



MINUTES

County Council
Regular Meeting

County of Grande Prairie No. 1

May 13, 2013 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, May 13, 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
- Pat Jacobs
- Richard Harpe
- Ross Sutherland
- Sharon Nelson
- Mary Ann Eckstrom

Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

Directors Group

- Arlen Miller
- Herb Pfau
- John Simpson
- Noreen Vavrek (for Bylaw's section only)

Legislative Services

- Amanda Oravec
- Sheryle Runhart

Media

- Brad Whisker (Big Country)
- Aaron Hinks (DHT)

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Bill Rogan, CAO, added the Land to Air Symposium under Workshops, Conferences, Seminars (item 11), a request from STARS under New Business (10.5) and the job description for a Paleontologist/Curator for the Phillip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum (10.6).

Councillor Sutherland added discussion on the Regional Collaboration Grant to New Business (10.7).

Councillor Eckstrom added an update on the CAO Evaluation to Unfinished Business (9.2).

Resolution #CM20130513.1001

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to approve the agenda for the May 13, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/05/13) with additions as presented.

CARRIED

10:00 A.M. - MIGHTY PEACE DAY - 2013 - GORD CHRENEK

(PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20130508003)

At the May 6th Council Meeting, Council reviewed the Mighty Peace Day 2013 expected revenues and expenses as well as sponsorship opportunities. At that time Council had a few questions and requested an adult from the Mighty Peace Youth Society return to Council to give clarification.

The Mighty Peace Youth Society presented to Council on April 22nd, 2013 on their mission and activities, as well on the upcoming Might Peace Day on October 1st, 2013 that is being

hosted in the Peace Country and requested County Council to consider a sponsorship.

Gord Chrenek, LLP, was in attendance to answer Council's questions on the budget provided at the May 6, 2013 Council meeting.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired how successful the fundraising efforts have been to date and what amount of total revenue has been raised. Mr. Chrenek responded that the presenting sponsor will be announced tomorrow and they have a 3 year commitment for \$120,000.

Reeve Beaupre inquired into the revenue for Gold Sponsorship. Mr. Chrenek responded that there was a typo in the information provided; the 3 should be 5 therefore it would equate to the \$25,000 noted.

Councillor Smith inquired how much funding has been received and is in the bank. Mr. Chrenek responded that there is currently \$18,500 received and outlined the sponsorships that have been committed and the sponsors they are currently seeking. He also noted that they have sent out many applications and they will meet their goals. The Retail Sales estimate is based on sales the day of the event. The fundraising line reflects fundraising that will be done by the children. They will have wristbands with the slogan and sponsor logo on them, and as part of their obligation to the event they need to sell the wristbands prior to raise additional funds.

Councillor Smith commented that the information provided is not like a typical budget and there is not very much information provided. Ms. Chrenek responded that he did not have all of the info when the information was sent to Council as this is a pilot project.

Councillor Sutherland inquired about the entertainment that will be provided at the event and whether it will be outside entertainment or local? Mr. Chrenek responded that they are trying to do as much as they can locally, they have already confirmed some local entertainment (Grande Prairie Boys Choir and Tenille) but they want larger outside acts as well. They are hoping that the costs for the outside entertainment will be less than the budgeted amount (\$50,000) as Free the Children is

co-sponsoring and they will help contact the entertainment and reduce the costs. Councillor Sutherland commented that he has an issue with the use of outside entertainment. Mr. Chrenek responded that they want to display local talent but they also want a headliner act because it is not just a local exercise; he wants the children to look forward to the event and a headline act will create more excitement. He also commented that the Ottawa "We Day" was impressive but it could have been better; there will be participation from national, international, and local groups.

Councillor Harpe inquired whether their intention is to raise additional revenue or just use the allotted amount in the budget (\$224,000). Mr. Chrenek responded that this is the first year that they are doing the event and they do not anticipate revenue and extra funding; if there is any extra funds they will go towards next year's event. The host is the Mighty Peace Society and if they can use the extra money towards more community efforts they will, but currently there is not a plan for any additional revenue to be generated.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the community service component that Emma and Tegwyn had spoke about in their initial presentation on April 22, 2013. Mr. Chrenek spoke about the qualifications: 4 hours of community service (after this year he wants to raise the amount of hours done), they have to raise \$25 for local or global charitable needs, and they are required to raise money for Mighty Peace Day by selling the wristbands he noted earlier in the presentation prior to the event.

Councillor Nelson commented that she was not present for the presentation and she thinks that Mighty Peace Day is a very positive event. She inquired about the venue. Mr. Chrenek responded that they have booked the Canada Games Arena as it will accommodate 4000 students. The Canada Games Arena was provided at a discounted rate but not donated for the event. Councillor Nelson inquired if the 4 hours can be included in the mandatory community service that is done by students already. Mr. Chrenek responded that they have the minimum requirements for this year and the spots will be based on first come first serve basis as he is trying to make it equal opportunity for everyone who wants to attend; no child is disqualified as long as they fulfill the criteria.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that this is a great organization and she would like to see the County take part in this event by donating.

Resolution #CM20130513.1002

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the County donate \$1000 to the Mighty Peace Society from the Community Assistance Line for their 2013 Mighty Peace Day celebration.

Councillor Dueck inquired what sort of information will be provided in the information bags from the budget breakdown. Mr. Chrenek responded that the information in the bags will depend on the sponsorships received and there have been many sponsors asking what they can donate for these bags; they already have a potential book sponsor. In Ottawa the bags had "We Create Change" bags which is a program to encourage people to collect pennies and donate them to raise money for clean water in global areas. Councillor Dueck inquired if there is information on issues such as bullying and drugs in the information bags. Mr. Chrenek responded that he does not have a definite answer of what will be in the bags as the program is enforced through the "We Act" program which focuses on a learning set given to teachers in schools that provides information on how to participate and any new programs. He noted that he can provide a copy to Council if wanted. They do not give the kids the We Act learning set, only the teachers receive that.

Councillor Jacobs apologized for missing the initial presentation on April 22. She inquired about attendees and how many would be expected locally and how far others would be traveling to attend the event. Mr. Chrenek responded that there will be about 4000 students and Reeve Beaupre noted that they will be coming from between the Mighty Peace area and the Peace Wapiti School district. Mr. Chrenek added that the participation area will be from Peace River to the North and to Grande Cache to the South. He noted that this is an all year commitment but a one day celebration event.

Councillor Jacobs inquired whether the people coming from a

distance will be responsible for their own accommodation or if they are being billeted. Mr. Chrenek responded that the school boards are dealing with the accommodations and food as it is not budgeted in the Mighty Peace Day budget. Councillor Jacobs commented that, in regards to the information packs, Grande Prairie Regional Tourism could maybe assist in making up the bags as that is part of their mandate.

Resolution #CM20130513.1003

Councillor Nelson amended Councillor Eckstrom's motion to change the amount donated to \$5000.00 from the Community Assistance Line. It was accepted as a friendly amendment.

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the County donate \$5000.00 to the Mighty Peace Society from the Community Assistance Line for their 2013 Mighty Peace Day celebration.

Councillor Harpe spoke against the friendly amendment because of the additional costs for outside entertainment in comparison to local entertainment.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that if we engage the youth now it will only benefit our future and the organization is very positive for young men and women; it is very important for the County to support organizations and events like Mighty Peace Day.

Councillor Nelson spoke against Councillor Harpe's comment and spoke in favour of Councillor Eckstrom's because there has been the same amount of support given to other events that do not necessarily benefit the community and sponsor youth.

Council voted on the motion.

Mr. Chrenek left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTION OF SEASONAL STAFF

(PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20130430001)

Sonja Raven, Agricultural Fieldman, introduced the Seasonal Staff to Council.

Mowers: John Wimbush and Nick Peterson

Sprayers: Kim Robson, Sharon Miller, Deanna Konno, Nicole Le Blanc, and Kristien Stappler

Weed Pickers: Amanda Patteson and Laura Henry

Mariah Sanregret will be working with Jill Henry and assisting with the West County Watershed

Weed inspectors: Brenda Wheeler, Chelsea Esau, Marny Kenney, Keliann Ouimet, Edna Russell, Jessica Chalus, and Eamonn O'Bryne.

Reeve Beaupre welcomed new staff to the County of Grande Prairie and thanked returning staff for the commitment to the County AG Department.

FCSS STAFF INTRODUCTION

(PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20130430006)

Kathleen Turner, Director of FCSS, introduced Gabrielle Boulet. Ms. Boulet is a practicum social work student who will be working with FCSS for the next year. Initially she will be working in the school liaison program - covering for Lana Clarke's maternity leave and shadowing the other workers. Over the summer months while the school liaison workers are on leave, she will spend time in the community programs in Beaverlodge and Clairmont, the Home support program and whatever else she can assist with.

Reeve Beaupre welcomed Ms. Boulet to the County of Grande Prairie.

INTRODUCE SEASONAL GROUNDSKEEPERS

(PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20130507001)

Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, introduced the 2013 Parks & Recreation Groundskeeping Crew. She noted that she will be back to introduce the Cemetery Crew in July.

Reeve Beaupre welcomed all of the new seasonal groundskeepers to the County of Grande Prairie and thanked returning staff for their commitment to the County.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution #CM20130513.1004

MOVED BY L. DUECK to approve minutes for meeting April 18, 2013 Dinosaur Project Meeting (2013/04/18) with amendments as presented.

Councillor Nelson noted clarification on page 23 of the agenda package: the Dino Museum is to be a Regional Project, she is disappointed about funds from federal government. The minutes should reflect that Council go back to our local MP and Minister Ambrose stating that we need Arts and Culture in Northern Alberta.

Reeve Beaupre noted that on page 18 of the agenda package: the comment about the phone call from an opponent to the project should state that they "do not to fund if there were impact on other projects".

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1005

MOVED BY S. NELSON to approve minutes for meeting April 22, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/04/22) with changes as presented.

Councillor Sutherland noted a correction on page 29 of the agenda package: it should note that the smell was from the cattle feed lot operation and the lagoon.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1006

There was considerable discussion in regards to the difference between the Council minutes on the Call2Order software and those on the hard copy of the agenda package. Noted corrections had been sent via email from Councillor Smith and the Recording Secretary had made the corrections to the minutes prior a motion being passed in the May 13, 2013 meeting by Council.

MOVED BY S. NELSON to rescind the motion approving the April 22, 2013 Council meeting minutes so that appropriate changes can be made, and the April 22, 2013 and April 29, 2013 Council meeting minutes will be forwarded for consideration on the next Council agenda.

CARRIED

**PT. NE-27-71-07-W6M -
AG TO CR-2 -
BEAIRSTO, LEHNERS,
KETCHUM/STIERLE
(FILE PLLUB20130112)
BYLAW 2680-13-018**

(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20130503004)

Resolution #CM20130513.1007

MOVED BY S. NELSON that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. NE-27-71-07-W6M from an Agricultural District (AG) to a County Residential (CR-2) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *10:51 a.m.*

CARRIED

Nick Lapp, Senior Planner, noted that the purpose of this application is to allow for country residential development, and would facilitate the development of 2 new lots for this use. These lots would be the sixth and seventh parcels to be subdivided out of the quarter, and have a Farmland Assessment Rating between 50% and 53% which is indicative of better agricultural land. Future land use in this area is identified for country residential use in the County's Municipal Development Plan. Criteria associated with suitability of the site for country residential purposes are outlined in Section 7.3 of the MDP; no issues have been identified in this context. Several multi-parcel country residential developments are located in the vicinity and on adjacent lands; no land use conflicts have been identified with this application. The application is consistent with all statutory requirements. No comments were received to the office.

Bruce Beairsto was present and commented that the zoning change is consistent with the MDP and he will answer any questions. Mr. Stierle was also present and commented that he had nothing to add. There was no one from the audience to speak to this application.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired whether there have been water tests done on this property. Mr. Beairsto responded that the water is within the limits for up to 11 lots and five lots have been done already; these will be the sixth and seventh lots out. It was asked how far away the West County Water is located. Mr. Lapp responded that it is quite a distance and south of highway #43.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about Alberta Transportation and their proposal for the intersection as there is nothing included in the

summary; she is wondering if it is the County's responsibility to address the issues prior further development. Mr. Lapp responded that this is outside the 1/2 mile area and long term access plans are currently being worked on and the interchange will be west of the location. Reeve Beaupre inquired about initial service roads. Mr. Lapp responded that the initial service road was at the bottom of Lakeview Estates and there is a combination of service roads and tie-in roads close to the highway but not close to this subdivision application. The County will also be developing roads as well.

Councillor Harpe left the meeting at 10:57 a.m. and returned at 10:58 a.m.

Councillor Bulford inquired if the other 5 lots in the subdivision were already full. Mr. Stierle responded that the 5 lots are already sold.

Resolution #CM20130513.1008

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *10:59 a.m.*

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1009

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2680-13-018 to re-designate PT. NE-27-71-07-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-2) District be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1010

MOVED BY P. JACOBS that Bylaw 2680-13-018 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1011

MOVED BY L. DUECK that Bylaw 2680-13-018 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1012

MOVED BY B. SMITH that Bylaw 2680-13-018 to re-designate PT. NE-27-71-07-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-2) District be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**PT. LOT 6, PLAN 872
1777; NW-25-70-6-W6M
- CR-1 TO RE -
BEIRSTO, LEHNERS,
KETCHUM/SWANSTON
(FILE PLLUB20130102)
BYLAW 2680-13-020**

(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20130507006)

Resolution #CM20130513.1013

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. Lot 6, Plan 872 1777; NW-25-70-6-W6M from a County Residential (CR-1) District to a Rural Estate (RE) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *11:00 a.m.*

CARRIED

Reeve Beaupre excused herself from the meeting as she has pecuniary interest at 11:00 a.m. Deputy Reeve Sutherland chaired the remainder of the Public Hearing.

Nick Lapp noted that the purposed of this application is to rezone a portion of Pt. Lot 6, Plan 872 1777; NW-25-70-6-W6M to allow for a boundary adjustment subdivision. The applicant is proposing to rezone this 0.12 acre section and consolidate this portion of land with Lot 6D, Block 1, Plan 082 4572 situated to the west.

In the context of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), the policies set forth in section 7.3 are most application. The application is consistent with the MDP. This application was circulated to adjacent landowners, who originally objected as they misunderstood that the 0.12 acre that is being re-zoned was to be a new parcel. Since these objections were received, clarification was provided to these residents, who have now verbally stated they do not have any objections. Mr. Lapp noted that this area will have a larger house and Lot 6 would still maintain access off of the existing road.

The ERCB has "...determined other wells are located in the area; these wells are licensed as sweet or have an ERCB Level 1 sour designation and meet the recommended setback distance

requirement of 100m... ERCB determined that these pipelines are licensed as sweet or have an ERCB Level 1 sour designation. For these types of pipelines, there is no regulated setback distance however, the right-of-way must be observed."

Aquatera noted that "the proposed subdivisions will result in the water/sewer services for lot 6 running within the east boundary of proposed Lot 6F. Provided the respective owners enter into an access/utility agreement that is registered on the respective titles, Aquatera has no objections."

Councillor Smith inquired if the panhandle portion of land was left because of maintaining access. Mr. Beairsto responded that it was left there by the previous owner in the event he wanted to walk there.

Deputy Reeve Sutherland inquired why the area is so narrow. Bill responded that it was originally a walking trail and Mr. Beairsto noted that the trail is only about 20 feet wide and was used to walk to the golf course.

Resolution #CM20130513.1014

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *11:04 a.m.*

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1015

MOVED BY B. SMITH hat Bylaw 2680-13-020 to re-designate PT. Lot 6, Plan 872 1777; NW-25-70-6-W6M from a County Residential (CR-1) District to a Rural Estate (RE) District be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1016

MOVED BY S. NELSON that Bylaw 2680-13-020 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1017

MOVED BY L. DUECK that Bylaw 2680-13-020 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1018

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that Bylaw 2680-13-020 to re-designate PT. Lot 6, Plan 872 1777; NW-25-70-6-W6M from a County Residential (CR-1) District to a Rural Estate (RE) District be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

Reeve Beaupre returned to the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

**PT. SE-14-73-6-W6M -
AG TO RM-2 -
BEAIRSTO, LEHNERS,
KETCHUM/SIDHU
(FILE PLLUB20130051)
BYLAW 2680-13-019**

(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20130507002)

Resolution #CM20130513.1019

MOVED BY L. DUECK that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate Pt. SE-14-73-6-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *11:06 a.m.*

CARRIED

Matt Konowalchuk, Intermediate Planner, noted that this application to rezone would facilitate the development of one new lot for industrial use. This lot is the first parcel out of the quarter section. A majority of the proposed lot has a Farmland Assessment rating of 62% and indicative of better agricultural land, while land along the east boundary is located within a slough and a Farmland Assessment rating has not been given.

The application site is located in an area identified as industrial under the County's Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Future Land Use.

In evaluating this proposal with respect to the policies of section 8.3 of the MDP, it is noted that the site is suitable for the proposed use, and meets the requirements of the MDP. Other industrial uses are located within the surrounding area, and therefore the potential for conflict is low.

The application site is also located within the Emerson Trail Area

Structure Plan (ASP). Uses encouraged in this area are those that are characteristic of other rural industrial parks, and would be directed under Rural Medium Industrial.

In order to facilitate the development of these lands for Industrial purposes, it is intended that the area be rezoned to the appropriate district as a prerequisite to subdivision. This application would allow the zoning to be consistent with the Emerson Trail ASP. Road improvements would be required with future subdivision as per the Emerson Trail ASP.

Administration is recommending approval of the application. The application was circulated to adjacent landowners and no comments were received.

The Energy Recourse Conservation Board has "...determined other wells are located in the area; these wells are licensed as sweet or have an ERCB Level 1 sour designation and meet the recommended setback distance requirement of 100m... ERCB determined that these pipelines are licensed as sweet or have an ERCB Level 1 sour designation. For these types of pipelines, there is no regulated setback distance however, the right-of-way must be observed."

Mr. Beairsto noted that this is the first lot out and there are no noted issues; he will answer any questions from Council.

Adjacent landowner Rod Dueck was present in the audience to speak to the application. He noted that he did not receive any notice about this application and inquired what the zoning of his property is. Reeve Beaupre responded that he would have to ask the Town of Sexsmith Planning Department for the current zoning of his property. Mr. Dueck referred the County website and read the conditions for the RM-2 zoning. He noted there needs to be a 30 meter buffer up to his land. Mr. Beairsto responded that they can accommodate the 30 meter buffer but it is a subdivision issue that should be raised in an MPC meeting. Reeve Beaupre commented that Mr. Dueck's concern has been raised and noted but concurred that the issue will be addressed at subdivision. Mr. Dueck requested that he receive notice from the County for future applications in his area as the Town of Sexsmith did not provide him with any notice even though he is an adjacent landowner.

Mr. Pfau noted that there is a portion of road that was never rebuilt to industrial standards that will need be addressed at subdivision as well.

Resolution #CM20130513.1020

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *11:14 a.m.*

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1021

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2680-13-019 to re-designate PT. SE-14-73-6-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1022

MOVED BY L. DUECK that Bylaw 2680-13-019 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1023

MOVED BY B. SMITH that Bylaw 2680-13-019 be given consent for third and final reading.

DEFEATED

Councillor Jacobs asked for clarification on the obligation from the County to address the issues of adequate notice noted today by Mr. Dueck. Mr. Simpson responded that he will check to see whether the notice was sent out to Mr. Dueck and that the County does have an obligation to notify all adjacent landowners.

**BYLAW 2978
PROCEDURAL BYLAW
(THIRD READING)**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20130507004)

This Bylaw was presented to Council April 8, 2013. It had been requested that the Bylaw be amended to reflect a time of 6:00 pm to introduce a resolution when the meeting is expected to continue. In the previous bylaw the time was 4:00 p.m.

On May 6th the Procedural Bylaw 2978 amendments received 1st and 2nd reading. Permission for 3rd and final reading was defeated. Therefore, the amended Procedural Bylaw 2978 is being presented again for 3rd reading.

Administration also requested that the Bylaw be amended to reflect the elected official term of office from 3 years to 4 years, in keeping with the amendment to the Local Authorities Election Act.

Councillor Smith referred to page 10 of the Procedural Bylaw under Section 26a (i) (ii) and he inquired why Robert's Rules of Orders is not being used.

Reeve Beaupre noted that Council uses both Robert's Rules of Order and Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms.

Councillor Harpe commented that the Bylaw should be changed to reflect Robert's Rules or Order. He further noted that he had made a motion previously to scrap the entire Bylaw but it has come back with amendments instead. He does not have a problem with the bylaw itself, but an issue because of the Robert's Rules of Order not being included.

Resolution #CM20130513.1024

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to table Procedural Bylaw 2987 to clarify Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms and Roberts Rules of Order in the Bylaw and how it applies to how Council currently conducts its meetings.

TABLED

BORROWING BYLAW 2984 - RANGE ROAD #54 (1ST READING)

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20130507013)

This bylaw authorizes the Council of the County of Grande Prairie to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of the base and paving and other related work on a road referred to as Range Road #54, adjacent to the west boundary of Section 4, Township 72, Range 5, W6M, from Highway 670 north for a distance of approximately 1.6 kilometers (pursuant to Section 258 of the Municipal Government Act). Bylaw 2984 in its entirety was attached to the agenda package.

Bylaw 2984 is being presented for first reading May 13, 2013, with advertising timelines proposed as follows:

- May 15, 2013
- May 17, 2013
- May 22, 2013

The bylaw cannot receive 2nd and 3rd readings until after 15 days from the date of the last advertising, and if a sufficient petition from electors is not received, Council may proceed with passage of the borrowing bylaw at the June 10th, 2013 Council meeting.

Both Range Road #54 and Range Road #70 (see attached maps) are in the proposed City annexation area. Range Road #54 surfacing was included in our 2013 budget for surfacing at an estimated cost of approximately \$2,700,000.00. The project involves base paving of 3.2 kilometers of local road located between Highway #670 and Highway #43. 1.6 kilometers of the project falls within the proposed annexation area with the remaining 1.6 kilometers remaining in the County (presuming the annexation is approved to include the 1.6 kilometers mentioned earlier).

The County intended to fund the "County" 1.6 kilometers, with revised estimate at approximately \$1,063,400.00, from reserve and the "annexed" 1.6 kilometers from a borrowing debenture with revised estimate at approximately \$1,500,000.00. We would then include the debenture with the other debentures being transferred to the City once annexation is approved.

The Range Road #70 project was identified and applied for as a potential Resource Road Project in 2009 and reapplied in fall 2011. It required 3.2 kilometers of re-grading prior to the base paving of the entire 8.0 kilometer project. The project is located west of the City from the junction of Highway #43 north 8.0 kilometers.

We were unsuccessful with our application and realizing it fell into the proposed annexation area it appeared as a priority 2

(unfunded) in our 2013 budget deliberations. It was understood both projects would form part of our "annexation negotiation" with the City. Range Road #54 has not been tendered as of yet.

During the negotiation/mediation process the County requested assurance from the City that both Range Road #54 and Range Road #70 projects, along with the grading/ base/ paving of Range Road #64, from the intersection of Highway #43 south to the City Limits, a distance of 1.6 kilometers, which forms part of the "Silverpoint" access and is entirely in the City but used heavily by County residents, would be completed shortly after annexation. The City initially indicated no interest in undertaking any of the three projects but subsequently indicated they were prepared to upgrade Range Road #64 in the near future and consider the Range Road #70 project in 2017/2018.

The County responded at the last mediation meeting held with the City that we were prepared to undertake the 1.6 kilometer of range Road #54, in lieu of the 1.6 kilometers of Range Road #64 offered. This was to allow us to tender the full 3.2 kilometer project this year and subsequently transfer the debenture to the City for the 1.6 kilometers once the road was annexed. As well, we offered to base pave the first 3.2 kilometers of Range Road #70 from the intersection of Highway #43 north (the portion not requiring a re-grade) and have them complete the project at a later date. This project would be funded from a borrowing as well, which would subsequently be transferred to the City. Both projects would be combined to achieve "economy of scale" savings.

No decision was made on our offer as subsequent to the offer the City informed us they were no longer prepared to mediate, rather they would apply to the Municipal Government Board for the annexation. To date we have not seen the City's application.

As a foot note:

- In the City's Proposal of March 2013 "The City agrees to address RR #64 in the 2014 budget and RR #70 in the 2017/18 budget.
- In the Mediation Committee Summary Notes of March 15, 2013 under #3 Roads: " The City can recommend compensation for the improved portion of Carriage Lane ... RR54: Discussion on the possibility of the County

completing 1 mile of paving on this road and the City take over the debenture."

Mr. Pfau commented that the City portion of Range Road 54 may need more work done there and it may be less than \$1.5 million.

Mr. Rogan noted that the minutes from the Mediation discussion were never formally approved as further meetings were not held with the City. He has spoken to legal counsel and they advised that they could not find a case where debenture was not passed on to the acquiring municipality.

Councillor Eckstrom noted that her concern is that there was a letter sent from the City about not doing any further construction until after the Annexation was complete. Bill responded that the letter was sent, but the County did not respond to it and we have done projects since then that the City has agreed to take on. Councillor Eckstrom noted that agreements that were done in mediation are not official in writing, they have not officially agreed to take our debentures; they can potentially go to the MGB and say that the County proceeded with construction when they had not made an agreement. Bill responded that both the consultant and legal counsel advised that they have never seen a case of debentures not being passed on. These are both on the fringe of the Annexation area and they may not be approved to be annexed by the MGB.

Reeve Beaupre noted that they can argue that they cannot take the debenture because they cannot afford to take it on. Councillor Eckstrom noted that at the annexation meetings the City has said they would accept the debentures.

Councillor Nelson inquired if the landowner to the east of Range Road 54 are successful in not getting annexed into the City, how will that affect the road. Bill responded that the road will belong to the County according to the MGA. It is up to negotiations though as in the past any roads touching the City transferred to the City as they create more traffic on them.

Councillor Nelson noted that she will abstain from voting as her daughter has a parcel off of Range Road 54. Councillor Nelson

left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Councillor Smith commented that his research showed the MGB won't necessarily make the City take on the debentures, it is up to the MGB to decide.

Councillor Harpe commented that he made the motion and reviewed the minutes, if there was more commitment from the City noted it would have a better response. He also noted that the minutes from the annexation meetings are not official so he is not comfortable with accepting what is documented in them.

Reeve Beaupre noted her concern is that we do not know what the City is going to commit; Range Road 70 and Range Road 54 were always on the County's master plan. It is assumed the City would take the projects on, but now we have no idea and if we wait until 2015 the County ratepayers will have to wait 2-3 seasons to get anything addressed.

Councillor Smith commented that the Councillor for the Division where Range Road 70 is located has not addressed the issue with roads in the past. Bill responded that this was applied for in Resource Road funding but it has not been approved. Further, the 5 miles and re-grading had been included in an earlier budget. The proposition to the City was that we will do the initial work on the 2 roads and they will do the rest in 2017/18. The re-grading was in the budget when it was considered a couple years ago.

Mr. Rogan clarified his earlier statement in regards to taking over the debentures: the legal counsel and consultants had never seen a debenture not be taken over before, there is a chance that they could not take them over but they have never seen the MGB not pass a debenture on.

Councillor Dueck commented that she has never agreed to this situation in the past and she is afraid the County will be paving the roads and then giving them to the City for free.

Councillor Sutherland noted that work on these roads will affect work on Range Road 60. Bill noted that road was most recently done on debenture and the City will also take over Range Road

60. Councillor Sutherland responded that the City has not guaranteed they will take over Range Road 60. He believes the MGB would see our case in regards to the debentures.

Resolution #CM20130513.1025

MOVED BY L. DUECK that Bylaw 2984 authorizing the Council of the County of Grande Prairie to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of the base and paving and other related work on a road referred to as Range Road #54, adjacent to the west boundary of Section 4, Township 72, Range 5, W6M, from Highway 670 north for a distance of approximately 1.6 kilometers be read a first time.

DEFEATED

BORROWING BYLAW 2985 - RANGE ROAD #70 (1ST READING)

(BYLAWS)

(Issue #20130509005)

Councillor Nelson returned to the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Bylaw 2985 authorizes the Council of the County of Grande Prairie to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$2,450,000.00 for the purpose of the base and paving of a road referred to as Range Road #70 from Highway 43 to Township Road 720, for a distance of approximately 3.2 kilometers (pursuant to Section 258 of the Municipal Government Act). Bylaw 2985 in its entirety was attached to the agenda package.

The same background information was provided in regards to Range Road 54 and Range Road 70. There was similar discussion in regards to Range Road 70 as there was for Range Road 54.

Resolution #CM20130513.1026

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that Bylaw 2985 authorizing the Council of the County of Grande Prairie to incur indebtedness by the issuance of debenture(s) in the amount of \$2,450,000.00 for the purpose of the base and paving of a road referred to as Range Road #70 from Highway 43 to Township Road 720, for a distance of approximately 3.2 kilometers be read a first time.

DEFEATED**WEED INSPECTOR
APPOINTMENT**

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130430002)

Ms. Raven noted that all Weed Inspectors for the County of Grande Prairie must be appointed by Council. Under the Weed Control Act of Alberta they require appointments as a Municipal Weed Inspectors. This will allow staff to enforce the Weed Control Act on behalf of the County. She requested that Council appoint the following seasonal staff as Weed Inspectors.

- Enda Russell
- Marny Kenney
- Chelsea Esau
- Jessica Chalus
- Brenda Wheeler
- Eamonn O'Byrne
- Keliann Ouimet

Councillor Smith inquired which Weed Inspector is located in each of the Councillor's Divisions. Ms. Raven responded that she will provide a map to each Councillor with names of the Inspectors working in their areas.

Resolution #CM20130513.1027

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to appoint the seasonal staff noted by the AG Fieldman as Weed Inspectors for the County of Grande Prairie No.1.

CARRIED**Resolution #CM20130513.1028**

MOVED BY B. SMITH to advance items 9.1 and 9.2 forward on the agenda as Councillor Eckstrom had to meet with the City of Grande Prairie 100th Anniversary Committee.

CARRIED**CITY OF GRANDE
PRAIRIE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130509006)

At the May 6th, 2013 Council Meeting, Council made a motion to "see if there is an opportunity to support County Pioneers/Seniors realizing many are former County residents in a venue in the County of Grande Prairie in celebration of the City's 100th Anniversary and what contribution is required by the County of Grande Prairie to the City of Grande Prairie for this event".

Councillor Eckstrom sits on the City of Grande Prairie's 100th Anniversary Committee and has asked for Council to discuss this event as she has a meeting with the Committee this afternoon. Helen Rice wanted to know what the County was going to do for Seniors and Heritage for the City's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Reeve Beaupre asked for clarification on the request for funding. Councillor Eckstrom responded that there is no request for funding at this time. She is assuming the celebration will be at the Tech Centre and wanted to know what the County would be doing.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the Committee is looking to have 100 days of events in 2014 for the 100th Anniversary. She commented that the County needs to have a bigger event or function for the Seniors during Seniors Week.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she would like to form an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss what can be done for the event. Bill Rogan, CAO outlined the background for the motion and advised it was intended to inquire if the City of Grande Prairie was proposing an event for Seniors and if they were the County might be interested in supporting.

Councillor Nelson commented that she thinks the County should host a Tea Party at Tech Centre and book the afternoon during Senior's Week; we can have local fiddle players and invite all County Senior's for Tea. Reeve Beaupre noted that Seniors Week is the first week in June.

Councillor Harpe noted that the Grande Spirit Foundation hosts a Tea Party for Seniors every year and that the County should partner with them on that. They invite all seniors (from the City and the County) and can partner with the Disabled Transportation to ensure that everyone can attend.

Resolution #CM20130513.1029

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the County host an event in conjunction with the Grande Spirit Foundation for Seniors Week

2014 to participate in the City of Grande Prairie's 100th Anniversary that will include all seniors from across the County and have the event held within the County of Grande Prairie.

Councillor Jacobs believes it is an excellent idea to co-host an event for Seniors and noted that the County could sponsor some of the entertainment at the event.

Councillor Smith suggested that we include some form of Agriculture in the event as well.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1030

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that a Committee of 3 members be created to organize the Seniors events for the City of Grande Prairie's 100th Anniversary.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1031

MOVED BY R. HARPE to have the Committee for the City's 100th Anniversary Celebration be included at the Fall 2013 Organizational Meeting.

CARRIED

CAO EVALUATION

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130513001)

Councillor Eckstrom inquired where the CAO evaluation had been completed for this year.

Reeve Beaupre responded that it is almost completed, they are still waiting on evaluations to come in before it can be provided to Council and discuss with CAO. Once it is ready for review Council will have an In Camera session to discuss.

Resolution #CM20130513.1032

MOVED BY S. NELSON that the meeting be recessed at 12:03 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED

**GREENSPACE
MAINTENANCE PLAN**

The meeting was reconvened at 1:31 p.m.

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20130507005)

Councillor Eckstrom was not present for the remainder of the Council meeting.

Megan Schur provided background information on the Greenscape Plan. Terry Dueck was also present. Ms. Schur noted that they had met with PRC and they gave recommendations on the plan. Parks and Recreation want to be efficient and consistent with the level of service provided within the County. Ms. Schur also spoke about the mowing and the zoning in the subdivisions.

Barb Gordon, Groundskeeping Supervisor with Parks & Rec, has developed a draft version of a Greenspace Plan. This was developed in order to become more efficient operators while providing a strong level of service for County ratepayers. The plan will assist us to be consistent across the County and will guide us when planning for the future; with future zoning changes they can know how to address the beautification mowing. The mowing begins when the certificate (FAC) for a subdivision is done. Where there are locations that it is too steep to mow they will try and leave it a weed-free natural area.

With approval from Council, Administration will pursue making the Plan into a County Policy. No changes would come into effect until 2014. This potential policy would then be supported by internal operating practices and procedures that reduce the need for pesticides, fertilizers and watering.

In developing the plan, other municipalities including Strathcona County, Wheatland County, Rockyview County and the County of Wetaskiwin, the City of Grande Prairie and the Town of Peace River were all consulted to determine their levels of service and maintenance practises. The level of service we are offering is comparable to an urban centre. Many rural municipalities were lacking a defined plan for their maintenance. This plan was developed for beautification mowing and does not extend to roadside (Agriculture) mowing.

Ms. Schur, Ms. Gordon, and Mr. Dueck answered any questions from Council as she reviewed the various levels of service for turf management (Level 1 - Level 4).

Reeve Beaupre inquired if there is any discussion with Public Works and Planning in regards to engineering for areas in the subdivisions (buffer zone, etc) if Parks & Rec are not planning on mowing it. Ms. Schur responded that there are construction standards that are followed; Planning has been very good with it, they have been in conversations about new subdivisions.

Level 1 Service: mow once per week; County CSB, Administration Building, and irrigated sports fields.

Reeve Beaupre inquired who will be responsible for mowing the Sportsplex, Parks & Rec or the Contractor. Ms. Schur responded that Parks & Rec will be taking over maintenance of the Sportsplex greenspace outside the building footprint.

Level 2 Service: mow bi-weekly; within Hamlets and/or Subdivisions classified as Rural Estate (RE) zoning, Rural Residential (RR1 - RR4; Carriage Lane, MR and walking trails, parks and playgrounds), and Firehalls.

Councillor Nelson inquired about the level of service provided to Public Utility Lots. Ms. Schur responded that PUL's are like walking trails and back alleys and they referred to the previous years mowing schedule and they are keeping the same level of service for all areas. Councillor Nelson responded that there is a Public Utility Lot in the Hamlet of Clairmont that is used as a walking path for children going to school and she believes that many people use that area and it should be mowed more than twice a year (Level 3 service). Ms. Schur noted that the Clairmont Ball Diamonds are done bi-weekly as it is a non-irrigated sports field. Councillor Nelson noted further that part of the PUL area has been designated as future park greenspace. Reeve Beaupre responded that if it fits the requirement Parks & Rec can work with Councillor Nelson on addressing the area.

Level 3 Service: mowed twice a year; Back alleys and PUL's in the Hamlets and cemeteries.

Councillor Harpe commented that only mowing the back alleys and PULs twice a year will make ratepayers in the hamlets mad. Ms. Schur responded that there are some municipalities that do

not address these areas at all. Councillor Harpe believes these areas should be done once a month instead of twice a year.

Councillor Nelson inquired if Parks & Rec had sought out volunteer mowers, community groups could take on some mowing to raise money for their group. Ms. Schur responded that is an interesting concept but she is worried about the liability that would be associated with that. There are some caretaker groups that do spring cleanup and mowing for the cemeteries. Bill noted that we have a Cemetery grant that can be used for various things with the cemetery. He noted further that there is only one cemetery owned by the County but we do address the abandoned cemeteries once a year; the rest of the cemeteries are community or church owned and they are maintained by them and they can apply for a grant.

Councillor Smith commented that the Hilltop Cemetery in Hythe done twice a year and it looks good. He expressed his appreciation that the cemetery does get addressed.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the main issue is timeliness of the first cuts that are done.

Councillor Dueck commented that Halcourt Cemetery is mowed by the County once a year and the cemetery maintains it afterwards. She also noted that they received funding from the Cemetery Grant and they were appreciative for the funding.

Level 4 Service: mowed once a year (striving to have it done twice a year); Walking trails, shoulders, ditches, and MR's within County Residential (CR1 - CR5) Subdivisions.

Ms. Schur noted that the Subdivision mowing has been inherited from the AG department. Reeve Beaupre noted that she lives in a CR Subdivision that is closer to the County than the RE Subdivisions so she believes they should receive the same level of service. She also noted that there are situations where someone installs a new culvert or waterline and they do not complete and reclamation afterwards; she feels it should be re-done to the satisfaction of the landowner. Ms. Schur asked Mr. Pfau if there could be an agreement included in the plan in regards to reclamation. Mr. Pfau responded that it

can be in the plan. Reeve Beaupre provided an example of a waterline that was installed in Taylor Estates, the company left the ditches in disarray and it took a lot of work from the landowner to get it fixed.

Councillor Sutherland noted that he agrees with Reeve Beaupre in regards to the reclamation because when contractors are done changing things out and paving the land is not returned to the initial conditions. Residents in some subdivisions were concerned that after paving they would not have the same slope in their ditches. Ms. Schur responded that they want to a MINIMUM level of care on the plan so residents will be encouraged to maintain their own property.

Councillor Jacobs noted that she agrees with Councillor Sutherland because in the past there were areas that have flooded and washed out landscaping and ditches; Public Works have tried to fix these areas with a steep slope but people cannot properly maintain due to the steepness. She also noted, in regards to Park access, that the road up to Saskatoon Mountain has yellow and white clover that is quite high and it needs to be cut early in the season in order to ensure fire hazard protection. Ms. Schur responded that Saskatoon Mountain is a unique area because the high school students are tasked with cleaning up and mowing the area. Ms. Schur also noted that they try and encourage ongoing communication between AG and Parks & Rec to ensure that the areas are targeted.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if there are certain kinds of seed used when planting as there is an abundance of sweet clover everywhere. Mr. Pfau responded that it is a policy to use 100% Fescue and that sweet clover grows naturally, they have never planted it.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if there could be better communication used for the mowing subdivision areas; for example, putting up sandwich boards a week before mowing so the ratepayers can clean up the rocks, toys, garbage, bikes, etc. Ms. Schur responded that they haven't done anything like that in the past but it can be discussed. She also noted that the ditches would be mowed in the CR zoning but not the RE zoning. Ms. Gordon commented that there are only two people on the Subdivision mowing crew so she is not sure if there will be

enough time to have that done prior. Ms. Schur noted that this can likely be done for safety reasons as they encountered an issue last year with a rock hitting someones car in the CR areas. Reeve Beaupre noted that the mowing schedule can be printed it in the newsletter as well so the residents know when the crew will be in their area and can tidy up their property.

Ms. Schur discussed the aerating for the Sportsfields. She noted that irrigation in Level 1 Service is necessary to ensure playing fields are in the proper condition for activities.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she is very happy to see that Administration Building will be mowed once a week because ratepayers come in here all the time. She also noted the importance of having one department addressing the mowing and beautification. Councillor Nelson commented that people have commented on how nice the flowers and maintenance is at the Administration Building. Councillor Smith also commented that the flowers at the Administration Building were very nice last year.

Weed Management: Ms. Gordon noted that they will be using an integrated weed and pest management program as it will be a more environmentally friendly option. Reeve Beaupre inquired what would be done for the rocks at the Administration Building. Ms. Gordon responded that the rock will need to be sprayed with the least toxic chemical. Ms. Schur noted that they want to reduce the amount of chemicals used but if they have to they will use herbicide and pesticides, but they do want to use as much IPM as possible. Parks & Rec would like to have a policy in place to give them the flexibility to amend it as required. Reeve Beaupre concurred that passing a policy will gives Parks the opportunity to choose what management system can be used to address each individual situation.

Reeve Beaupre inquired who is responsible for seeding and soil reclamation for landowners if something has been done on their property. Ms. Schur responded that if the County did the work that they would be responsible to reclaim. Reeve Beaupre noted that there is no policy implemented in regards to County reclamation. Mr. Pfau responded that generally with larger projects the contractor is responsible, for spot construction AG will soil and re-seed; culvert replacements does not always get

addressed. He noted that he has made a note that Public Works needs to address these areas better.

Councillor Nelson left the meeting at 2:09 p.m. and returned at 2:10 p.m.

Councillor Nelson commented that we need to make sure that Aquatera, ATCO, and other large companies are doing the same reclamation on the areas where they are completing jobs. She referred to the lack of reclamation that Telus had done on Mercer Hill.

Level of Service for annual beds, hanging baskets, perennials, shrub beds, and trees: areas addressed will be annuals in Wedgewood, at the CSB, at the Admin building, and they will plant some at the Sportsplex. Parks & Rec are encouraging more perennial beds than annual beds. They will be doing standard watering and weed control and therefore some spraying for weeds will happen in the beds. If there are patches of weeds they will refer to AG depending on the magnitude of the scale.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if new subdivision signs and flower beds will be coordinated between Planning, Public Works and Parks & Rec. Ms. Schur responded that there will be coordination. She also noted that Communities in Bloom can do the annuals and the community will care for it and the County will build the flower bed. Once the annuals die the County will re-plant perennials. Reeve Beaupre commented that sometimes in new subdivisions the developer will plant the initial flowers then not up-keep the beds once the FAC is approved; the residents then expect the same level of maintenance.

Ms. Schur reviewed the County's responsibilities and the landowners responsibilities in regards to residential areas.

County Responsibilities for Residential areas:

- Public Parks, Playgrounds and County owned greenspaces
- Public Utility lot (land owned by the County for municipal infrastructure)
- Public utility easements (with a mowable surface)
- Public Trail systems and abutting greenspace on County

- owned property or County
- leased property.
- Cemetery
- Public parking lots
- Public boulevards

Landowner responsibilities for residential areas: the Owner of any land within the County of Grande Prairie shall cut grass, control noxious and prohibited weeds or plants, and remove rubbish, garbage, and debris as it accumulates on his/her property and that portion of the highway that lies between the boundary of his/her land and the centre line of the highway that abuts or flanks the property of which such person is the owner.

Ms. Schur noted that the Service road in Clairmont is the County's responsibility. Councillor Nelson inquired about the landowner to the West between the Service road and twinning. Ms. Gordon responded that Parks & Rec mow the ditch but not the property.

Hamlets such as Valhalla and La Glace - homes that are adjacent to the main highway will no longer have their ditch mowed by the us, but once a year by Alberta Transportation. We have in the plan that residential property owners are responsible for their property and that portion of the property adjacent to theirs to the centre-line of the highway.

Councillor Harpe commented that Highway 59 is no different than the other County roads. He inquired why the landowner would be responsible for mowing area on a government owned highway. Reeve Beaupre commented that in areas like Taylor Estates they are responsible to mow the area up to the road and because Highway 59 is owned by Alberta Transportation it should be their responsibility to upkeep. Bill responded that the residents in Carriage Lane also mow their frontages and they are up to a roadway as well. As well, the County has gone in and mowed more than AB Transportation will. He inquired if there is a desire to have the frontages on Highway 59 done once a year by the County as well (in Valhalla and LaGlacé). Councillor Harpe commented that there shouldn't be a divide between different classes of people based on their areas: everyone should get the same

treatment and level of service. Ms. Schur inquired if Councillor Harpe is recommending that Parks drop the level of service in the Rural Estate zoning. Councillor Harpe responded that Parks should mow as much as they possibly can to try and have all areas receiving the same service as RE zoned areas. Reeve Beaupre commented that the roads are done by AB Transportation and it relies on their schedule whether the mowing will be done or not in certain areas.

Councillor Jacobs commented that there are good and bad developers and she is not sure whose responsibility it is to keep it mowed as grass that high is a fire hazard. She inquired if can we go after the developer to address the grass on lots that are not sold yet. Bill responded that if we have an FAC on the subdivision it will be the County's responsibility to mow but if they are unsold lots the developer needs to address the issue. He further noted that we need to have more discussion with developers about their responsibilities for mowing subdivisions prior the FAC and addressing any reclamation issues.

Councillor Sutherland inquired what zoning gets the ditches mowed to the middle of the road. Bill responded that subdivisions that are RE zoned (for example Taylor Estates and Carriage Lane); they had made a deal with the developers that if they have flat ditches they will maintain their own property. With the CR zoning its gets done once a year, twice if possible. Councillor Sutherland requested a breakdown of the level of service provided to each zone. Ms. Schur responded that the breakdown was provided in the attachment for the agenda package.

This plan has been discussed with other members of Administration at length. There is general support for the plan, however the question of high visibility corridors in industrial/commercial areas is not addressed in this plan. Needs to have a discussion between Parks and AG to see who addresses this. The area that will be most significantly impacted is 99 St in Clairmont as Parks & Rec will no longer mow this ditch.

Commercial/Industrial responsibilities for the County: included in the event that the following falls on commercial or industrial property.

Councillor Smith left the meeting at 2:25 p.m. and returned at 2:26 p.m.

- County owned: Public Playgrounds, Public Parks, Public parking lots and Public Boulevards.
- Public Trail systems and abutting greenspace on County owned or County leased property.
- Public boulevards
- County owned lots, municipal reserves, or environment reserves.

Councillor Bulford left the meeting at 2:27 p.m. and returned at 2:31 p.m.

Commercial/Industrial responsibilities for the landowners:

- Private parking lots intended for use by business customers or patrons
- Yard or property surrounding and abutting buildings to the property line
- Driveways or entrance/exits
- Private boulevards
- Soft landscaping (including grass, shrubs, flowers, etc.) on or abutting the property as has been required within the development agreement or voluntarily established by the property owner.
- The area that falls between the property and the centerline of an abutting highway

Landowners will not be expected to maintain ditches where there is:

- An excess of moisture or standing water
- Large debris that may damage equipment, or
- a grade or slope that would put an equipment operator in a hazardous position.

Reeve Beaupre inquired what communication occurs between the County and the commercial/industrial owners in regards to the requirements to mow. Bill responded that most of the places are diligent and do it themselves and that the County has done 99th Street since it's inception; some commercial/industry relies

on the County to mow and others don't. For example Trican and Brandt do the maintenance themselves.

Councillor Nelson commented that according to Communities in Bloom feedback, the industrial areas were taken care of very well. She also noted that we need to ensure that the Sportplex and the surrounding areas are well maintained with no weeds or garbage on the property or the surrounding area.

Reeve Beaupre inquired that when/if Council approves the Greenscape Maintenance Plan there are expectations that residential and commercial/industrial landowners will be responsible for; will there be letters sent out stating that there is a policy in place and certain standards need to be met. Ms. Schur responded that letters will be sent out but they will follow the status quo for this year and the changes will be implemented fully in 2014.

Councillor Dueck commented that this plan is for rural beautification and commercial/ industrial should be looking after their own frontage. She believes that because AG has larger mowers they should address the road to the Sportsplex and any industrial/ commercial the County is responsible for. Ms. Schur responded that Parks will be in conversations with AG in regards to the Sportsplex road.

Councillor Harpe commented that whether it is urban or rural, people look at the curb appeal and if there is no maintenance done they will not want to live here. He does not want the services decreased, would like more service in urban areas; there is associated costs with the growth in the area and the service needs to be increased as well.

Reeve Beaupre noted that she agrees with Councillor Harpe in regards to the beautification mowing that comes from County tax dollars; urban areas see the benefit of the service increase but other areas need that as well. There are several CR-5 subdivisions that are closer to the City than RE subdivisions. Bill noted that only the trails and parks are being addressed not the ditches. Ms. Schur responded that they want to be as efficient and consistent as possible, they thought that the zoning was a good way to divide the level of service instead of judging on individual cases. Reeve Beaupre referred to calls

she has received about the flower bed located outside Wedgewood and not having them outside of all of the other subdivisions in the County; there needs to be consistency there as well.

Councillor Dueck commented that she has a hard time thinking that we should be mowing more because if we are increasing the mowing out to commercial/industrial areas it will cost more in taxes and they should be doing it themselves. If we want an increased level of service Parks will need to ask for more staff members; she thinks that AG and Parks should work together on this.

Councillor Nelson commented that she she agrees with Councillor Dueck because if we keep expanding the program we will have to hire more staff. She believes there is a great opportunity to partner and have high school students doing some of the maintenance. She referenced the park in Clairmont and if a non-profit group can be given the money it costs to maintain they will likely upkeep it. She sees that there is an opportunity to outsource some of the beautification work. Reeve Beaupre inquired if Parks has considered outsourcing to other groups so they can address the beautification. Ms. Schur responded that they have not considered the outsourcing for the general grounds-keeping. Councillor Smith commented that they will need more to find more trained people to do the maintenance and also consider the liabilities associated.

Mr. Dueck commented that many ditches in the industrial parks, including the County and McRae, have never been done as they are terrible and full of rocks and other debris. Construction workers do not clean up the ditches and to have them done now will be a major added cost to the County in addition to the chance of ruining their machines. He also noted that when he did subdivision mowing he noticed that there are few areas where people mowed their own ditches, but there were also areas where it was hard for landowners to mow themselves so the County had addressed it.

Bill asked Council if they believed the plan should address 99th Street as well as the areas in Valhalla and LaGlance. Councillor Dueck thinks that Parks & Rec should go back to AG and discuss what can be shared between the two departments before

the plan gets approved. Councillor Nelson commented that she is fine with this plan being approved because it isn't going out to be implemented until next year. She is OK with 99th Street being removed because everyone should get the same level of service so if other commercial/industrial areas are not being done the County should not do 99th Street.

Reeve Beaupre noted that her only concern is the notification of landowners about the level of service and the coordination between Public Works, Parks & Rec, and AG. She commented that it needs to be included in the policy that it is the responsibility of various departments to address the beautification.

Councillor Harpe commented that the real issue is how much the County is doing compared to how much the resident is doing and how to enforce the responsibilities. We need to keep the County open with curb appeal and therefore everything needs to be addressed (ditches, mowing, maintenance, and clean-up). He believes that everyone should get good service and that if we have to pay more then we should to have the job done right. Councillor Harpe was referring to the level of service for both residential and commercial/industrial areas.

Reeve Beaupre noted that anything over and outlined services can be granted at the discretion of the department. Mr. Pfau noted that this is more of a status quo policy there are not many changes with the exception of 99th Street, Valhalla, and LaGlace. They just need to have everything put into a formal policy. He also noted that there is an old general store in Teepee Creek as well as some mailboxes that used to be an abandoned property so the request for the beautification there is an above-and-beyond request for Parks & Rec. Councillor Bulford commented that the AG Society mows most of Bezanson.

Councillor Nelson commented that she doesn't mind that areas are not being mowed if there are vacant lots but we should really be going after the owner because it needs to be addressed. Bill outlined any changes that will be made to the Greenscape Maintenance Plan: 99th Street in Clairmont will be eliminated, Valhalla and LaGlace will be done once a year by the County, and Bowman Road to the Sportsplex will be done by either AG or Parks & Rec depending on the size of mower that is required.

Councillor Sutherland inquired if we can charge the amount for clean-up back to the landowner (for places like the Teepee Creek store). Bill responded that he believes that we can charge the amount back to the landowner.

Councillor Dueck inquired about the remainder of the Hamlets that are located on highways. Bill responded that they will likely be cut once a year therefore the County will cut once and AB Transportation is responsible for the remainder of the maintenance. Ms. Schur noted that Parks & Rec do not cut in the Hamlet of Elsworth.

Resolution #CM20130513.1033

MOVED BY R. HARPE to have the Greenscape Maintenance Plan brought back on a later Council agenda with the discussion items addressed and the approval be tabled to a future agenda.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130513.1034

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the meeting be recessed at 2:58 p.m.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - GRANDE PRAIRIE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130507007)

The meeting was reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

Ms. Schur noted that the Grande Prairie Construction Association is seeking sponsorship for their 27th Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for scholarships.

Event info:

Saturday, June 8, 2013
The Dunes Golf and Winter Club

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Bronze Sponsor - \$50 - \$99
Silver Sponsor - \$100 - \$199

Gold Sponsor - \$200 - and up

Details were attached to the agenda package.

There are four \$500.00 scholarships that are handed out. In past years approximately \$2000.00 was raised, which covers the four scholarships. When more than \$2000 is raised, additional scholarships are given out.

Past support:

The County has not contributed to this event in the past.

Community Assistance Fund:

To date, Council has distributed \$9,473 from Community Assistance. As of May 7, 2013 the remaining amount is \$22,947.

Resolution #CM20130513.1035

MOVED BY B. SMITH for No Action on this request for sponsorship from the Grande Prairie Construction Association.

Reeve Beaupre noted that they should contribute to this because the Construction Association Membership does a lot in the County.

Councillor Harpe noted that he concurs with Councillor Smith's motion as the Association works to make money, they are not a non-profit group.

Councillor Jacobs spoke against the motion because the money is used for a scholarship or apprenticeship and she thinks there should be support given.

Council voted on the motion of No Action.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR
SPONSORSHIP - ST.
MARY'S CATHOLIC**

Ms. Schur noted that the St. Mary's Catholic School Grade 4 class has won the opportunity to compete in the Alberta Music Festival Provincial Competition. They are looking for support to

SCHOOL

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130507010)

cover trip expenses.

Event info:

Friday, May 31, 2013

Edmonton

The Grade 4 students won gold for their performance at the Encana Music Festival in Choral Speech in Grande Prairie in April 2013, and therefore have the opportunity to compete in the Alberta Music Festival Provincial Competition. St. Mary's School is hoping to raise \$5,000.00 to cover the expenses for the trip (transportation, accommodation, meals). Any donation amount is welcome. Acknowledgement of donations will appear in the school newsletter (online).

Community Assistance Fund:

To date, Council has distributed \$9,473 from Community Assistance. As of May 7, 2013 the remaining amount is \$22,947.

Resolution #CM20130513.1036

MOVED BY S. NELSON to donate \$250.00 to the Grade 4 Class at St. Mary's Catholic School to compete in the Alberta Music Festival.

Reeve Beaupre spoke against the motion as she thinks they should have applied for funding through the Culture and Recreation Grants. Ms. Schur responded that it was very difficult for them to time the grant application with the timing of their event. Councillor Nelson commented that they won the competition so they want to make sure they can compete in the provincials as well.

Councillor Jacobs spoke in favour of the motion because the County has sponsored \$5000 to Mighty Peace Day so she believes that \$250.00 should go to St. Mary's. Councillor Dueck also spoke in favour of the motion and requested that the group is made aware that they should apply for the Culture and Recreation operational grant in the future. She noted that they can apply for the grant this year and use the funding to plan for future years.

Council voted on the motion.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR
SPONSORSHIP -
CANADIAN HOME
BUILDERS
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130507011)

Ms. Schur note that the Canadian Home Builders Association is seeking sponsorship for their Annual Golf Tournament, happening June 21, 2013.

Event info:

Friday, June 21, 2013

Grande Prairie Golf & Country Club

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Sponsorship opportunities range from \$0 to \$3,000. For more detail refer to the attachment in the agenda package. The Canadian Home Builders Association is looking primarily for prize sponsors (any amount) or goodie bag items.

Community Assistance Fund:

To date, Council has distributed \$9,473 from Community Assistance. As of May 7, 2013 the remaining amount is \$22,947.

Ms. Schur recommended that the County donate a basket to the event.

Resolution #CM20130513.1037

MOVED BY R. HARPE for No Action on the request for sponsorship from the Canadian Home Builders Association.

CARRIED

**APPOINTMENT OF
SUBDIVISION AND
DEVELOPMENT
APPEAL BOARD
(SDAB) SECRETARY**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130507008)

With the recent retirement of Shirley Felberg, there is now a vacancy for the position of Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. As per Bylaw 2732 Council shall appoint a secretary who shall be an employee of the County and shall attend all meetings and hearings of the Board. It is recommended that Sheryle Runhart be appointed as Secretary to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board effective immediately.

Resolution #CM20130513.1038

MOVED BY P. JACOBS that Sheryle Runhart be appointed as Secretary to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board effective immediately.

CARRIED

STARS REQUEST

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130513002)

Bill Rogan, CAO, noted that the County has exceeded our \$1 million contribution to STARS and they want to recognize us for the support given. He noted that they are planning to re-logo their helicopter to reflect the amount received and are looking for an opportunity to do a Media/Community event to do the re-logo. Councillor Harpe suggested they come to Valhalla on Canada Day.

September 8th, 2013 will be the Grand Opening of the Sportsplex. Reeve Beaupre noted that any donations from that event will be donated to STARS. Council inquired if STARS could come to the opening with their helicopter and accept any donation received.

Councillor Jacobs inquired about the logo that will be on the STARS helicopter. Bill responded that it will likely be a larger logo going on the helicopter.

Resolution #CM20130513.1039

MOVED BY P. JACOBS to do the cheque presentation for the donation to STARS in coordination with the opening of the Sportsplex on September 8, 2013.

Councillor Harpe spoke against the motion because he believes it should be held in Valhalla with the Canada Day events.

Council voted on the motion.

CARRIED

JOB DESCRIPTION PALEONTOLOGIST

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130513003)

Bill distributed copies of the job description for the Paleontologist to Council as Phil Bell will be leaving and they need a Paleontologist for the Philip J. Currie Dino Museum. The job description has been changed to include the curator position and it is ready for posting now. He noted that this is a term position and it is in the budget.

Councillor Jacobs inquired if the person hired will have a close working connection with Dr. Phil Currie. It was noted that the position will be connected to Dr. Currie and they will be reporting up to John Simpson as Director responsible for Economic Development. Economic Development has been tasked with overseeing the Dino Project at this point in time.

Bill noted that there is a need to have a curator hired now to plan the displays for the building. Reeve Beaupre also noted that they will coordinate digs at the bone bed and authenticity of findings. Councillor Smith commented that if they have nothing to do with the building they should not be hired until the museum is moving further ahead.

Councillor Harpe commented that he agrees with Councillor Smith that hiring for this position is premature and that the bone bed is only active in the summer time and only so much can be done for the project right now. Reeve Beaupre responded that there is lots of work being done now as this position catalogues bones with the Alberta Government and the Royal Tyrrell Museum; they will also be working on the displays for the museum, sending out bones, and doing other projects.

Resolution #CM20130513.1040

MOVED BY H. BULFORD to accept the job description as presented and proceed to advertise as per the recommendation by Administration.

CARRIED

REGIONAL COLLABORATION GRANT

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130513004)

Councillor Sutherland noted that last week there was Capital Region Board meeting and through media reports he found out there may be funding through the Enhanced Regional Collaboration Grant available to the County for the Pipestone Creek Initiative.

Reeve Beaupre provided more background and noted that the Enhanced Regional Collaboration Grant MSI funding that is currently put into operating for each municipality and Municipal Affairs said that they would move \$20 million to the Regional Collaboration grant.

Municipal Affairs had commented that the Regional Collaboration fund is being used to get regions to work together on projects. It was initially noted that the grant could only be used for studies and not for capital and operating projects. The Capital Regional Board voted last week in Edmonton to apply their funds towards the new downtown Edmonton Arena (Vote of 17-7 for the arena). It was noted that the Minister of Municipal Affairs commented that "this is what the fund is for, working and collaborating".

There was a suggestion that letters be sent to surrounding communities in the region to see if they would be interested in supporting an application for the Regional Collaboration grant for the displays and other work that still needs to be done for the Dinosaur Museum.

Bill noted that it is the old MSI funding that is going into the Regional Collaboration Grant. He also commented that we should explore if the project would qualify for the grant as there are currently regional partners on the project (Wembley, Grande Prairie, Hythe, Beaverlodge).

Councillor Jacobs inquired if the \$10 million we received would deter us from receiving more funding for the project. Bill responded that it may affect receiving more funding. Reeve Beaupre noted that the \$10 million came from the lottery fund. She also noted that she spoke to MLA Drysdale and he noted that if the \$10 million does not go to the Dino project, it cannot be guaranteed that the money will stay in the North because it can go anywhere in the province.

Councillor Nelson noted that the County needs to move forward with applying for the grant and see how we go about engaging the other municipalities so we can get the application in as soon as possible. Councillor Nelson left the meeting at 3:31 p.m. and returned at 3:32 p.m.

Reeve Beaupre commented that there is currently \$25 million in the Regional Collaboration Grant and \$9 million will be transferred next year as well. She noted that the grant was not

initially for capital or operating but since then there has been a Capital application submitted for the Downtown Edmonton Arena.

Resolution #CM20130513.1041

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to write all our current supporting municipalities to see if they would support an application to go to the Regional Collaboration Grant for the unfunded portion of \$11 million for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum Project.

Councillor Jacobs commented that the federal government may come forth with money for furnishings. Bill noted that there may be a \$400,000 grant available from the federal government.

Councillor Harpe amended Councillor Sutherland's motion to reflect \$12 million; Councillor Sutherland accepted the amendment as friendly.

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to write all our current supporting municipalities to see if they would support an application to go to the Regional Collaboration Grant for the unfunded portion of \$12 million for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum Project.

Councillor Nelson noted that she is concerned that ratepayers will assume that the shortfall for the project will be for \$17 million unfunded instead of the \$5 million. She commented that the figures need to be clear and concise.

Councillor Jacobs commented that she thinks we are asking too much from the municipalities that are already supporting the County and the Dino Project.

Council voted on the amended motion.

DEFEATED

Resolution #CM20130513.1042

MOVED BY P. JACOBS write to all our current supporting municipalities to see if they would support an application to the Regional Collaboration Grant for the

exhibits and displays at an estimated cost of \$6 million dollars for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

CARRIED

LAND TO AIR SYMPOSIUM

(WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES,
SEMINARS)
(Issue #20130513005)

Bill noted that this symposium is local in Grande Prairie and will be held on May 22 - 23, 2013. He noted that no motion is required for attendance but Councillors will need to register if they want to attend. Cheryl Harris will have the event inputted into Councils calendars.

PEACE AIRSHED ZONE ASSOCIATION (PAZA) - 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130507012)

Elizabeth Bell, PAZA Administrator, has extended an invitation to all Councilors to attend their 2013 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at the Sexsmith Civic Centre. The meeting is open to everyone with an interest in air quality.

This event will be inputted in Council calendars by Cheryl Harris.

COUNCILLOR, COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councillor Smith attended the Annual Meeting for the Peace Library System. He noted that the chairman and vice chair remained the same. Municipal Affairs was also in attendance and they noted that are working on a Library Card that can be used anywhere in Alberta. Linda and Veronica made a presentation of costs in the North to the Minister. It was also noted that Dare to Dream! the Rural Libraries Conference will be held in Grande Prairie on September 25-27, 2013 if any Councillor wishes to attend; Cheryl Harris will have the dates inputted into Councils Calendar. It was also noted that Linda will be applying for exemption of GST for the Peace Library System and the federal government referred the case to a Complex Issues Officer.

Councillor Smith commented that the Hythe Volunteer Fire Department received \$25,000 from Encana, \$25,000 from Verison, and a donation of \$10,000 from Don Pearson.

Councillor Harpe referred to the GST exemption as he had applied for Grande Spirit Foundation. He noted that they presented to the Minister four times before they were finally exempt. He commented that receiving exemption depends on if the committees are incorporated or not; the Grande Spirit Foundation were told they qualified.

Councillor Nelson attended the Short Reels Film Festival and noted that there were some short film that were dark and depressing. She further noted that her granddaughter attended the festival and really enjoyed it.

Councillor Nelson noted that she received a letter from the Grande Prairie Highland Games asking for County representation at the event. She commented that she is happy to attend the event and her granddaughters will be attending with her. She requested that an invite for the event be put into Council's calendars by Cheryl Harris.

Councillor Harpe commented that he would like to have the Council meeting agenda sent to him separately from the package generated on Call2Order. Sheryle Runhart responded that the agenda can be sent to his separately.

Councillor Harpe inquired about a water supply for Valhalla and LaGlace as there was a structure fire there over the weekend and Fire Services had difficulty sourcing water. He wondered why there hasn't been a water source found for this area and also noted there are other areas within the County that do not have an adequate water supply.

Mr. Pfau responded that there is a map with all available dugouts and there are some areas in LaGlace. Bill will follow-up with Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, and see where the water access is located.

Councillor Harpe inquired about the motion made previously in regards to tendering engineering services. Bill responded that there has been some tendering done but if they already have a project ongoing with us it will not be going out for tender. The hope is to have the process fully implemented by next year (2014).

Councillor Bulford commented that he had asked Mr. Miller about the dugouts and whether they could be marked through GIS so Fire Services can load up the map on their GPS and locate

the water supplies when there is a fire. Reeve Beaupre noted that Fire will need year round access to the dugouts and other water supplies.

Councillor Jacobs noted that Grande Prairie Regional Tourism is a supporter of the Dino Museum and they asked if they could come and re-address Council on the cost analysis and what the impacts would be for having the museum in our area.

Resolution #CM20130513.1043

MOVED BY P. JACOBS to invite the Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association (Chairman and Director) to come and present to Council on the economic impact study with regards to the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

CARRIED

There was considerable discussion in regards to plebiscites.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Intermunicipal Joint Committee meeting in Wembley.

Councillor Sutherland commented on the presentation for the new Hospital. He noted that the parkade for the new hospital will cost more than the entire Dino Museum project (\$40 million).

Councillor Sutherland attended the Dimsdale Area Structure Plan meeting. He noted that there are 10 quarters of land that people want to develop in and there are a few people against that plan. The biggest concern is the access to the highway for both the CR-5 areas and the Industrial areas.

Councillor Sutherland received a few calls about the Dino Museum Project and 2 of the 3 calls were in support of the museum. The one call in opposition to the museum had an issue because there was not any construction planned for this area for this year. Councillor Sutherland also noted that he spoke to the Hutterites and they advised him that they have a newer GM Truck with a water tank that the County Fire Service is welcome to use anytime we need to for fires. He also noted that getting the GPS for the dugouts is a very onerous task.

Councillor Jacobs inquired how long ago the plan for the Dino Museum building came to Council for approval. She further noted that not many of the Councillors have experience with construction and they were unaware that the basement would cost 3 times more than any other building. She concluded that there is a possibility that Council did not have enough knowledge of construction to approve the plan in the first place.

Councillor Bulford attended Walter Paszkowski and Shirley Feldberg's Retirement events.

Councillor Bulford inquired if he could make another motion to send a letter to the Minister of Transportation about addressing the intersection at Highway 43 and Highway 733 in Bezanson.

Resolution #CM20130513.1044

MOVED BY H. BULFORD to send correspondence to the Minister of Alberta Transportation in regards to the intersection at Highway 733 and Highway 43 based on accidents and fatalities that have occurred recently and suggest that a redesign occur.

It was noted there there have been 11 fatalities in the last 11 years at that intersection.

Councillor Bulford noted that he believes the solution would be to construct an overpass (which will not be entertained) or reduce the speed limit.

Reeve Beaupre referred to the aerial map of the location and she noted that the intersection has a curve that is different from the other intersections. Councillor Bulford commented that Minister McIver had said that the intersection in Bezanson is not the only intersection that they are having ongoing problems with.

Councillor Harpe commented that he agrees with Councillor Bulford that the intersection needs to be closed and redesigned.

Mr. Pfau referred to angles at the intersection and how they may affect the visibility. He also noted that AB Transportation has addressed the problem intersection between Edmonton and Calgary so they should address the one in Bezanson as well because there is an issue of visibility in blind spots.

Councillor Jacobs inquired if there is information provided on the fatalities and asked whether those people had experience driving in 4-lane highway traffic. She spoke to situations where she loses traffic in the blind spot in her vehicle on those highways as well.

Council voted on motion.

CARRIED

Councillor Dueck attended the Watershed AGM in Beaverlodge done by Cathy Newhook. She noted that it was the same information as the presentation she gave to Council and there was a guest speaker, Betty Gaudin.

Councillor Dueck attended a Landfill Meeting.

Councillor Dueck attended the Wembley Community Meeting and noted that she got very good information from the people who attended the meeting.

Councillor Dueck attended a Dino meeting at the South Fire Hall. She noted that the meeting was MC'd by Gord McIntosh through Encana. He spoke about how we go forward now as the Committee.

Councillor Dueck attended the Annual Admin Business Planning session at the TEC Center.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the Wapiti Corridor Planning Society has been working on their Wapiti Corridor Draft Plan; they are tweaking logistics and wording so the general public can understand the Executive Summary.

Reeve Beaupre noted that Community Futures loans were set at 28 for last year and they did 40 loans. It was noted that Community Futures of the Grande Prairie Region were #1 in the Province and they have given more than \$40 million in loans and bad debt is under 8%. There are three more contracts with the Province to do self-employment career counseling in high schools. They have one more year extension by core funding and there has always been a year to year lease for the building.

Councillor Harpe inquired if the bad debts were covered by interest. Reeve Beaupre responded that bad debt needs to be under 10% because they are a lender of high risk and they are not covered by interest; the debt is not refunded and comes from their portfolio.

Councillor Dueck inquired about the policy on the use of the County BBQ. Reeve Beaupre responded that the policy will be coming back to Council soon. Bill noted that if there are people asking about the use of the BBQ they can call the County Administration Building and he will address any questions.

Mr. Pfau noted that the County Bus Tour will be happening on Wednesday May 15th and the bus will be leaving at 9 a.m. from the Administration Building; the tour will head to the West County first then to the East next week.

Mr. Pfau provided clarification that dust control is open for another week. Councillor Harpe commented that Mr. Pfau can cut off dust control at any time.

Resolution #CM20130513.1045

MOVED BY S. NELSON that someone from the County participate in the 2013 Highland Games and provide a greeting as has been done in past years.

CARRIED

Mr. Simpson commented that the County did not circulate a letter to adjacent landowner, Mr. Dueck, from the Public Hearing that occurred this morning for in regards to Mr. Stierle's property located at PT. NE-27-71-07-W6M (item 6.1 on the Council agenda).

Mr. Simpson noted that the Sportsplex landscaping needs to be discussed and the issue will be addressed after the MPC meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20130513.1046

MOVED BY L. DUECK that the meeting adjourn at 4:46 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes approved the _____ day of
_____ 2013.

Reference # _____

REEVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR