Resource Road Grant: currently unfunded and will be wrapping up this year; have been fairly successful with this program over the last few years. The anticipated 2013 grant (\$2,260,092.00) is the completion of the 2012 project approved under the 2012/13 allocation.

**2:30 APPOINTMENT -
DINOSAUR MUSEUM FUNDING
OPTIONS**

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130315002)

Ms. Vavrek noted that at the March 11, 2013 Council meeting they were asked to come back with potential funding sources for the Dino Museum as well as the impact on other projects if the additional funds are allocated to the museum.

She noted that the remaining shortfall for the Museum is \$12.3 million and that they are working to reduce the additional costs within the building. She also discussed the phases and the budget for construction and installation, as well as the land purchase and other associated costs (as presented on the Powerpoint).

Funding Sources:

- Committed Funds (2013-2017): \$16.7 million;
- Funding used to date: \$2.86 million;
- Funding available: \$3.12 million;
- Total funding paid or committed: \$22.7 million (graph on Powerpoint)

Potential Funding Sources:

- Facility Capital Reserve: \$3 million;
- Infrastructure Reserve: \$1 million;
- General Tax Revenue: \$1 million;
- 2014 MSI (currently allocated for road projects): \$3.3 million;
- Borrowing Bylaw: To Be Decided

Councillor Nelson asked for more clarification: the estimated budget is now \$35 million, construction is \$25 million and everything else was never considered. She inquired why we are looking at the whole project now and we had never done that with any other project; Bill Rogan responded that everything was

included in the Sportsplex as well. Councillor Nelson commented that the FFE and Storyline Displays can maybe be donated or sponsored once ground is broken.

Impact on Facility Capital Reserve: balance unallocated is \$3.88 million. The future needs for this reserve are a proposed parks and recreation shop, maintenance of the Sportsplex Building, and various community requests.

Impact on Infrastructure Reserve: balance unallocated is \$1.9 million. The future needs for this reserve are road & bridge infrastructure needs (as provincial funding is unavailable) and unanticipated overages on other capital projects.

Reeve Beaupre inquired whether the MSI included the CSB. Ms. Vavrek noted that in 2013 there will be \$1.38 million of MSI funding used for payment on debt for the CSB and in 2014 there will be \$300,000 of funding used. They wanted to ensure that roads were being addressed with the MSI funding.

If borrowing is considered Ms. Vavrek outlined the Annual Debt cost and interest costs associated with each \$1 million that is borrowed.

Funding Options:

- a) borrow \$12.3 million for the full amount of the shortfall;
- b) borrow \$7.3 million;
 - use \$4 million from reserves, and \$1 million in new growth;
- c) borrow \$4 million;
 - use \$4 million from reserves and \$1 million in new growth;
 - use \$3.3 million from 2014 MSI

Ms. Vavrek showed a graph outlining the 2012 debt and noted that the debt limit at the end of 2012 was \$112 million. Councillor Smith commented on local improvements and inquired how much is supported. Bill responded that \$15-17 million is supported and only 17% of debt is unsupported (the green and blue on the graph is not supported).

Funding Sources to pay annual borrowing:

- naming rights (estimated at \$2.6 million);
- other levels of government (estimated at \$500,000);
- Other donations and fundraising;
- General Revenue (County).

Reeve Beaupre inquired that if Council was to approve the borrowing for the building (not the storyline and other items), would the anticipation be that Mr. Brake will raise the rest of the funding. She also inquired what the timelines are for borrowing

and advertising when looking at the construction of the building. Ms. Vavrek responded that the normal process is to bring the Borrowing Bylaw to Council for first reading, then advertise for 2 weeks; there is a 15 day waiting period until the bylaw can come back to Council for second and third readings. Bill commented that we are not obligated to borrow the full amount, if we are successful in fundraising we can borrow less money; the County would ask for the full amount on borrowing and use whatever was needed. Ms. Vavrek noted that we would require an amendment if the full amount was not used.

Councillor Nelson commented that she agrees with Mr. Smashnuk that it will not be the onus of the ratepayer to make the museum a success, it is the full region committing to the museum. She believes we can borrow the \$2-3 million to fund ONLY the building construction.

Councillor Sutherland noted that he agrees with Councillor Nelson's regional comment because they had promised stakeholders they would raise a certain amount of money. He further noted that once they have started the project more funding will come somehow. The Province of Alberta needs more tourism and we need something to draw tourists to Alberta. He commented that there is currently about 719 local memberships to the museum once it is built and opened expects more.

Resolution #CM20130325.1027

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that the County accept the stipulated costs amount from PCL for \$25,175,813.00 for construction of the building and work with PCL to determine options to reduce the costs.

Councillor Jacobs inquired whether the \$25 million includes the utilization of local labour and sub-contractors or if it is just for construction costs. She also posed a question for Bill: "if we add the storyline displays as Phase 5 would it allow for a second tender to be done and apply for these costs later?". Bill responded that the County would have to do 2 separate borrowings this year, one for construction and one for the storylines. Councillor Jacobs commented that people will likely support a smaller budget and borrowing bylaw. She also inquired if there would be any savings if they were to save the classrooms and storylines for a later date. Bill responded that the Building Committee would have to discuss that and figure out the savings that can potentially occur.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired into the procedure for addressing a tabled motion. Bill responded that Council should go In Camera to

address the legal advice requested.

Reeve Beaupre asked Administration for the proper procedure for the tabled motions. Shirley Feldberg, Manager of Legislative Services, responded that Council should proceed with legal counsel opinion prior addressing the tabled motion. Council would ask Councillor Sutherland to withdraw his motion at this juncture until a legal opinion can be obtained; Councillor Sutherland commented that he has no problem tabling the motion until the legal opinion can be received.

Resolution #CM20130325.1028

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to table his initial motion pending receipt of advice from legal counsel.

TABLED

Russell Bridgeman, PCL, commented on the timeline for tenders and noted that they sent out letters confirming that sub-trades will hold their quoted prices until April 22nd, 2013 as per the 60 day timeline from the opening of the tender.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the information is available from legal counsel and that she can entertain an In Camera motion to discuss this item.

Resolution #CM20130325.1029

MOVED by M. ECKSTROM that the meeting go In Camera at 3:37 p.m.

Council proceed to the Council Lounge to discuss the In Camera item regarding the opinion from legal counsel on the contract with PCL for construction management of the Dino Museum.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130325.1030

MOVED BY L. DUECK that the meeting come out of In Camera at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Council discussed the legal advise in regards to the tabled motion and concluded that they are not satisfied with amount of advise provided.

Councillor Sutherland thanked Ms. Vavrek for her presentation

and noted that no decision has been made as to where the shortfall funding will come from. He noted that at the last Dino Construction meeting they had asked PCL to come back about possible cost savings areas; they have not got the proper information back yet. Councillor Sutherland would like to give them a little more time to come up with the actual cost savings breakdown.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the contract with PCL specifies a budget that they will work from and the stipulated price for construction with some items can be removed from initial contract. There are at least 4 items discussed for pricing.

At this time Council cannot make a motion on this as they have not got the prices from PCL yet (heating, mechanical, electrical, etc). It will be at least a week until the prices are received; Mr. Bridgeman commented that he has not met with the electricians yet but met with Mr. Shane Kessler today; he has heard back from the mechanical. There still needs to be more discussion with the Architect. Mr. Pfau commented that Mr. Kessler has been working on the parking lots and numbers from local contractors. They have not committed to anything yet and are trying to figure out numbers and contracts.

Reeve Beaupre spoke to the Gallery and provided background information on this item: Council has chosen to ask PCL to come back with cost savings options. There are Spring budget deliberation on April 18th, Council will have a meeting prior to that being aware of the time constraints. Mr. Bridgeman will need to engage the bids by April 22nd.

Councillor Harpe inquired what other work is being done. Mr. Pfau responded he will be putting the numbers together for cubic meters of ground, gravel, etc. as the initial motion was for 240 meters of graveling.

Resolution #CM20130325.1031

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to extend the Regular Council Meeting past 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Council had not received enough information from the legal opinion to make a decision on the tabled motion.

It was noted that the motion by Councillor Sutherland was premature because they are waiting on PCL for numbers; he cannot ask Council to consider the stipulated price contract until they have received the cost savings from PCL.

Resolution #CM20130325.1032

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the discussion on this item be brought back to Council on April 18th directly after budget deliberations for 2013 so it can be addressed.

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to amend to previous motion to have discussions done before the budget deliberations on April 18th at 9am.

This was not accepted as a friendly amendment.

Councillor Harpe commented that if discussions are done before budget we do not know where we are financially to contribute funds and where the funds could be allocated from.

Councillor Eckstrom spoke to the amendment, she agrees with Councillor Harpe because going through the budget will then allow Council to figure out where the funds can come from and the amount that can be contributed. She noted that there are other items that need to be addressed first (roads, bridges, etc).

Councillor Jacobs commented that the discussion should be done to prior the budget so it can be considered in budget discussions.

Councillor Harpe commented that infrastructure needs to be addressed first before the Dino Museum.

Councillor Eckstrom noted the request from Odyssey House that came in a previous Council meeting: \$450,000 facility to transition women back into the community that is not in the budget yet, it has been sent to budget deliberations. Reeve

Beaupre commented that the Dino Museum is not in the budget at all, Odyssey House had been included.

Resolution #CM20130325.1033

Council voted on Councillor Sutherland's amendment to Councillor Harpe's motion.

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to amend to previous motion to have discussions done before the budget deliberations on April 18th at 9am.

This was not accepted as a friendly amendment.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20130325.1034

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the meeting adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

His motion was withdrawn.

WITHDRAWN

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON &
LEADERS OF TOMORROW
AWARDS**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130320002)

Presented as information.

INFORMATION

**BUILDING EXPANSION
COMMITTEE - JANUARY 29,
2013 AND FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130320003)

Council noted that Sherry Green's name is present on the minutes; they are expecting her back to work by April 18th, 2013.

Councillor Smith commented that Council needs to make final decisions in regards to the renovations.

Councillor Bulford commented that the BEC did have a meeting for the colour selection and the colours were being sent back to the designer and they need a decision very soon.

TENDERING PROJECT

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130404001)

Mr. Pfau noted that tenders opened on February 28, 2013 for the tendering got Range Road 54 road construction and BF. 13627 Bridge construction.

The following bids were received:

- Cox Contractors Ltd. \$1,594,574.00
- Ken Wilson Contracting Ltd. \$1,899,395.00
- Forest Trotter Contracting Ltd. \$2,739,173.50

Public Works recommends awarding the tended to the low bidder, Cox Contractors Ltd., for their bid of \$1,594,574.00.

Resolution #CM20130325.1035

MOVED BY R. HARPE that Councillors Nelson, Harpe, Sutherland, and Eckstrom meet before the MPC meeting at 9:50 a.m. for the Committee Review Tendering Project for Range Road 54 and Bridge BF13627.

CARRIED

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS FOR
EXTENSION OF BRANDING
AND VISUAL IDENTITY
CONTRACT**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130318006)

Bill Rogan commented on the budget implications for extending the Branding Contract. He noted that the original price was \$55,000, Council made a motion to extend once for public consultation which cost an additional \$7900. They are asking for \$6900 for another time extension to get more public feedback and opinions. The total spent to date is around \$70,000.

Councillor Nelson commented that she believes we should go forward with the additional extension to get public input from the ratepayers.

Councillor Dueck inquired that if we decide not to have the consultants come back, can the County still have the logos and go forward with changes if wanted. Bill responded that the consultants can come and discuss the logos and brand more with ratepayers; they can have both the consultants and Communications discussing with ratepayers.

Councillor Harpe commented that he does not want them to come back because they say they are the experts but he believes that the Councillors are the experts.

Reeve Beaupre commented that we are hung up on the actual logo, there is more to branding than just a logo; the brand promise and brand position as well.

Councillor Nelson asked for clarification on the motion being voted on. Bill responded that the motion that was made is to terminate the contract with the Branding consultants and discontinue the project. Councillor Nelson asked for a recorded vote.

Councillor Jacobs commented that she does not want consultants or staff going to open houses as she felt offended by the consultants at the open houses.

Resolution #CM20130325.1036

MOVED BY S. NELSON for a recorded vote on the previous motion to terminate the contract with the Branding consultants and discontinue the branding project.

Votes:

In Brock Smith, Lois Dueck, Pat Jacobs, Richard Harpe, Ross
Favour: Sutherland

Opposed: Harold Bulford, Leanne Beaupre, Mary Ann Eckstrom, Sharon
Nelson

CARRIED

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(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130320002)

Resolution #CM20130325.1037

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to support the National Volunteer Luncheon and donate a door prize up to \$150.00 through the FCSS budget.

Sheryle Runhart will have the event put in Council calendar for attendance.

CARRIED

PERSONNEL

(IN CAMERA)
(Issue #20130325005)

Councillor Jacobs deferred her In Camera item (Personnel) to the next Council meeting date.

**COUNCILLOR, COMMITTEE
AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Councillor Dueck noted that she will not be present tomorrow at MPC and the Chair Reeve Beaupre will also be absent. Councillor Dueck asked Councillor Smith to Chair the MPC meeting on March 26, 2013. It was decided that a Chair could be selected at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20130325.1038

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the meeting adjourn at 5:07 p.m.

CARRIED

REEVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR