

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
HELD AT COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY MARCH 4, 2013
10:00 a.m.

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| PRESENT | CHAIRMAN L. BEAUPRE COUNCILLORS H. BULFORD M. ECKSTROM P. JACOBS B. SMITH R. SUTHERLAND S. NELSON R. HARPE L. DUECK COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR W. A. (BILL) ROGAN LEGISLATIVE SERVICES MANAGER SHIRLEY FELDBERG SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HERB PFAU DIRECTOR OF PLANNING JOHN SIMPSON RECORDING SECRETARY AMANDA ORAVEC |
| MEDIA | AARON HINKS DAILY HERALD TRIBUNE JEFF HENSON FREE FM |
| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the singing of O Canada. |
| ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA | <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> that the Agenda be adopted with the additions as amended.</p> <p>Councillor Smith added a letter from the Hythe Community Centre; item 10.4 in New Business.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre added an item to New Business (10.5) discussion on Board Representation on the Dino Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-190-13</p> |
| INTRODUCING STACEY DECHIEF AS PERMANENT HELPDESK | <p>Natalia Madden, Systems Manager, introduced Stacey Dechief as the newest permanent helpdesk staff. Stacey has provided excellent customer service to County Staff since June 2011 and they are looking forward to continuing working with her.</p> <p>Stacey was welcomed to the full-time staff at the County</p> |

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| | <p>and thanked for her continued service.</p> |
| <p>KEVIN HEFFERNAN, PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR UNCONVENTIONAL RESOURCES</p> | <p>Deryle Penner, Resource Specialist for Public Works, introduced Mr. Kevin Heffernan, President of the Canadian Society for Unconventional Resources, who came from Calgary.</p> <p>Mr. Heffernan thanked Council for the opportunity to attend today's Council meeting. He began his presentation on Hydraulic Fracturing.</p> <p>He commented that the oil and gas industry is changing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizontal wells now account for more than 70% of wells drilled. • Shale gas is being developed with horizontal wells. • Unconventional gas now accounts for more than 25% of Canadian natural gas supply and over 50% in the USA. • Advances in technology (horizontal drilling and multi-stage hydraulic fracturing) have enabled substantial growth in the oil and natural gas supply in North America. <p>Reservoirs:</p> <p>Conventional: contained in natural gas reservoirs. Create pathways for gas to flow through rock. Have shifted from conventional to unconventional reservoirs over the past 10 years.</p> <p>Unconventional: contained in tight gas sand; natural gas from coal reservoirs are classified as unconventional due to type of gas storage. The permeability is tight (0.1 mD such as limestone and sidewalk concrete) to extremely tight (0.0001 mD such as shale and granite). Unconventional gas reservoirs include tight gas sand, coal bed methane, gas hydrates, and shale gas.</p> <p>Hydraulic Fracturing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the lack of permeability of shale, gas and oil do not flow through easily. These operations create pathways in the reservoir to allow for flow and it takes a lot of pressure and fluids to create these pathways. This process has been used since the 1950's but the scale has now changed. • Have gone from 90% horizontal wells to 75% vertical wells in 2012; there has been a dramatic shift from gas to oil when using horizontal wells. More than 70% of wells are horizontal in Alberta. The same is happening in BC and Saskatchewan as well as the USA. <p>Technology has evolved and now horizontal wells can be up to 3500 m long; these types of wells were not even considered 15 years ago.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydraulic fracturing fluids can consist of gases or |

liquids that are capable of being pumped under pressure into the reservoir and capable of transporting sand;

- The most common fluid used is water (or variations) although in some cases, nitrogen, propane, oil and CO₂ have been used. The choice of fluid is dependent on reservoir properties, cost and availability;
- Proppant materials commonly consist of sand or ceramic beads that can be carried within the fluid as well as withstand reservoir pressures once the fracture treatment is completed. Proppant holds the fractures open and allows for the pathways;
- Small amounts of chemicals may be added to the fracture fluid to minimize reactions that may occur between the fracture fluid and the reservoir or hydrocarbons; same chemicals have been used for decades.

Chemicals prevent rock and fluid interactions and friction reducers are used to reduce resistance. There would typically be half a dozen chemicals used for fracturing.

- "Slick Water" fracture fluid consists mostly of water and is the most common fluid used in shale gas completions;
- The volume of fracture fluid used is dependent on the size of fracture treatment as well as the number of fractures planned for the wellbore; 50-100 m vertically;
- Disclosure of additives is now required in Alberta and British Columbia;
- Volumes of fluid and proppant, as well as pressures, are monitored and controlled onsite;
- Changes in rock characteristics tend to terminate growth of fractures upward or downward while fluid is being pumped;
- When pumping stops, fractures stop growing;
- Proppant prevents subsurface reservoir pressures from forcing the fractures to close:
 - Gas, oil, and water are able to flow through the rocks to the well.

It was noted that Alberta has regulations in place that ensure isolation of groundwater and isolation of the reservoir with cement and various casings; typically with shale (not methane) the reservoirs are 1500-3000m below groundwater resources that are used for agriculture services.

Mr. Heffernan presented a graph showing where the hydraulic fracturing is occurring and the depth in which

the fracturing occurred. Blue lines on the chart shows maximum corresponding depth of groundwater.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the chart presented is showing other areas than in Alberta. Mr. Heffernan responded that they do not have the data to show only Alberta statistics.

Fluid volumes are dependent on where the well is located and what the company is drilling for (gas or oil); for large fracturing operations the typical use is 100,000-130,000 m³ of water per well.

Mr. Heffernan provided some Canadian examples:

- Montney (Alberta, BC) 2,000 – 8,000 m³ (gas, oil)
- Horn River (BC) 35,000 – 135,000 m³ (gas)
- Duvernay (Alberta) 10,000 – 50,000 m³ (gas)
- Cardium (Alberta) 0 – 4,000 m³ (oil)
- Bakken (Saskatchewan) 0 – 3,000 m³ (oil)

Councillor Harpe commented that Cardium is only 750-900 feet in depth. Mr. Heffernan noted that he was not sure about the depths at Cardium.

Councillor Nelson inquired how many fractures there were in 2012. Mr. Heffernan responded that for the first 9 months in 2012 there were 3000 licenced wells for oil reservoirs. Councillor Nelson commented that over 70% are fractured.

Councillor Smith inquired whether oil companies are hiding the information in regards to the chemicals used for their fracturing. Mr. Heffernan responded that transparency is beneficial but not all wells have monitoring done on them and not all companies disclose their information as they should be doing; there is data but it is not available.

Councillor Sutherland inquired how the CSUR defines groundwater. Mr. Heffernan responded that it is "usable water that is less than 4000mg/l total dissolved solids below the ground". Councillor Sutherland responded that Alberta Environment defines it as 'anything below the surface'. Mr. Heffernan commented that potable water is 'less than 1000m below ground' and usable groundwater can be blended with surface water and used for a lot of operations (fracing, etc.). Councillor Sutherland commented that there is no clear definition of either potable or groundwater.

Councillor Eckstrom commented on the use of potable water in fracing and noted that Council has been concerned with drinking water being used for fracing as there will be people left without drinkable water.

Councillor Nelson inquired into "slick water" and whether there have been any studies or lab testing done on what

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| | <p>happens to the slick water after it is formed and whether it separates over a period of time. Mr. Heffernan requested that the question be deferred to later in the presentation.</p> <p>Mr. Heffernan commented that chemicals are monitored during the entire operation and the chemicals are blended with the sand and the fluid comes out of the blender into high pressure pumps and into the wells.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water storage practices can vary depending on the stage of development, location, and size of fracturing operation: surface impoundments; C-rings; and tanks.• Increasing use of additives like CO₂, N₂, and alternate fluids is reducing water use and associated impacts. <p>In commercial operations there is a strong tendency to re-use the hydraulic fracturing fluid (it is stored, tested, and re-used). This serves to reduce the amount of fresh water being used in hydraulic fracturing. Mr. Heffernan noted that it is very expensive to store, test, and re-use the fracturing fluid during the initial evaluation stage so there is a tendency to use fresh water out of convenience.</p> <p>Mr. Heffernan noted that some places sell municipal water for fracturing because there is some not being used by residents. Typically the water used is from rivers, streams, and lakes, and it is collected over a period of weeks instead of happening in one day. However, a lot of places are looking to reduce the amount of fresh water being used for hydraulic fracturing.</p> <p>Mr. Heffernan also discussed "Green" additives which are food grade additives that are extracted from vegetables. These additives promote a move away from toxic chemicals in the frac fluid.</p> <p>He also discussed that deep saline aquifers are being used as source water for fracing operations; for example Encana obtains 95% of their fracturing fluid from saline aquifers and they also use industrial and community wastewater as source water. Recently there has been more development of less water-intensive fluids; for example blending with carbon monoxide as is common in British Columbia.</p> <p>Mr. Heffernan noted that there have been two large scale regional water management studies done (one on the Wapiti River and one in BC). The studies have been focused on understanding the water sources and how much water can be used, as well as where the disposal zones are located.</p> <p>Understanding water risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Groundwater Protection Council did a review of Ohio and Texas in 2011. They examined groundwater contamination incidents in 350,000 |
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| | <p>wells and there were 396 documented incidents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Resources for the Future (RFF) 2012-2013: the biggest risks are associated with storage of fracturing and flowback fluids. <p>Trends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Groundwater investigations in Alberta and BC are addressing surface and deep saline groundwater opportunities;Through CAPP operators have adopted principles and operating practices for shale gas development and hydraulic fracturing;The PSAC released a statement of principles addressing health, safety, environmental protection, continuous improvement, and respect for communities. <p>Reeve Beaupre commented that the Alberta government should have statistics showing where water has been contaminated; we need more than the USA statistics. Mr. Heffernan noted that he is not sure of any groundwater contamination in Alberta, but Leanne Chartrand from the ERCB can address that.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson inquired again about the analysis on Slick water in a lab setting. Mr. Heffernan noted that slick water is used again for other fracturing in other operations, company's dispose of 2000 barrels a year; he does not know whether there has been studies and testing done on slick water.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson also inquired how the CSUR determines and identifies groundwater and reservoirs; "what technology is used to determine where groundwater ends and the well starts?" Mr. Heffernan noted that there are two sources: existing drilling and geophysical logging that occur and operators are supposed to provide this information.</p> <p>Councillor Sutherland commented that Devon is using 95% recycled water in their frac and inquired how we can get people around here to use recycled water as well. Mr. Heffernan noted that, in relation to commercial development, they have flowback water sitting in tanks and disposal wells that can be reused and it does make economic sense to obtain freshwater from elsewhere and having it trucked onto the lease. Many operators have started doing this and there are some operations that are sharing the flowback fluids.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre thanked Mr. Heffernan for his presentation that concluded at 10:55 a.m.</p> |
| <p>LEANNE CHARTRAND, ERCB</p> | <p>Leanne Chartrand, Energy Resources Conservation Board, began her presentation at 10:55 a.m. She wanted to show a YouTube video clip but due to time constraints the link will be sent to Councillors and a quick question and answer session will commence.</p> |

The YouTube video explained the concept of hydraulic fracturing to all people, even if they do not have experience with it or know any additional information about it.

The ERCB regulates Oil and Gas in Alberta. She will try and answer any of the regulation questions that were addressed to Mr. Heffernan by Council; if she cannot answer the questions she can find the answers and have them e-mailed to Council.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired whether the ERCB is working with Alberta Environment in regards to the protection of municipal water, as it is a great concern for ratepayers. Ms. Chartrand responded that the ERCB is working with Alberta Environment to find alternate solutions that can be used such as chemical drivers and flowback fluids. There are also economic drivers from oil and gas that are part of what the government considers when creating regulations; she spoke about the "Social Licence" and noted that Devon follows the Social Licence model. It was also noted that in June the ERCB will combine with Alberta Environment to become a single energy regulator.

Councillor Harpe commented that the ERCB should be making industry release lists of the chemicals that are being used for the fracturing. Ms. Chartrand responded that as of 2013 January, all fractures are to submit reports on the chemicals used and the amount of chemicals on fracfocus.ca; before then they had to share the list of chemicals used with the ERCB. She also noted that more people are now asking about the lists of chemicals so they have made it accessible for everyone. In relation to proprietary information, the ERCB will pull a summary of what the proprietary stream is and supply it if necessary.

Councillor Harpe inquired if the ERCB releases the amount of water used and lost during the fracturing. Ms. Chartrand responded that they capture how much water is used but they do not share or capture how much is lost afterwards.

Mr. Penner noted that with the fracfocus.ca website you require a well license number and therefore he has not been successful with his searches to date. Ms. Chartrand responded that was the first time that she has heard anything negative about the website and if Mr. Penner, or the general public, requires the well license number they can call the ERCB to obtain it.

Councillor Smith commented on legislation in regards to surface casing depth and casings as well as the amount of water being used prior beginning the frac. He also inquired into an article in the newspaper about a frac in Grande Prairie that was leaving frac fluids in the aquifer and that the ERCB was monitoring it. Ms. Chartrand

responded that she was aware of one frac in the M.D. of Greenview (at 16-27-68-10; Crew Energy Inc.) that encountered this issue but it happened on September 22, 2011 and the report was just recently released to the public; the newspaper may be referring to that incident and she will share the link to the report with Council.

Councillor Nelson noted her concerns with Slick water and lab testing; she inquired how long it stays as slick water and whether it ever changes into a different form. Ms. Chartrand responded that she is not sure of any testing on the time frames of the slick water; water that does come to surface must be taken to a treatment facility or injected deeply, she is not aware of any lab testing.

Councillor Nelson also inquired how groundwater and reservoirs are defined when making decisions to fracture. Ms. Chartrand responded that Mr. Heffernan had touched on the use of seismic instruments to determine industry depths; the ERCB has a draft directive for fracturing (it is still a draft because they require stakeholder feedback). The definition ERCB uses to define non-saline aquifers is 'aquifers having less than 4000 mg of saline per litre'. Ms. Chartrand will provide the draft directive to Council.

Reeve Beaupre inquired into the regulated depth of disposal wells. Ms. Chartrand responded that the depth of the wells is thousands of meters below the surface and it must be deeper than the aquifer. She will look for a definition of the minimum depth for a disposal well and send it back to Council.

Councillor Sutherland asked Ms. Chartrand to send the ERCB definitions of groundwater and potable groundwater to Council. Ms. Chartrand responded that the ERCB does not have a definition on potable groundwater as they do not have jurisdiction over the different kinds of groundwater.

Councillor Harpe inquired what other agencies will be included once they merge in June. Ms. Chartrand responded that all agencies that deal with oil and gas will be dealt with through them and they will become an Alberta Energy Regulator. Councillor Harpe also posed questions in regards to potable water. Ms. Chartrand responded that the Water Act is currently being worked on so oil and gas issues can be brought to the Energy Regulator. She also noted that Bill 2 is now completed and is open to the public to view and that regulations will go hand in hand with this Bill.

Bill Rogan inquired whether there are open houses happening in regards to the Energy Regulator; Ms. Chartrand noted that a conversation on water took place last week. She noted that the water conversation was very eye opening because members of the public rarely comment on fracturing and there were many

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| | <p>ratepayers and landowners in attendance to discuss fracturing. It was requested that Council be kept informed of when and where more open houses will be occurring.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom commented that there is no transparency when it comes to companies completing hydraulic fracturing. She also noted that although disposal wells are very deep, the smell is terrible and there are still noticeable issues.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson commented that she has always got a great response when calling the ERCB and asking questions. Councillor Harpe made a recommendation to address the trust issues that exist between the public and agencies like the ERCB; they need an arms-length person in-between government, the public, and industry.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre commented that industry is starting to become more transparent and they are looking more at their social licences.</p> <p>Ms. Chartrand commented on a discussion paper that was created by the ERCB for stakeholders; it speaks to different ways of regulating and wanting to look ahead for regulations that need to be implemented for the oil and gas industry in Alberta. It was distributed to Council and they can submit feedback until March 31, 2013.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre thanked Ms. Chartrand for her presentation and she left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.</p> |
| <p>RECESS</p> | <p><u>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM</u> that Council have a 5 minute break at 11:25 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-191-13</p> |
| <p>RECONVENE</p> | <p>The meeting reconvened at 11:32 a.m.</p> |
| <p>TRENT MCLAUGHLIN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION</p> | <p>Trent McLaughlin, Regional Director of Alberta Transportation, introduced Henry Surowaniec, Operations Engineer for Alberta Transportation. They began their presentation at 11:33 a.m.</p> <p>Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Surowaniec noted that they will answer any follow-up questions from Council that have emerged since their meeting in the Fall and the Zone meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Eckstrom commented that she is concerned that there is going to be very little road rehabilitation this year. She inquired whether Alberta Transportation (AT) is going to address the heaving highways in this area, Highway 43 from Bezanson to Grande Prairie and Highway 43 from Wembley to Grande Prairie; there are big trucks with full loads that can cause safety issues for the travelling public as well as potential accidents.</p> <p>Mr. McLaughlin responded that he cannot speak to</p> |

specific projects as the budget will not be released until March 7th, 2013. In relation to heaving, 3 years ago a project was done to address this; AT tried 7 different types of repairs (some cost lots of money, other not very much money) such as trenching and filling with gravel. He noted that the heaving occurs because the soil was dry during initial paving and the pavement cracks and swells when water gets into it. He also noted that they have been monitoring the growth of the heaves so they can find the best way to tackle the issues long-term. AT has not received the plan/study back yet but they are aware that it is a long-term problem they are trying to address.

Councillor Eckstrom also commented on the lack of dead animal pickup this season; the caucuses need to be addressed earlier than the 3 weeks it is currently taking for removal.

Reeve Beaupre inquired whether other twinned highways in the province are experience the same issues in regards to heaving and cracking. Mr. McLaughlin responded that the heaving can exist in other places in Alberta but it is because of the high plastic soil that Grande Prairie is experiencing so many issues.

Councillor Harpe inquired what is being done for the Valhalla Centre highway plan at the intersection of Highway 59 and Township Road 723. Bill Rogan responded that there will not be an upgrade done until there is work that needs to be done to the Highway. Mr. Pfau commented that this area is affecting residents. Mr. McLaughlin noted that the Highway plan has been shelved until Highway 59 is addressed.

Councillor Harpe discussed the Township Road 723 and Highway 672 intersection noting that there was not enough room for trucks to turn and stay in their own lane; there needs to be turning lanes constructed. He also commented on the Township 724 and Highway 59 intersection in La Glace because there is parking in front of the store and it is hard for large trucks turning. Councillor Harpe noted that there is a park on each side of the intersection and they can maybe get a bit of land from them for turning lanes. Mr. McLaughlin responded that those intersections are being looked at as they progress. Councillor Harpe commented that these intersections need to be done for safety reasons.

Councillor Nelson commented on the Township Road 730 and Highway 2 North intersection at the top of Mercer Hill that is part of the Clairmont Heights ASP which has now been approved by Council and AT. The intersection at the top of highway is dangerous because of the trailer and truck traffic; she asked Mr. McLaughlin if a sign can be placed North on the highway advising traffic heading from the South to stay in the outside lane. Mr. McLaughlin responded that issues like that are not addressed until there is a major development to drive the priority.

Councillor Nelson commented that she believes there should be a Highway 2X constructed because this corridor is growing and there will be more traffic going in all directions soon.

Councillor Smith commented on the replacement of the bridge off Highway 672 in Hythe. They have been notified that the bridge will be shut down for repairs until October and it causes issues for farmers as they have numerous loads that need to be transported. Mr. McLaughlin responded that it is normal for bridge construction to take a year.

Reeve Beaupre commented on the intersection at Highway 668 and Highway 40; although it is a brand new intersection the potholes are really bad, there is lots of truck traffic making it a very rough road, and it is an 80 km/h zone. She commented that there has been some pothole relief done during the night but there are still several potholes that have not been filled. Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Surowaniec responded that they are working on completing maintenance through the City of Grande Prairie as well; all the potholes were not filled in because the asphalt "hot-mix" is not available and it cannot be used in the cold. It was also noted that workers are trying to complete the work on off-peak hours. Reeve Beaupre also noted that people who drive on Township Road 704 cannot see the approaches and the signs are always dirty and not visible.

Reeve Beaupre asked for a Highway 43 Bypass update. Mr. McLaughlin commented that they have acquired ownership of the required parcels, but the funding is the issue.

Councillor Bulford inquired into the study that was to be done on the Township Road 733 and Highway 43 intersection in Bezanson. He noted that two accidents have occurred recently that were not fatalities but he worries that there may be fatalities in the future. Mr. McLaughlin responded that there were low cost options taken to improve that intersection and AT believes the changes have helped the situation. Councillor Bulford commented that he believes the intersection should be addressed further as he receives calls from ratepayers often and it is a concern for the MLA as well.

Councillor Bulford also commented on the dead animals and the issues with Highway 43 heaving because it causes trucks to break as well as numerous rollovers to occur.

Bill Rogan inquired whether AT gets all accident reports or if they are only informed about fatalities. Mr. Surowaniec responded that they receive fatality reports but all of the collision information goes to the Traffic Safety branch. Mr. McLaughlin added that the reports are available for them to access but they do not get sent to them directly.

Bill Rogan inquired into the Emerson Trail road ban and whether there were any plans to have it addressed and overlay done. Mr. Surowaniec responded that they continually monitor the roads to see whether the bans should be lifted. Mr. McLaughlin also noted that they have a long list of overlays that need to be done.

Councillor Dueck inquired into the opening date of the Red Willow Bridge. Mr. McLaughlin responded that the project needs to be tendered, and he cannot comment on when projects will start until the budget is released on March 7, 2013. He further noted that there will be one-lane traffic for the duration of construction. Councillor Dueck noted that there is slumping on the South side that should be patched as it is a safety hazard. Mr. McLaughlin noted that area will be part of the geotechnical projects; they do risk assessments on the sites they are monitoring, and they fix the ones that are the largest risk and ones that are not fixed will be patched.

Councillor Dueck inquired into the turning lanes and illumination lights at the Highway 667 and Township Road 722 intersection that were to be constructed. Mr. McLaughlin responded that he will have to investigate whether anything was done at that intersection. Bill Rogan noted that AT had said that they will address the intersection once more is being done to the highways. Mr. Pfau commented that the land has been acquired, the design is done, but the changes are not funded until there is another project that it can be tied into.

Reeve Beaupre inquired what maintenance will be done in Grande Prairie. Mr. Surowaniec responded that Grande Prairie will be getting routine maintenance done, such as patching and filling potholes; highway maintenance is different from the routine maintenance. Mr. McLaughlin noted that there will be maintenance done in Grande Prairie.

Councillor Smith echoed Councillors Bulford and Eckstrom's concerns with Highway 43 as there two very bad heaves in the highway which cause objects to be thrown onto the road when they fall of vehicles carrying loads.

Councillor Eckstrom also commented on the Highway 43 and 148 Avenue entrance into H & M Meats. There is no turning lane heading North, at one point it was signalized, but because the lights are now gone it is a safety issue. Reeve Beaupre also commented that some lights have been down for numerous weeks and AT needs to ensure that safety devices are in place and lights are replaced in a timely manner to ensure safety for the travelling public.

Councillor Jacobs commented that, in the future, engineers and designers should take local as well as travelling traffic into consideration when designing and

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| | <p>planning road construction; the current plan does not help local traffic at all (she is referring to Beaverlodge). Mr. McLaughlin responded that AT held open houses and the people from Beaverlodge needed to give their input; the intersection at the northwest side came from local suggestions.</p> <p>Mr. McLaughlin commented that he will pull the safety studies on the intersections noted today and provide the updates to Council.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre thanked Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Surowaniec for their presentation and they concluded at 12:22 p.m.</p> |
| BEAR HILL REC GROUNDS – POTENTIAL LEASE | <p>Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, introduced Debbie White from the Peace Country Off Road Racing Association (PCORA).</p> <p>Ms. Schur noted that at the February 4, 2013 Council meeting a proposal from the Peace Country Off Road Racing Association to lease the Bear Hill Recreation Grounds was considered. At that time Council was not prepared to enter into a lease or reject the proposal and directed administration to gather public input from various stakeholders.</p> <p>Input was gathered from three groups: The PCORA, the Teepee Creek Stampede Association, and landowners within a 1 km radius of the grounds.</p> <p>The PCORA intends to host one motorized mud-bogging event per year and also intend to designate a member of the association to behave as the steward of the grounds (including regular visits to the grounds to maintain supervision and reduce potential harmful activities). When not in use, the mud pits would be fenced off. The PCORA believes this would also provide some economic benefit to the nearby hamlet of La Glace.</p> <p>The Teepee Creek Stampede Association had a very favourable relationship with the PCORA and, if they were not expanding, they would continue to maintain the relationship. The only reason they have asked them to relocate is in order to do some necessary landscaping and to allow for expansion of the rodeo facilities. The association did not see mud pits being broken into or utilized by non-members in a harmful fashion.</p> <p>Of the six families that own property within a 1 km radius of the grounds, none of them were in favour of the potential lease arrangement. Three submitted concerns in writing. The primary concerns revolve around the noise of the event and the potential environmental degradation. Another concern is that due to the remoteness of the location, once it is informally identified as a 'motor sports area' PCORA will not be able to control the non-members that utilize the grounds in a harmful fashion.</p> |

In conversation with Councilor Harpe, it appears that the County needs to go on site and assess the necessary work to make the grounds safe before any form of lease or rental agreement can be entered into. We suspect there are many hazards on site that must be addressed.

Options:

1) Enter into a 1 year limited lease with PCORA, making them stewards of the Bear Hill Recreation Grounds permitting them to hold one motorized mud bog event per year.

2) Do not enter into a lease with the PCORA for the Bear Hill Recreation Grounds and assist them in identifying other potential sites for their event.

Councillor Harpe commented that Council should deny this application, have Parks and Recreation complete the necessary assessments, and have the area included in the long-term Parks plans to utilize the area for the best possible uses. He further noted that the site is subject to erosion and the campground is a fire hazard.

MOVED BY R. HARPE to refuse the application and have a safety assessment done on the site at Bear Hill Recreation Grounds.

Councillor Eckstrom amended Councillor Harpe's motion; it was accepted as a friendly amendment.

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to refuse the application based on the need for a safety assessment, and to assist PCORA in identifying other potential sites for their event.

Councillor Jacobs commented that it is not the association that causes the problem, but outside people will take it upon themselves to use the area similar to what they have done at Saskatoon Mountain.

Councillor Nelson noted that Teepee Creek is very visible and easy to monitor; she has issues with the seclusion of the Bear Hill Rec Grounds and that residents will be the ones monitoring the area the majority of the time. Councillor Jacobs also commented on the differences between the two sites (Teepee Creek vs. Bear Hill).

Councillor Harpe inquired how big of an area is needed by the PCORA. Ms. White responded that they would like about 10-12 acres for camping, mud pits, concession areas, etc.

Council returned to the amended motion.

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| <p>RECESS</p> | <p>MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to recess for lunch at 12:32 p.m. to reconvene at 1:45 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-193-13</p> |
| <p>RECONVENE</p> | <p>The meeting reconvened at 1:47 p.m. Councillor Eckstrom was not present for the remainder of the meeting.</p> |
| <p>WILD PINK YONDER</p> | <p>Ms. Schur noted that the Wild Pink Yonder presented to Council on January 14, 2013 to request support for their event. Council requested that The Wild Pink Yonder submit their financials for review.</p> <p>A copy of the 2011 Financials was attached to the agenda package and the 2012 Financials are still being processed. Please note that line item "Consulting Fees" for \$39,500 is for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-One paid salary (full-time);-Membership fee for province wide media coverage;-Payment for a trail guide for one day during 2012 event (trail guide wouldn't donate his time). <p>Administration recommends supporting the event either through option 1 or option 2:</p> <p>Option 1 - Support in the way of encouraging Clairmont community members to participate in the "Pinkest town in the West" challenge;</p> <p>Option 2 - Provide financial support (for example: funding the dinners).</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre noted that this item was deferred for more information and that she was not present for the presentation to Council on January 14, 2013.</p> <p>Bill Rogan provided additional background information; they had come to the County of Grande Prairie Council asking for participation from Clairmont. They had gone through each municipality and are also working with non-for-profit groups (for example the Lion's Club), Administration was to engage the Clairmont non-profit groups; it was not necessarily the County contributing funds and staff. The Wild Pink Yonder are also looking for a place to board their horses and they had suggested Evergreen for Grande Prairie; Bill noted that Teepee Creek will probably have a place as well. Councillor Smith had previously suggested supplying the meals for the participants and volunteers.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson commented that this event was discussed with non-profit groups in Clairmont, they were wondering what amount of commitment and contribution is needed. For the first year she recommends the communities who are interested in participating donate meals to the participants as was recommended by Councillor Smith. She noted that she would like to see food donations occur throughout the whole County. After viewing their financial statement, she believes that the</p> |

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| | <p>County can start with smaller contributions this year and then progress in years to come.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY S. NELSON</u> to have Administration approach surrounding communities and get a dollar amount for what they would be interested in contributing for this event: \$1000 per community to a maximum of \$5000.</p> <p>Councillor's Jacobs and Dueck commented that before the County commits to any form of funding we need to ensure that other communities are contributing to the event as well.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY L. DUECK</u> to table this item pending confirmation from other communities on their activities associated with the Wild Pink Yonder campaign.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-194-13</p> |
| <p>BYLAW 2974 AND POLICY N42 AS AMENDED</p> | <p>Bylaw 2974, the Road Use Agreement with attached Schedules "A" and "B", was presented for discussion and consideration at the February 25, 2013 Regular Council meeting.</p> <p>At the February 25, 2013 Council meeting Bylaw 2974 received 1st and 2nd reading, however, unanimous consent was not received for 3rd and final reading. Amended Policy N42 was not approved because the effective date is required to be the same date as the final reading of the Bylaw.</p> <p>Administration recommends option 1 to approve Bylaw 2974 with 3rd reading and approve Policy N42.</p> <p>Bill Rogan outlined the policy and agreement for Councillor Dueck as she was not present at the last Council meeting on February 25, 2013.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND</u> for third and final reading of Bylaw 2974 and approval of the amended Policy N42.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-195-13</p> |
| <p>TOWN OF SEXSMITH SPRAY PARK- REQUEST FOR DIRECTION</p> | <p>Ms. Schur noted that they have received a letter from The Town of Sexsmith requesting financial support to resurface their spray park with rubberized coating. Administration is requesting direction from Council.</p> <p>The Town of Sexsmith has built a spray park and is now looking to resurface the cement base with a rubberized coating in order to make for a safer play environment. The cost of the rubberized coating is \$54,895. The Town of Sexsmith will be receiving a \$25,000 grant from Alberta Recycling Management Authority to help pay for the project. The remaining amount to be funded is \$29,895.</p> <p>The Town of Sexsmith applied for a 2012 Capital</p> |

Assistance Grant to build the spray park, however, their funding request was denied because Council believed they were not using environmentally friendly practices. They applied in Fall of 2011 for 2012 Operating grants; they did not come in 2012 for the 2013 Operating grants. Council can direct this to final budget or defer them to the Operating grant applications.

Reeve Beaupre noted that she had spoken to Councillor Eckstrom about this item prior as it is in her division; Councillor Eckstrom is supportive of funding half of the amount from Municipal Reserves if Council agrees. Bill Rogan noted that Noreen Vavrek, Director of Finance, had said that Council cannot use their Municipal Reserves for land they do not own.

Councillor Nelson commented that the spray park is very well used and it is a very important area for the community. She believes that supporting them in the amount of \$25,000 is money well spent on recreation services for ratepayers within the County of Grande Prairie.

MOVED BY S. NELSON to sponsor \$25,000 for the spray park in Sexsmith for resurfacing and cement, to be included in the final budget in April as a firm number, location of funding to be decided at final budget deliberations.

Councillor Harpe commented that Council should approve option 1 and option 2 so the Town of Sexsmith can apply for both sources (Capital Assistance Grant and the Operating Assistance Grant).

Bill Rogan noted that if this project is to be done this summer it cannot be deferred to grant applications.

Councillor Jacobs spoke in favour of Councillor Nelson's motion. She commented that Sexsmith has shown commitment to this project and invested money to have it completed for the community; she further noted that Council has approved funding for similar community projects in Beaverlodge. She also commented that she believes Municipal Reserve funding has been used for land the County does not own in the past.

Ms. Vavrek entered the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Councillor Harpe amended Councillor Nelson's motion and it was accepted as a friendly amendment.

MOVED BY R. HARPE to sponsor \$15,000 for the Spray Park in Sexsmith for resurfacing and cement, to be included in the final budget in April, the location of funding to be determined at final budget deliberations.

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| <p>DIAMOND DINNER & FASHION SHOW FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH- SPONSORSHIP REQUEST</p> | <p>Ms. Schur noted that the Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society will be hosting their 5th Annual Diamond Dinner & Fashion Show for Breast Cancer on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Saskatoon Lake Hall. The proceeds of this event will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research.</p> <p>The past four events have been very successful, with over 650 women attending the events and over \$10,000 has been donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.</p> <p>The following sponsorship opportunities are available: Gold Sponsor - \$1,000 and up Silver Sponsor - \$500- \$999.99 Bronze Sponsor \$100.00 - \$499.99 Door prize sponsor</p> <p>All of the sponsors will receive public acknowledgement through verbal recognition at the event, written acknowledgement in the programs and on the tables, and a written thank-you in the local newspaper.</p> <p>The County of Grande Prairie has supported this event in the past:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2012 - \$500;• 2011 - \$500 and a silent auction item with value up to \$150. <p>To date, Council has distributed \$3,660 from the Community Assistance Grant fund. As of February 27, 2013 the remaining funds are \$27,760.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY P. JACOBS</u> to sponsor \$1000 Gold Sponsor to come from Community Assistance Grant fund.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-197-13</p> |
| <p>ONE PRE-OWNED PULL TYPE SCRAPER FOR A CHALLENGER RFP</p> | <p>Ken Osborne, Shop Manager, and Don Maisonneuve, Procurement Specialist, presented.</p> <p>Due to the specific requirements for One (1) Pre-Owned Pull Type Scraper for a Challenger a Request for Proposal (RFP) for technical as well as price was issued on February 13, 2013 and closed on February 22, 2013 at 2:00 pm. There was one response and the submission was evaluated by three County employee representatives.</p> <p>1. The proposal received was from Rocky Mountain Equipment in the amount of \$855.20 cost per point or \$89,796.00 (incl. taxes) for one (1) pre-owned pull type scraper. This proposal met all requirements reviewed by the evaluation committee and under the approved pre-owned pull type scraper replacement budget of \$95,000. (\$9,480.00 net under budget).</p> <p>Public Works recommends awarding the RFP to Rocky Mountain Equipment for their proposed amount of \$89,796.00 (incl. GST) for one (1) pull type scraper as per</p> |

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| | <p>the requirements of the "Pre-Owned Pull Type Scraper for a Challenger" RFP.</p> <p>Mr. Osborne noted one correction from the memo; the scraper will be used for construction not for the landfill.</p> <p>Councillor Harpe inquired what the price would be for a brand new scraper. Mr. Osborne responded that the only new scraper was 7 cubic yards, and the County requires a larger one; the new CAT scraper is 13 cubic yards, and the used scraper is 20 cubic yards. The brand new scraper was quoted at \$120,000 or \$140,000.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY R. HARPE</u> that Public Works send out a new RFP for the quote for a brand new scraper.</p> <p>Mr. Pfau commented that the used scraper is not beat up, it still has lots of use left in it, and the County was the prior renter of the equipment so operators are comfortable with it.</p> <p>Councillor Smith inquired how many hours have been put on that piece of equipment to date. Mr. Pfau responded that the scraper was relatively new when they started renting it last year and there were not any problems with the equipment while the County was renting it. Mr. Osborne noted that there was a ding in the machine that was fixed under warranty.</p> <p>Council returned to the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION LOST 03-198-13</p> <p><u>MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND</u> to proceed with Public Works' recommendation to award the RFP to Rocky Mountain Equipment for their proposed amount of \$89,796.00 (incl. GST) for one (1) pull type scraper as per the requirements of the "Pre-Owned Pull Type Scraper for a Challenger" RFP.</p> <p>Councillor Harpe noted his opposition to Councillor Sutherland's motion, he wants to ensure that the proper work is done and a used scraper can affect the ability to have roads cleared properly.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-199-13</p> |
| <p>HYTHE COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> | <p>Councillor Smith provided a letter from the Hythe Community Centre to members of Council. They are asking for a letter of support from the County of Grande Prairie for their application to the CIP grant.</p> <p>Councillor Smith noted that there are lots of events done there and it is a very important part of the community.</p> |

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| | <p><u>MOVED BY B. SMITH</u> to provide a letter of support for the Hythe Community Centre's CIP Grant application from the County of Grande Prairie.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-200-13</p> |
| <p>BOARD REPRESENTATION ON DINO CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE</p> | <p>Reeve Beaupre commented that there was a motion passed to have her appointed to the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum Construction Committee. She is asking Council to rescind the motion and have Councillor Harpe take her place on the Dino Construction Committee.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY P. JACOBS</u> to rescind the previous motion appointing Reeve Beaupre to the Dino Construction Committee and appoint Councillor Richard Harpe to the Dino Construction Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-201-13</p> |
| <p>FCSS NW SPRING REGIONAL MEETING</p> | <p>Kathleen Turner, Director of FCSS, commented that the City of Grande Prairie will be hosting the meeting on May 9-10, 2013.</p> <p>This event will be inputted into Council calendars to accept or reject.</p> |
| <p>INFORMATION ITEMS</p> | <p>Compassion House newsletter identifying progress to date. For information only.</p> |
| <p>IN CAMERA</p> | <p><u>MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND</u> that the meeting go In Camera at 2:32 p.m. to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Land Purchase b) Access Agreement c) Multi Modal Site Update (John Simpson and Walter Paszkowski) d) Annexation (John Simpson and Anna Martin) <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-202-13</p> <p>Councillor Dueck left the meeting at 2:43 p.m. and returned at 2:48 p.m.</p> <p>Councillor Harpe left the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and returned at 3:05 p.m.</p> <p>Reeve Beaupre left the meeting at 3:15 p.m. and returned at 3:16 p.m.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson left the meeting at 3:25 p.m. and returned at 3:26 p.m.</p> |
| <p>OUT OF IN CAMERA</p> | <p><u>MOVED BY P. JACOBS</u> that the meeting come out of In Camera at 4:06 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-203-13</p> |

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| | <p><u>MOVED BY S. NELSON</u> to approve the offer of land purchase for aggregate as discussed In Camera.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-204-13</p> <p><u>MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND</u> to enter into a Road Use Agreement (RUA) with Mr. Patterson as discussed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-205-13</p> <p><u>MOVED BY R. HARPE</u> that Administration develops a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Side Management Ltd. for the Multi Modal Logistics Center with no cost to the County of Grande Prairie.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-206-13</p> |
| | <p><u>COUNCILLOR REPORTS</u></p> |
| | <p>Councillor Dueck had nothing to report. She had a very good holiday.</p> |
| | <p>Councillor Bulford had nothing to report as he was sick all week and did not attend any events.</p> |
| <p>DOCTOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION MEETINGS</p> | <p>Councillor Smith noted that there will be another discussion on Doctor Recruitment and Retention occurring soon.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY B. SMITH</u> that Council advance \$50.00 for renting the meeting room at the Hythe Community Centre from the Dr. Recruitment and Retention fund.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-207-13</p> |
| <p>FAMILY CARE CLINIC APPLICATION KIT</p> | <p>Councillor Smith commented that the Family Care Clinic Application Kit has been placed in the reading file for Council to review. He noted that there will be some clinics approved at budget. They are not looking to build a brand new building they want to lease an existing building instead. The clinic will operate from 7am – 9pm and have a service area of 2500 people. There will be a staff doctor or a nurse practitioner with a doctor’s contract/consultant. He also discussed the Board and membership and that present clinics are going to transfer to Family Care Clinics.</p> |
| <p>RANGE ROAD 54 SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 670 (CARRIAGE LANE)</p> | <p>Councillor Nelson inquired into the paving done on Range Road 54 south of Highway 670 (near Carriage Lane); she is concerned with the condition of the road. Mr. Pfau responded that there is still more paving to be done there and only the first lift of asphalt has been completed.</p> |
| <p>REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MIGHTY PEACE WATERSHED ALLIANCE</p> | <p>Councillor Nelson noted that Rick, the current representative to the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance, is tendering his resignation; as alternate, she will be the</p> |

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| | <p>representative until he is replaced.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY P. JACOBS</u> to cover Councillor Nelson's per diem expenses as a representative to the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance until a replacement is found.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-208-13</p> |
| <p>LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD</p> | <p>Councillor Nelson commented that she read the letter in the Reading File from the Catholic School Boards in response to them cancelling the Grande Prairie Mental Health project. She had not heard about that project and either had the other councillors; she would like more information on this. Kathleen Turner, FCSS, is to come into Council to address this item.</p> |
| <p>MEETING APPOINTMENTS WITH MINISTERS</p> | <p>Councillor Harpe noted that Council will need to make appointments and set up meetings for the AAMD&C Spring Conference. He believes there should be an appointment with Mike Leathwood to discuss changes in subsidized housing and accessing funding for the County, as well as a meeting with the Minister of Transportation.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY R. HARPE</u> to make appointments for meetings with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Honourable Doug Griffiths, ADM of Housing, Mike Leathwood, and the Minister of Transportation at the AAMD&C Spring Conference.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-209-13</p> |
| <p>BILLBOARDS</p> | <p>Councillor Harpe commented on Billboards in the County of Grande Prairie noting that some municipalities assess and tax the signs and some municipalities require applications for the signs.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY R. HARPE</u> that Administration looks into options with regards to roadside signage and possible associated fees.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-210-13</p> |
| <p>COUNTY'S ANNUAL REPORT NOT ON THE WEBSITE</p> | <p>Councillor Harpe inquired why the County of Grande Prairie's annual report (documenting changes to Council wages, etc.) is not posted to the County website. Ms. Vavrek responded that the County distributes a newsletter and they do not necessarily have an annual report as is done by the City and other municipalities; the newsletter is mailed and posted to the website.</p> |
| <p>PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN FOR BEAR HILL PARK</p> | <p><u>MOVED BY R. HARPE</u> that the Parks and Recreation Department prepare a plan and report for the Bear Hill Recreation Grounds and involve the community; cost to be brought back to Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-211-13</p> |

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| <p>BUILDING EXPANSION COMMITTEE TOUR OF NEW PW/IT BUILDING</p> | <p>Councillor Jacobs attended the Building Expansion Committee tour of the new Public Works/IT Building.</p> |
| <p>CALL2ORDER</p> | <p>Councillor Jacobs asked what the Call2Order information session in Chambers was going to be about. It was noted that the session will be to familiarize Council with the new meeting software, Call2Order, hosted by Shannon Baird and Sheryle Runhart.</p> |
| <p>BRANDING COMMITTEE AND NEW LOGO SUBMISSION DEADLINE</p> | <p>Councillor Jacobs inquired when the deadline is for submitting the new logo forms to the Branding Committee. Lesley Nielsen-Bjerke, Communications Coordinator, responded that the deadline is Wednesday March 6th, 2013 so the Branding Committee can get the submissions to the consultants as they need time to tabulate.</p> |
| <p>EVERGREEN PARK MEETING</p> | <p>Councillor Sutherland attended an Evergreen Park meeting.</p> |
| <p>BRANDING COMMITTEE MEETING</p> | <p>Councillor Sutherland attended the Branding Committee meeting.</p> |
| <p>MPC</p> | <p>Councillor Sutherland attended the MPC meeting.</p> |
| <p>DIMSDALE ASP MEETING</p> | <p>Councillor Sutherland attended the Dimsdale Area Structure Plan meeting and noted that there were about 20 people there and it was a very good meeting.</p> |
| <p>DINO CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING WITH PCL</p> | <p>Councillor Sutherland attended the Dino Construction Committee meeting with PCL at the Administration Building.</p> |
| <p>CHAMBER MIXER AT THE CASINO</p> | <p>Councillor Sutherland attended the Chamber Mixer at the Casino.</p> |
| <p>NEW PLANE AT GRANDE PRAIRIE AIRPORT</p> | <p>Councillor Sutherland noted that the Grande Prairie Airport has a new turbo prop plane service, a Q400 that will be flown by WestJet.</p> |
| <p>MEETING WITH GPRC</p> | <p>Reeve Beaupre attended a meeting with Mr. Pfau and GPRC to discuss challenges for the County and College. It was noted that there is an expected cut of 2-4% in the college budget.</p> <p><u>MOVED BY S. NELSON</u> to invite GPRC to meet and discuss regional business concerns with County Council twice a year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-212-13</p> |
| <p>RESOLUTION DISCUSSION FOR AAMD&C</p> | <p>Reeve Beaupre noted that the resolution packages are now out and inquired whether Council had any questions or comments on the resolutions.</p> <p>Councillor Smith commented on the resolution addressing aquifers and fracturing. Council will discuss the resolutions after MPC next week on March 12, 2013.</p> |

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| <p>MEETING WITH AQUATERA</p> | <p>Reeve Beaupre attended a Shareholders meeting with Aquatera. They discussed a \$604,000 cheque reflective of dividends; they are asking stakeholders to re-invest the earnings in the corporation. It was also noted that they have raised funds internally to go towards the wastewater project costs and that the new Director for Aquatera has now been appointed.</p> |
| <p>VITAL SIGNS AT THE POMEROY</p> | <p>Reeve Beaupre attended the Vital Signs event at the Pomeroy Hotel. She noted that Kathleen Turner, FCSS, and Megan Schur, Parks and Recreation, attended along with youth groups that had participated in the Vital Signs study. The event showcased the strengths and weaknesses in the Grande Prairie area.</p> |
| <p>NIGHTHAWK SPONSOR'S APPRECIATION</p> | <p>Reeve Beaupre attended the Nighthawk Sponsor's Appreciation event. Nighthawk showcased what they have used the sponsorship funding for and they noted that they were able to purchase a snow-cat from the donations received.</p> |
| <p>BILL ROGAN, CAO</p> | <p>Bill Rogan, CAO, commented that he attended a meeting with Peace Wapiti and noted that they are asking for a letter of support in regards to the request for portables at the Clairmont Community School which was discussed last meeting.</p> <p>Bill also noted that Sheryle Runhart has accepted the Manager of Legislative Services position upon Shirley's retirement in April. Reeve Beaupre congratulated Sheryle.</p> |
| <p>HERB PFAU, PUBLIC WORKS</p> | <p>Mr. Pfau commented on the Road bans noting that the roads have lost snow cover early this year and Public Works may have 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. road bans to protect the roads during the day. He also commented on shutting down Highway 724 for two hours for barn moving.</p> <p>Mr. Pfau also commented on the Council Chambers noting that the BEC met and discussed the storage and uniformity of Council's pictures in Chambers. It was suggested that a digital picture frame can be used to display older Council's and hang the last 3 Councils on the walls in Chambers.</p> <p>Mr. Pfau referred to a motion from the February 25, 2013 Council meeting to split the costs with Peace Wapiti for the Teepee Creek Lift Station; he noted that the cost will be about \$5000 and Peace Wapiti has agreed by email to split the funding for the Teepee Creek Lift Station.</p> |
| <p>JOHN SIMPSON, PLANNING</p> | <p>John Simpson commented on a situation with Nustadia that occurred last week. He will have an update for Council by next week.</p> |
| <p>ADJOURNMENT</p> | <p><u>MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND</u> that the meeting adjourn at 4:50 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED 03-213-13</p> |

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| <p>These Minutes</p> <p>Approved this ____</p> <p>Day of _____</p> <p>2013.</p> <p>Reference #</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>_____</p> <p>REEVE</p> <p>_____</p> <p>COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR</p> |
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