



# MINUTES

County Council  
Regular Meeting

## County of Grande Prairie No. 1

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### May 27, 2013 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, May 27, 2013

Start time : 10:00 AM

Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Council Chambers

## MINUTES

### ATTENDANCE

Present were:

#### 1. Reeve

- Leanne Beaupre

#### 2. Deputy Reeve

- Ross Sutherland

#### 3. Council

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

#### 4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

#### 5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Barry Donovan
- Herb Pfau
- John Simpson

- Noreen Vavrek (arrived at 10:20 a.m.)

**6. Manager of Legislative Services**

- Sheryle Runhart

**7. Recording Secretary**

- Amanda Oravec

**8. Media**

- Brad Whisker (Big Country)
- Kirsten Goruk (DHT)
- Jeff Hensen (Free FM)

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1001**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** to approve the agenda for the May 27, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/05/27) with the following additions:

- Request for Sponsorship - Sunrise House/Odyssey House Charity Golf Tournament (#20130523002) (item 14.1);
- Councillor Smith added In Camera item in regards to a request from a neighbouring municipality (13.1).

**CARRIED**

**10:00 A.M. - GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL TOURISM**

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20130515002)

At the May 13th Council Meeting, Council had requested to extend an invitation to Grande Prairie Regional Tourism to come and give an update. Ainsley Lamontagne and Wendy Olson-Lepchuk from Grande Prairie Regional Tourism were present to give Council an update and answer any questions Council may have.

Ms. Lamontagne spoke about the economic impacts to the community in terms of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur

Museum. She noted that she had reviewed case studies and business case summaries from previous projects that have taken place in Alberta. The most relevant and related business case summary that was reviewed was done by Walter Pazskowski, EDO, where he had reviewed the Oil Sands Discovery Center in Fort McMurray. Ms. Lamontagne noted that the expected visits were 52,000 visitors a year (from the 2004 study).

Ms. Lamontagne also reviewed another business case summary that was done in 2006 and referred to revenue generated through various channels (including food/beverage services, hotels, and the Endowment Fund). She concluded that, for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, the approximate number of visitors would likely be between 35,000-60,000 visitors a year.

Ms. Lamontagne also referred to the model for Pipestone Creek which was based on a "Demand Economic Impact Model" also done in 2006. She noted that the model was done for this region but the numbers are not specific to the County of Grande Prairie. In order to have an updated case study done it will take four months to prepare. Ms. Lamontagne also noted that for the one-time \$25 million budget to build the museum will increase employment within the region: Construction impacts based on the \$25 million project will yield 344.3 years province-wide (167 will be from this region); \$11.6 million in tax revenue and \$7.2 million in local taxes.

She also referenced the Sustainable Economic Impact Model: Tourism will generate \$3.3 million; \$4 million+ on a province-wide basis (\$2.5 million within Grande Prairie Region); 79 person years of employment province wide and 59 years from this region as well as \$1.7 million in taxation revenue (from all levels of government), and \$1.2 million in local regional taxation impact.

There was considerable discussion in regards to the amount invested by the County in this project and the economic impacts that would occur in the region. There

was also discussion in regards to employment that will be created and the revenue that would be circulated because of the additional hiring.

Councillor Smith commented that the amount of visitors quoted, 35,000-60,000, is a large range and it cannot be proven. Ms. Lamontagne responded that they reduced the number of visitors in winter because there is reduced Alaska highway traffic. Furthermore, the amount of visitors is based on 3 years of the facility being open and 25,000-35,000 is a consistent base figure for visitors. Councillor Smith responded that the study that he received stated that there would be approximately 108 visitors a day, 365 days a year (39,420), and there would still be a deficit. The study was done by Dr. Kabersky and he had completed this for the Province of Alberta. Dr. Kabersky is currently updating the study which may be complete in August 2013.

Councillor Harpe commented that he is interested in the benefit to the County of Grande Prairie only, not the entire region. He inquired what the net benefits and gains are for the ratepayers within the County. Ms. Lamontagne responded that she is only aware of the economic impact for the Grande Prairie region and she does not provide information that cannot be confirmed, so she is unable to provide the actual number for the County of Grande Prairie.

Councillor Nelson commented that Ms. Lamontagne is thinking regionally and that other municipalities are being consulted to ensure that everything is done right and to help other regions as well. She noted that tourism will be a huge benefit to this area and inquired whether there was any consideration to the "spin-off" businesses (i.e. IMAX) to create further employment included in the report. Ms. Lamontagne responded that the report is based on capital costs of the building and 3 year sustainability; there are no assumed numbers for "spin-off" businesses.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that her concern is that we need a regional "buy-in" as currently there is more money coming from the County than the other municipalities. We

are dealing with a lot of assumptions. Reeve Beaupre responded that the numbers provided today are based on models from other facilities that are similar to the Dino Museum. Councillor Eckstrom noted that her main concern is the visitor numbers and the \$25 million budget because we do not see all the associated costs up-front.

Reeve Beaupre referred to the models and reports and thanked Ms. Lamontagne for her presentation. She further noted that Council sees there is a benefit in keeping the rural communities strong and that Council supports both regional growth and well as County-specific growth.

Ms. Lamontagne concluded that the visitors to the Royal Tyrell are approximately 400,000 a year and there are more people going to that museum because it has been established for years and Drumheller has molded more attractions around the Tyrell. There will be approximately 45,000-60,000 visitors to the Philip J. Currie Dino Museum and the numbers will continue to grow here as well if there are more attractions and other businesses being established.

The presentation concluded at 10:23 and Ms. Lamontagne left the meeting.

**10:20 A.M.  
APPOINTMENT -  
SPORTSPLEX  
UPDATE**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20130517002)

Ramona Rollins, General Manager of the County Sportsplex, presented an operational update to Council on the County Sportsplex. She also introduced Jennifer Henderson as the Administration Scheduling Manager for the Sportsplex.

Ms. Rollins presented an update on all aspects of the Sportplex:

- 69% of primetime ice was booked in January; 85% in February; 69% in March; 62% in April;
- Metro Sports booked Ball Hockey and therefore there was not much time available to book Lacrosse;
- More lines have been added to the rinks;
- Drop-in Ball Hockey is taking place on Saturdays;
- She noted that for the Spring season they are experiencing very good numbers;

- They are also doing Learn to Skate programs.

In regards to the fieldhouse, they had expected more interest and only saw 7% usage in January, 33% in February, and 28% in March. Ms. Rollins contacted the Grande Prairie Soccer Association to get more time booked for the fieldhouse. GPSA responded that they could not start the leagues until April 27th. They have also discussed an April 22-May 9 session. GPSA booked field time in the fall, winter, and spring and once the outdoor fields are ready there should be more interest. She concluded that it was an acceptable turnout this year but there will be more advertising done next year.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that the facility is being well used for the ice surfaces. She noted that she had called about air conditioning for ball hockey rinks as it was getting very hot and inquired if the situation has improved. Ms. Rollins responded that the rinks do not have air conditioning but they try to keep the temperature at around 18 degrees by having the doors opened on cooler days.

Councillor Nelson inquired if Ms. Rollins had been supported through Nustadia in regards to accounting and advertising programs as they have locations across Canada. Ms. Rollins responded that she is getting lots of support from Nustadia with both accounting and advertising. Councillor Nelson noted that Council was hoping to see financial reports today. Ms. Rollins responded that she does have some financial details available.

Councillor Smith inquired if she is expecting the same deficit. Ms. Rollins responded that the deficit is based on the season. It was expected to be \$153,641 for the first year and it was \$220,045 for this year, therefore, there is more of a deficit because there has been less usage than anticipated. Bill Rogan commented that we adjusted the Sportsplex budget in the spring budget so we are currently on target with the new figure.

Ms. Rollins noted the following:

- there are consistent field bookings from a variety of groups and for private parties;
- When it is warmer outside everyone wants to be outside instead of inside in the fieldhouse and rinks;
- the drop in numbers were higher than expected;
- late-night shinny is running well;
- mid-May to mid-July is the slow season: paving, retail, food service areas will be done during this time;
- next year they can start running sport camps.

In regards to the fieldhouse, once the netting is replaced it will be more user friendly. She noted that to do the entire surrounding area of the fieldhouse it was a cost of \$37,000 for the netting. The ceiling has been quoted as well and she is still waiting for the quote. Ms. Rollins also noted that the President of Grande Prairie Minor Baseball Association, Brad Richards (also the manager of Mr. Mikes), wanted to book time for minor baseball. He also offered a \$7000 netting donation to the Sportsplex and there were no conditions on the donation, he just wanted the Sportsplex to be more user friendly.

Ms. Rollins noted that once the new netting is ordered there will be 5 weeks for delivery and then installation. Reeve Beaupre commented that the netting that is currently there is not set-up properly and it is not meeting the needs of a multi-use facility. Nustadia will be asking for a credit from the contractor. Councillor Harpe clarified that the architect changed the design to the bigger square netting without the approval from the committee as the other netting was not fire-retardant. Ms. Rollins also noted that the new netting has flaps and the fire marshal has approved the new netting.

Ms. Rollins also noted that Metro Sports had booked space before the Sportsplex had even opened and they are still consistently booking with the Sportsplex. She further noted that Metro Sports has come out with a new mobile application and have began hosting referee schools to increase the amount of referees that can attend games (this is helping to fill the un-booked Saturday night ice time). She also noted that they have the Metro Grande Prairie League which will run from June to August.

Ms. Rollins reviewed special dates and events for the Sportsplex:

- there will be a Senior Hockey Tournament held on September 6 which will correspond with the Grand Opening;
- the Grand Opening of the Sportsplex is scheduled for September 8 from 10:00 a.m.- 3 p.m. There will be a Pancake Breakfast and Nustadia will invite all user groups to attend. The main focus will be on family (bouncy castle for the children), and the STARS helicopter is planning on landing at the Sportsplex to accept the donations from the Grand Opening events.
- Ernie's will be opening their fitness and retail space at the end of July. They are hoping to have workouts begin on July 1st and televisions have already been installed in the fitness area.

Ms. Rollins commented on the paving. She noted that asphalt has started on the south side of building to accommodate user groups and drop-ins. Once the south parking lot and roadways are done they will do base work on Range Road 62, then move on to the north parking lot. Completion is expected at the end of June.

In regards to the downstairs concession/lounge, there have been some issues with concrete slabs and sanitary areas; they are expecting completion in August. Ms. Rollins noted that they are investigating a permit to have upstairs concessions as well and the RFP is still out for the operation of food services. She also noted that Motion Fitness is interested in running a Smoothie Bar and health snacks but she is waiting to see if all 3 concession areas can be run by the same company. Reeve Beaupre commented that the equipment for food services has been ordered and will be arriving soon.

Ms. Rollins also discussed the landscaping. She noted that the RFP for hard and soft landscaping will be closing on May 31 and will likely commence in July. In regards to utility bills, they were low at the beginning of the year for gas, water, and sewer but they cannot have an accurate account of utilities until all areas are open and in operation.

She noted that the electricity bill was higher in April but still under budget.

Advertising revenue: Ms. Rollins noted that they invoiced \$92,800 for advertising the amount is higher than estimated. She noted the numerous companies that have purchased advertising within the building:

Genivar	Downtown Association	Trican	CCSI	Prairie Coast
Nelson Lumber	Fix-A-Dent	Total Enerflex	Overland	W.E. Greer
Fabucor	Parkland GEO	Servus	Calfrac	Assure Lock
Trans Peace	The Injury Law Team	Fountain Tire	Happy Trails	Equine City
Evergreen Energy	Marlin Travel	Always Envied Pet Salon	Rocky Mountain Equipment	Reilly Transfer
M.D. of Greenview	Blueway Energy	Parkland Commercial Fuel	Aquatera	Re/Max
Trojan	Accufab	IG Investors Group	Haliburton	Ketek Group
Goodwill	Travel Alberta			

Ms. Rollins also noted that Dave Stecyk had helped Minor Hockey apply for an RBC grant and they were successful in receiving \$25,000. She discussed what the grant funding was used for; 2 rink dividers, 12 skating training tools, 2 fully strung nets, lockers, 50 pylons, coaches boards, a glass cart and a radar gun to see how fast slap shots are. Reeve Beaupre inquired if Nustadia or Minor Hockey has responded to RBC with a thank you letter for the grant. Ms. Rollins responded that she had not sent a thank you letter yet but she will send a formal thank you shortly.

Ms. Rollins was thanked for her presentation and left the

meeting at 10:48 a.m.

**10:45 - PEACE  
COUNTY  
OFFROAD RACING  
ASSOCIATION**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20130514001)

Herb Pfau, Superintendent of Public Works, noted that he has received a request from the Peace Country Offroad Racing Association to host their Annual Mud Bogs and Mud Races at the Teepee Creek stock pile location as outlined on the map attached to the agenda package. They have been holding their event for the past nine years at the Teepee Creek Stampede Grounds.

The County of Grande Prairie acquired the stock pile site in Teepee Creek many years ago from Alberta Transportation. The County has harvested many tons of pit run, mix gravel and over sized rocks for erosion control from this site and currently has gravel pile stored on site. Mr. Pfau noted this is an important site for County use. Administration is recommending "No Action" on the request due to insurance and possible contamination of the stock pile.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the motion made at a prior Council meeting was to have the County help identify areas that can be used by the PCORA. Has the County identified any other alternate locations? Mr. Pfau responded that he is not aware of any alternate locations but would need to double check with Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation. He also noted that PCORA were invited to attend the Council meeting today but declined due to previous commitments.

Councillor Dueck inquired if there any other locations available around Teepee Creek. Bill responded that the County did speak to PCORA about using the lagoon site, but they responded the area would not be sufficient. He also noted speaking to Wembley about locations in their area.

Councillor Harpe concurred with Administration on the recommendation of "No Action".

**Resolution #CM20130527.1002**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** for "No Action" on the request from Peace Country Offroad Racing Association to use the stock pile at the Teepee Creek location due to liabilities, preserving the site in it's current condition and not to contaminate the County's pit run base and gravel stock piles.

Councillor Nelson inquired about whether the contamination is a major concern. Mr. Pfau referred Councillor Nelson to proposed site map in the agenda package. PCORA's plan shows digging trenches and they would be digging through the base of the pit run. The County would also have to stockpile the gravel and keep it clean and he is not sure how they would keep all the rocks out of the area. Mr. Pfau also noted there is great value to the pit-run and Public Works would not like to see it ruined.

Councillor Eckstrom noted that she met with the County's area foreman, Debbie, and Jamie from PCORA and they looked at the area last week and there was confusion about who the County purchased the site from. After the motion is voted on Councillor Eckstrom will request a follow-up motion.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if the County has a list of Provincial orphan sites that can be mapped and provided to Alberta Transportation so they can inquire about use. Mr. Pfau responded that there is one site in Goodfare and maybe one in Wembley as well. Alberta Transportation did not want to dispose of that site until Highway 43 was completed. He is not aware if anything is left at the two sites.

Council voted on the motion.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1003**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** to have Administration continue to work with the Peace Country Offroad Racing Association to identify potential alternate sites within the

County of Grande Prairie.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1004**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** that the meeting be recessed at 10:57 a.m. for a 5 minute break.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES  
APPROVAL**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1005**

**MOVED by S. NELSON** to approve minutes for the April 22, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/04/22) as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1006**

**MOVED by M. ECKSTROM** to approve minutes for the April 29, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/04/29) as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1007**

**MOVED by H. BULFORD** to approve minutes for the May 6, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/05/06) as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1008**

**MOVED by L. DUECK** to approve minutes for the May 13, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/05/13) with clarification as presented.

Reeve Beaupre reiterated her discussion on the Regional Collaboration Grants. The intent was to reflect that originally the funding was to be used for studies only, but since that time there has been a capital application submitted for the Downtown Arena in Edmonton.

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

(BYLAWS)

(Issue #20130514003)

At the May 13th Council Meeting, Council had a question as to why Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms was cited in section 26 a)ii rather than Roberts Rules of Order.

Roberts Rules of Order is an international guide on Council Proceedings. A universally acknowledged standard for meeting rules. Each Country then adapts the meeting rules to their own parliamentary requirements. In Canada, we have adapted the meeting rules to meet our needs, which is the Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms.

After speaking with Municipal Affairs, in most municipal procedural bylaws reference is made to Roberts Rules of Order. Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms is more commonly referenced at the federal level of government.

The wording has now been changed to Roberts Rules of Order which is more in keeping with what is commonly used within the Province of Alberta.

The amended Procedural Bylaw #2978 is before Council for Third Reading.

**Resolution #CM20130527.1009**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that Bylaw 2978 to provide for the guidance and regulations of the proceedings of the County of Grande Prairie's Council meetings be read a third time and finally passed.

**CARRIED****BYLAW  
2680-13-019 - PT.**

At the May 13, 2013 Council meeting Council passed First and Second Reading on Bylaw 2680-13-019.

John Simpson, Director of Planning and Development,

**SE-14-73-6-W6M-  
AG TO RM-2  
(THIRD READING)**

(BYLAWS)  
(Issue #20130521001)

noted that the parcel is located in the Emerson Trail area.

Councillor Eckstrom noted that Mr. Dueck, who was present at the May 13, 2013 meeting, was not given proper notice for this Bylaw and she inquired if he was notified for the 3rd reading occurring today. Mr. Simpson responded that Mr. Dueck was present at the May 13, 2013 meeting therefore he knew that the Bylaw was coming back for Third Reading at today's Council meeting. He further noted that Mr. Dueck was not necessarily in opposition to the re-zoning but more concerned with the notification process.

**Resolution #CM20130527.1010**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** 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 third time and finally passed.

**CARRIED**

**BORROWING  
BYLAW 2981 FOR  
CONSTRUCTION  
OF THE PHILIP J  
CURRIE  
DINOSAUR  
MUSEUM - 2ND  
AND 3RD READING**

(BYLAWS)  
(Issue #20130521010)

Consideration for 2nd and 3rd reading of the Borrowing Bylaw 2981 for Construction of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

Council made a motion at the Council meeting held on April 18th, 2013, to proceed with a borrowing bylaw for \$5,000,000.00 for construction of the Philip J Currie Dinosaur Museum. Bylaw 2981 contains the total estimated cost of construction of the building and funding sources. Per Council's direction, the bylaw includes construction costs only and does not include any design, fabrication or installation of the exhibit displays, or furniture and equipment.

Council also provided direction on April 18th, 2013, that the term of debt servicing for the borrowing be 10 years.

Bylaw 2981 was presented for first reading at the April 29, 2013 meeting, with advertising timelines proposed as follows:

- May 2, 2013
- May 3, 2013

- May 9, 2013

The bylaw could not 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 May 27th, 2013 Council meeting.

We have also clarified that Bylaw 2981 cannot later be amended to increase the borrowing unless the change is due to a cost increase as stated in section 258 of the Municipal Government Act. Therefore, if the estimated funding level from Contributions from Outside Parties (sponsorships, donations and fundraising) is not achieved, the shortfall will need to be funded from sources other than borrowing. The remaining contributions to raise is estimated at \$1,582,263.

Bill Rogan noted that Second and Third reading cannot be completed if the petition is found to be sufficient. He noted that they did not ask for a Vote of the Electors. If the petition that was received is found to be insufficient, the bylaw can come back to Council again for Second and Third reading. He reviewed Council's options as identified in the addendum. The last option is to not wait for the petition to receive sufficiency and investigate another avenue of funding (\$5 million) and not pass the borrowing bylaw.

Councillor Nelson asked for clarification on the options available. Bill responded that if the petition is valid and sufficient it will end the borrowing bylaw as no more readings can be given. Councillor Nelson commented that this is providing a further delay as Council had already passed a motion to support and begin building the museum. She does not want to delay the project any further as there will be more associated costs. She also noted there is the possibility of a plebiscite and that borrowing \$5 million at 2.1% interest and keeping it in the County would make the most sense. Councillor Nelson commented that the County Council approved a \$5 million contribution to the Beaverlodge Pool and taxes were not raised because of it.

Ms. Vavrek presented the other funding options to Council from the April 18 Dinosaur Project Meeting Presentation and the March 25 Council meeting with the most current updates and figures.

Revised Shortfall:

- \$11.6 million with construction, building and displays;
- \$6.4 million for the building only.

2 options:

- D: borrowing bylaw for \$5 million;
- E: delay and redesign (\$1.4 million from fundraising).

Reeve Beaupre noted that the application for the Regional Collaboration Grant, if successful, will cover the costs for furniture, displays, and the shortfall for the building construction.

Reserves not committed:

- \$3 million Facility Capital Reserve (\$3.88 remaining at end of 2013);
- \$2 million from Infrastructure Reserve (\$2.6 remaining at end of 2013)

Councillor Harpe also asked for clarification in regards to the options that are available. The County has 2 options: 1) not to proceed with the Museum; and 2) proceed and submit a bylaw resolution 90 days after the petition is declared sufficient. He referred to the MGA and discussed Section 233, if Council passes another resolution then the electors have 60 days to present another petition to reverse the resolution. He further noted that over 30% of electors have signed the petition and by proceeding with the museum Council is trying to find a way to get around what the electors want. He concluded that we need to be cautious and cannot compare the Dinosaur Museum to the County Sportsplex and Beaverlodge Pool; Council needs to look for a way to work with electors.

Councillor Eckstrom referred to the non committed \$3 million in Facility Capital Reserves and inquired whether there were already any committed plans for the reserves

noted by Ms. Vavrek. Bill responded that there are no committed plans for the reserves, the County had committed to putting money into the reserve yearly in the event there are projects that need to be done (\$700,000 was transferred to the reserves at the end of this years budget). He further noted that the only project identified so far was additional storage space for Parks and Recreation. Councillor Eckstrom noted her concern because other County projects are going to be affected because of the use of these reserves for the Dinosaur Museum; for example, the Bezanson outdoor hockey rink cannot get funding. Reeve Beaupre noted that the County also has a Community Aggregate Reserve available for use. This fund has been used for the Sportsplex, Rural Addressing, and High Speed towers and there is \$350,000 annually going into that fund. She further noted that there are other sources available as well. Councillor Eckstrom concluded that there are other essential needs that will be coming forward in the future that will not be met because of the borrowing from reserves.

Councillor Nelson commented that taxes could go up for lots of reasons not just because of the borrowing bylaw. Council made the decision to keep taxes at the same rate for 2013. She noted that the problems with the Dinosaur Museum are becoming more than political and becoming personal problems with specific Councillors. Council has already agreed that economic development will occur and the Dinosaur Museum will encourage this. She believes it was fear-mongering that got the petition signed and the public was not given the proper information.

### **Resolution #CM20130527.1011**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to proceed with building the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum and redesign the project to \$22 million and start construction on the building in Spring 2014.

Councillor Harpe requested a Recorded Vote.

Reeve Beaupre spoke against Councillor Harpe's motion. She referred to the parkade at the new hospital that is going

to cost \$40 million and noted there has no petition against that. Both are needed in this region, the hospital and the Museum. She also spoke about the petition and that ratepayers have expressed that the money received from the provincial government for the museum should be put towards a new hospital or new school. The money cannot be used for those facilities as it has been allocated for tourism. If it is taken away from the Grande Prairie Region it can be distributed elsewhere in Alberta and will not necessarily stay in Northern Alberta.

Councillor Nelson also spoke against the motion as it does not address the issue at hand with the petition which was against borrowing the \$5 million through a borrowing bylaw. There are other ways to find the \$5 million and go forward with the museum. A re-design will add further delay and more associated costs. The County does not own the project it is regional and the County is taking the lead.

Councillor Sutherland also spoke against the motion. The Dinosaur Museum will attract people to Northwestern Alberta and we need that because there is little tourism attractions in the region and we need to have a facility that people can come and visit. He noted that everyone is forgetting about how important this facility will be for educating children. He also commented that we are trying to attract doctors and other workers here and therefore the Museum is a very good investment for the future. It may not make the money next year, but it will start make profits over time.

Councillor Eckstrom spoke in favour of the motion because Council is not there to discuss provincial spending, it is because the Dinosaur Museum has become an over-inflated project. As Councillors, they need to assess the wants against needs for the best of the County. It has been stated that the museum is a regional project but it has not been guaranteed. She further noted that she supports Arts and Culture in this region but dinosaurs are not Arts and Culture. Councillor Eckstrom believes that \$17 million will be enough to have the museum built and displays installed. Museums rely on municipal, federal, and provincial support to be successful.

Councillor Smith commented that several Councillors have forgot that the ratepayers are always right and that as Councillor's they are supposed to represent and be the voice for ratepayers. The Dinosaur Museum is a "white elephant" at \$30 million. He believes that the project is overblown and the funding can be spent in better ways. He concurs with Councillor Harpe's motion in regards to the re-design and cutting down costs.

Councillor Nelson commented that although 30% of electors signed the petition, they do not constitute a majority. There are still 70% of electors that have not spoken up and she would welcome their input.

Councillor Jacobs requested that there be no further discussion and that the motion be voted on.

Councillor Harpe concluded that there is going to be at least \$7 million unfunded if they proceed with the museum.

**Votes:**

**In Favour:** Brock Smith, Mary Ann Eckstrom, Richard Harpe

**Opposed:** Leanne Beaupre, Ross Sutherland, Harold Bulford, Lois Dueck, Pat Jacobs, Sharon Nelson

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1012**

There was considerable discussion in regards to not proceeding with Bylaw 2981 any further and instead looking for funding options available from County reserves. Bill advised Council of the legal counsel obtained in regards to the options available for funding.

**MOVED BY P. JACOBS** that given the urgency of moving the project forward to fund the \$5 million shortfall from reserves as identified by the Director of Finance.

Councillor Eckstrom spoke against the motion. She

believes Council cannot be taking from reserves because it will impact budgets. Any new Councillor's after the election will look and see that reserves are down and the County will not be able to move forward with necessary projects.

Councillor Harpe spoke against the motion because it does not include the other \$7 million left unfunded. He also spoke to a plebiscite and the chance of another petition.

Councillor Smith noted that Councillor Sutherland has already lost \$3 million to construction for the Dinosaur Museum as per the motion from the December 6 Council meeting to defer the Pipestone Creek surfacing budget to the Dinosaur Museum project. Furthermore, the 2014 budget already asked for \$1.5 million for a bike trail for the Dunes, Agriculture wants 16 more trucks, and \$4 million for machinery for Public Works; therefore there will be areas that will be affected.

Councillor Jacobs commented that she was never in favour of taking from reserves but the ratepayers whom signed the petition did not want the borrowing bylaw passed.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that using the funding from reserves will impact infrastructure and other reserves. The \$5 million bylaw was transparent but ratepayers will also know that the funding is coming from reserves and there can be another petition. Councillor Eckstrom requested a recorded vote.

Reeve Beaupre noted that none of her Divisional ratepayers were present in the gallery today. She is not against building new hospitals and schools, but the County cannot use the provincial grant for those facilities. Council have always been transparent to ratepayer and we have invested in all areas of the County. She concluded that she lives in the County and over the last 9 years, she did not see her taxes increase except for market value which is a Provincial standard and cannot be controlled by Council.

**Votes:**

**In** Leanne Beaupre, Ross Sutherland, Harold  
**Favour:** Bulford, Lois Dueck, Pat Jacobs, Sharon Nelson  
**Opposed:** Brock Smith, Mary Ann Eckstrom, Richard  
Harpe

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1013**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** that the meeting be recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**INDUSTRY DUST  
CONTROL  
APPLICATION**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130521007)

The meeting was reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

Mr. Pfau noted that, as per Councils motion, Public Works staff have met and discussed with industry regarding their dust control application responsibilities to residents affected by their operations. Public Works has only one authorization they are still in discussion with.

In 2012, one industry user came to County Council and requested a reduction in their invoice and the number of residents they were to be responsible for. They had assumed a number of properties over the past years, which had committed them to dust control applications which they felt were not required. The Public Works Department had completed the dust control as per 2011, without the signed authorization of the user. For 2013, we have come to an agreement for the number of applications they will fund and all residents affected by a change of product or not receiving an application have been notified.

Public Works staff contacted the County's Legal Counsel regarding the \$61,000.00 the industry user was disputing. Legal Counsel advised the County does not have the legal grounds to pursue legal action for payment of these outstanding invoices. Public Works recommends County Council pass a motion to forgive the \$61,000.00 of outstanding invoices.

Councillor Dueck inquired what the ramifications are for the County if this amount is forgiven because there will be other

companies that might not pay. Mr. Pfau noted that they have not had any companies this year that have refused to pay. Bill noted that industry signed the map this year and they have therefore obligated themselves to pay for the dust control by signing the map.

Councillor Smith commented that he had spoke to Barry Donovan, Director of Assessment, about this company and they pay \$4.5 million in taxes, therefore, he believes we should not be going after them for the \$61,000.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the main issue is that they obligated themselves to the ratepayer. They had decided there was not enough traffic on the road so they did not pay for the dust control.

Councillor Nelson inquired if it was possible for Council to form a bylaw to target industry in regards to the health and safety of ratepayers from dust created by oil, gas, and logging. There are ratepayers coming forward and there are also safety concerns and traffic hazards that are created by industry. Bill responded that the County has always used road bans to control the dust and also it is hard to determine who is causing the dust so there will be lots of grey area if a bylaw is made. Councillor Nelson commented that a bylaw would give the ratepayer an avenue for complaint and empowerment.

Mr. Pfau noted that the County already has a bylaw governing oil field use and dust control which includes a stipulation on how many trucks can use the road and a 200 meter buffer to protect residents with road agreements. Councillor Nelson noted that she has had ratepayers come to her complaining of dust due to oil field related traffic. Bill noted that the company in question is still paying for a portion of the dust control, but there were areas where their traffic is minimal and they felt that they did not have an obligation to complete dust control in those areas.

**Resolution #CM20130527.1014**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** to have Administration seek legal

counsel on the creation of a dust control bylaw and if it can be enforceable.

Reeve Beaupre noted that this is a housekeeping issue because they did not pay last year. Mr. Pfau noted that this year all of the companies who have signed the map are pre-paying and it is controlled.

Councillor Nelson noted her concern is in regards to other oil companies trying to get around paying for dust control as this company has done. Reeve Beaupre commented that this was an agreement that was entered into with the ratepayer and industry. Bill Rogan noted that the biggest concern is that this will set a precedence.

Mr. Pfau noted that some of the oil companies were bought out by new companies and they do not choose to do the dust control. They have not locked themselves into any required development permits and therefore, they do not necessarily have to abide by the conditions of their predecessor.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired if there has ever been a bylaw for dust control done in Alberta. She noted that industry are not the only ones creating dust, farmers and ratepayers also create dust as well, therefore, enforcing the bylaw will be very difficult. Councillor Eckstrom spoke against Councillor Nelson's motion.

Reeve Beaupre is concerned that the bylaw for dust control would work against road use and developer agreements. Council already has an enforcement tool in place being the development permits (Council's motions). She noted that she cannot support the motion.

Councillor Nelson noted that the intent of her motion was seek legal counsel and hopefully catch the present industry that does not want to contribute to dust control.

Mr. Pfau commented that once the County rolls out the 6-truck multiple loads bylaw, that will help move forward to addressing multiple road issues including dust control. The

County will be in better shape to address it next year. Bylaw 2986 (when approved) will cut down on some of the dust.

Councillor Nelson noted that the intent behind her motion is because an oil company from her area had already stated they would not pay for dust control so if the \$61,000 is forgiven they will definitely not pay either.

Councillor Jacobs commented that she understands why the motion was made. In the past they were "hand-shake" agreements but now there are more agreements documented in writing which are enforceable. She also noted that there are conditions put on new gravel pits but inquired whether older gravel pits are grandfathered. Mr. Pfau responded that we are really taking control of these now and the process will improve more in the future; we are well on our way to full compliance.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if oil companies were to complete the dust control as part of their community relations and to cover their day to day operations. Mr. Pfau responded that they are to address the dust control for residents in the site area and for their operational traffic.

Councillor Smith commented that we cannot chase and police everyone for creating dust. Furthermore, the County does not own the Kings Highway and to close it you need to obtain Ministerial approval.

Council voted on the motion.

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1015**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to forgive the outstanding dust control invoice in the amount of \$61,000.00.

Councillor Harpe referred to a case that occurred in the past where the Minister gave the approval but the area could only be road banned. They came to an agreement on major haul routes and individual residents could discuss with the specific company about the dust

control. He noted that as County Councillors they need to take some proactive steps to ensure that the dust is controlled for the residents.

Reeve Beaupre responded that all of the companies have signed off on the dust control maps and they are happy with the agreements made with the ratepayers.

Councillor Dueck commented that she agrees with Councillor Harpe and Council should eventually revisit the dust control standards.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that we do not have legal grounds to pursue repayment therefore she agrees with Councillor Harpe's motion.

Councillor Nelson spoke against the motion and requested a recorded vote. By forgiving the amount owed, we are sending a message that we no longer expect payment from the company. She believes Council should keep sending letters to the company until the amount for dust control is paid off.

Councillor Sutherland inquired how the County handles dust control for timber companies. Mr. Pfau responded that they are handled the same way that oil companies are, they signed the same annual road use agreements, pick up debris, and handle dust control. Reeve Beaupre commented that the timber companies see the importance of community investment. For example, Canfor has made changes to control the dust produced by their trucks as a community service. Bill noted that timber companies were dealt with through road bans and haul route approvals and they were made aware that needed to come into the County and meet with Public Works and includes the hauling of private logs on public roads.

Councillor Eckstrom posed a question to Administration in regards to bad debt and whether the County should carry a \$61,000 debt with no expectation of it getting paid back

from the company. Bill responded that the Finance Department will internally continue to ask Public Works for the \$61,000.

Councillor Nelson inquired how long does the County allow taxes to go unpaid until we act upon it. Noreen Vavrek, Director of Finance, responded it takes three years to start the tax collection process.

Council voted on the motion.

**Votes:**

**In Favour:** Leanne Beaupre, Brock Smith, Harold Bulford, Lois Dueck, Mary Ann Eckstrom, Pat Jacobs, Richard Harpe

**Opposed:** Ross Sutherland, Sharon Nelson

**CARRIED**

**PROCLAMATION - STOMPEDE WEEK**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130515001)

As in in the past, the Stompede Committee is requesting for County Council to proclaim May 28th through June 2nd, 2013 as Stompede Week in the County of Grande Prairie. The proclamation for 2013 was attached to the agenda package.

Reeve Beaupre noted that she will be giving the proclamation at Duke's Country Club tomorrow (May 28th) at noon if other Councillors wish to attend as well.

**Resolution #CM20130527.1016**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that Council Council declare May 28th through June 2nd, 2013 as Stompede Week in the County of Grande Prairie.

**CARRIED**

**VALHALLA 100TH**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130521002)

Rikki Christie, Administrative Assistant for Parks and Recreation, noted that the Hamlet of Valhalla Centre is celebrating its 100th Anniversary June 29-July 1, 2013. To commemorate the event they are requesting funds to build

a commemorative patio that would be attached to the Viking Centre.

At fall budget Council approved \$25,000.00 per community for communities celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Valhalla Centre is the first community to apply for this funding. At this time, there is no formal application or policy but it is in the process of being completed. There is \$25,000.00 in the budget for this purpose. The budget for the project was attached to the agenda package.

Council's options are:

- 1) Approve releasing the full \$25,000.00 to the Valhalla Heritage Society for their commemorative patio;
- 2) Release a portion of the \$25,000.00;
- 3) Take no action.

Reeve Beaupre posed a question to Councillor Harpe in regards to quotes provided for the event. Councillor Harpe responded that the quotes will be equivalent to what was used at the Sportsplex. They have already purchased chairs, the brick has already been installed, and they will be starting to plant trees soon.

### **Resolution #CM20130527.1017**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to release the full \$25,000 to the Valhalla Heritage Society for their commemorative patio contingent on the Society submitting supporting documentation for the approved items to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Councillor Nelson noted that in regards to the 100 year celebrations for hamlets, she was not aware the \$25,000 could be used for flowers and decorations and commented that this will change the kind of celebration each hamlet hosts.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she is in favour of the motion as the Celebration Garden is great for beautification

of the hamlets.

Councillor Dueck inquired where the garden is being built. Councillor Harpe responded that it will be close to the community center and the library. He further noted that the patio and garden will commemorate Chester Ronning and it can also be used as a reading garden. The County Public Open House will be held there as well.

Council voted on the motion.

**CARRIED**

**INSURANCE  
COVERAGE  
REQUEST-TEEPEE  
CREEK  
STAMPEDE  
ASSOCIATION**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130521003)

Additional named insured; the Teepee Creek Stampede Association is requesting vehicle insurance through the County's insurance policy for a limousine that is to be used primarily for promotion and advertising.

Jubilee Insurance has been contacted and, as per the memo attached to the agenda package, they will offer coverage if it is approved by Council. Administration recommends that Council pass a motion in regards to additional vehicle insurance for the Teepee Creek Stampede Association.

**Resolution #CM20130527.1018**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that the 2001 Lincoln Limousine for the Teepee Creek Stampede Association, additional named insured, be insured by Jubilee Insurance and that the Teepee Creek Stampede Association be responsible for those premiums.

**CARRIED**

**RONNING HOME  
SITE**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130521006)

Councillor Harpe provided background information on the owner of the property and noted that the Ronning Home Site would be a community project. He noted that there was a motion made by the Valhalla Heritage Society they would be the vehicle for this and they asked that the County cover the costs of subdividing. Bill noted that they are asking for the County to waive the survey, application, registration,

and municipal plan fees. The whole quarter in discussion is already designed as a Provincial Historical Site and they are suggesting that the home be moved to the site adjacent to the east side of the Valhalla Cemetery (which was outlined in the memo attached to the agenda package) as there is a wide approach already existing there.

Councillor Dueck inquired if Councillor Harpe had received written confirmation from the Valhalla Historical Society that they are accepting of moving the building and maintaining the new site. Councillor Harpe responded that he received an email and he forwarded it to Walter Paszkowski; they initially wanted to un-designate and then re-designate the site but because the whole quarter section was already designated a historical site they will not need to re-designate.

Bill noted that if the County will approve waiving the fees we will need to provide assistance to whoever will be moving the house and the Valhalla Heritage Society will have to take responsibility for the maintenance of the site.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if this request was premature as the Valhalla Heritage Society should bring the request in and present to Council. Councillor Harpe responded that the home site needs public access and that the owners had wanted to apply for demolition but the Province wants to keep it as a historical site so it will have to be moved. Reeve Beaupre commented that she would like to have the figures from the government provided first as there will be significant funds required to restore and move the house. Reeve Beaupre wants to know who will be paying the balance if the County waives all of the fees.

### **Resolution #CM20130527.1019**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** to table the request for waiving subdivision costs and have the Valhalla Heritage Society come to Council and speak to this item at the June 10, 2013 Council meeting.

**TABLED**

Councillor Jacobs requested that the Valhalla Heritage Society bring back information regarding the land donation and who is accepting responsibility for this home and home site.

**ACTION LIST - UP TO APRIL 29TH**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130517001)

The Action List up to April 29, 2013 was attached to the agenda package for Council's perusal.

**INFORMATION**

**MONTH AT A GLANCE - REEVE BEAUPRE AND CAO BILL ROGAN**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130502001)

The Month at a Glance for Reeve Beaupre and CAO Bill Rogan were attached to the agenda package for Council's perusal.

**INFORMATION**

**2013 BASIC MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT ALLOCATION**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130521009)

Correspondence sent from the Regional Director of Alberta Transportation, Trent McLaughlin. The amount that has been budgeted (\$1,020,976) has been consistent for many years.

**INFORMATION**

**MIGHTY PEACE WATERSHED ALLIANCE - FUNDING SUPPORT**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130426001)

The County has provided light funding to the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance for \$1500 from the County's General Engineering line to assist with upcoming work the group must undertake.

The funding will assist with the general plan development for the larger Peace River Watershed project.

The Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance is working on the Watershed Plan for the Peace River.

**INFORMATION**

**REQUEST FOR  
SPONSORSHIP -  
SUNRISE  
HOUSE/ODYSSEY  
HOUSE CHARITY  
GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

(ADDENDUM)  
(Issue #20130523002)

Sunrise House and Odyssey House are seeking sponsorship for their charity golf tournament on Friday, June 14, 2013 at the Grande Prairie Golf & Country Club.

**Event Information:**

Friday, June 14, 2013  
Grande Prairie Golf & Country Club

**Sponsorship Opportunities:**

Hospitality Hole Sponsorship - \$5000  
Corporate Partnership - \$3000

Details are attached to the agenda package.

**Past Support:**

The County of Grande Prairie has been a generous supporter of this event in the past. In 2011 and 2012 the County sponsored this event for \$3000.

**Community Assistance Fund:**

To date, Council has distributed \$10,973 from Community Assistance. As of May 23, 2013 the remaining amount is \$21,447.

**Resolution #CM20130527.1020**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** to sponsor the Sunrise House/Odyssey House Charity Golf Tournament for \$3000 from the Community Assistance Line as has been done in past years.

Councillor Harpe inquired how much of the sponsorships from the golf tournament goes to the Sunrise/Odyssey House. Bill noted that we do provide them with a grant as well. Councillor Harpe amended Councillor Eckstrom's main motion to write the cheque directly to Sunrise/Odyssey House instead of sponsoring the golf tournament. Councillor Eckstrom accepted it as a friendly amendment.

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** to directly present \$3000 to the Sunrise/Odyssey House and sell the four golf tickers for further donation.

Council voted on the amendment.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLOR,  
COMMITTEE AND  
DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Councillor Sutherland attended the MPC meeting.

Councillor Sutherland attended the ATCO meeting in Valleyview. He noted it was very informative and there were good speakers.

Councillor Sutherland attended the County Road Tour of the West and noted he learned a lot from it.

Councillor Sutherland noted that the Recreation Board came to an agreement on how to distribute the grant applications for his area.

Councillor Sutherland attended the County Road Tour of the East and noted it was very informative.

Councillor Sutherland attended the NCDC Conference at the Pomeroy in regards to airlines and airline services. Air Canada and WestJet were in attendance. He noted that Border Services are not interested in coming to our area even though the MP is promoting it.

Councillor Sutherland helped with the Dinosaur Tractor Parade and it was successful and had lots of children attending.

Councillor Jacobs attended the MPC meeting.

Councillor Jacobs attended a Beaverlodge Recreation Board meeting and a recommendation for disbursement of funds will be coming to Council.

Councillor Jacobs attended the ATCO Seminar in Valleyview and noted that it was very interesting and the speaker from Lloydminster was very good.

Councillor Jacobs attended the County Road Tour to the West and noted that Hinton Trail Hall flooring that was funded by the Recreation Board last year is installed.

Councillor Jacobs attended the Wembley Recreation Board meeting.

Councillor Jacobs attended the Building Expansion Committee meeting in Council Chambers.

Councillor Jacobs attended the County Road Tour to the East.

Councillor Harpe noted there is \$235,000 in road bonding funding available for his Division and inquired if the majority of it could be used towards work on the correction line at Township Road 750 and also have \$12,000 put towards graveling the parking lot at the Valhalla Community Center.

Mr. Pfau noted that there may not be enough time to get contractor approval to complete the work on Township Road 750 but he would try.

**Resolution #CM20130527.1021**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to forward the Divisional Bonding money Endeavor to extend Township Road 750 by the length that can be afforded by using \$220,000.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1022**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to forward \$12,000 of the Divisional Bonding money to gravel the parking lot of the Community Center in Valhalla.

Reeve Beaupre asked that the motion be tabled in order to have accurate information brought back on the costs for this project on the next Council agenda on June 10, 2013.

Mr. Pfau noted that Public Works will be putting in a back alley this year so there will be some prep work required.

## **TABLED**

Councillor Harpe noted that in regards to the Webster Hall power poll, ATCO is now looking to have the power run underground.

Councillor Harpe commented on the County press release in regards to the fire truck donated to the LaGlace Fire Department. He inquired why he was not notified about this as it is in his Division and noted that pictures should be taken in the communities that are receiving the donation not at the County Administration Building. Reeve Beaupre responded that the donator originally wanted the pictures taken at Evergreen Park at the Petroleum Show. They came to the Administration Building because Reeve Beaupre was on her way home from Valleyview. Councillor Harpe noted that we need to be more cognoscente of the communities where the press releases are affecting and have as much press done there as possible.

Councillor Nelson attended the MPC meeting.

Councillor Nelson attended the ATCO Seminar in Valleyview and noted that she really enjoyed the speaker from Spruce Meadows.

Councillor Harpe left the meeting at 2:43 p.m. and returned at 2:44 p.m.

Councillor Nelson attended the County Road Tour to the East.

Councillor Nelson commented that the Clairmont Communities in Bloom helped to clean the ditches in Clairmont. She also noted that Alberta Transportation pays twice the amount the County does for picking up

garbage. Bill responded that he will compare the amount that is paid by Alberta Transportation for road-side clean-up to the County rate and report back to Council.

Councillor Nelson attended the PARDS Groundbreaking Ceremony with Reeve Beaupre. She noted that it was very nice to see all of the community support and that there were two major donations given.

Councillor Nelson requested that a load of gravel and dirt be dropped off for the Clairmont Seniors for their Community Gardens as per policy. She asked that the gravel and dirt be delivered between the arena and the Community Center at the skating rink park.

Councillor Smith had nothing to add for Councillor Reports, he will discuss the "In Camera" item after Roundtable is complete.

Councillor Bulford attended the Recreation Grant Meeting.

Councillor Bulford attended the County Road Tour to the West.

Councillor Bulford attended the Sportsplex food services meeting.

Councillor Bulford attended the County Road Tour to the East.

Councillor Bulford noted that he had a meeting with MLA, Everett McDonald, in regards to the Highway 733 and Highway 43 intersection in Bezanson. MLA McDonald suggested that Councillor Bulford draft one letter and get as many resident signatures on it as possible, then get it endorsed by the County Council before submitting to Alberta Transportation. It was noted that Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, has set up and will be attending a meeting with RCMP and Alberta Transportation in regards to the intersection in Bezanson.

Councillor Dueck attended the County Road Tours to the East and West.

Councillor Dueck attended the Dinosaur Tractor Parade and helped cook breakfast. She noted there were lots of people in attendance and there were lots of donations from the residents.

Councillor Dueck inquired about the 8760 utility buying group and whether non-profits groups could use them as well. Bill responded that the rates will be coming through AAMDC not AUMA and the County is going to send out notices to non-profit groups that the switch will occur in the new year if they wish to apply. If there are interested groups they can contact Veronica Gaudet in Finance to get more information.

Councillor Dueck commented on the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Committee and noted that they have not had a meeting yet. Bill noted that he will talk to Mr. Pfau and Steve Madden and they will organize the meeting.

Councillor Dueck inquired if Council could write correspondence to Telus in regards to burying the telephone cables that have been hanging on poles and fences for years without proper installation. Reeve Beaupre commented that Telus had said they put \$1.3 million into their budget to complete catch-up work. Mr. Pfau noted that the County sent letters last year and Telus responded that only some work was being done as it was set by priorities. He commented that we can send further correspondence if Council wishes but they have a lot to do and they are only addressing smaller issues due to inadequate funding.

### **Resolution #CM20130527.1023**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** that Public Works contact Telus by letter in regards to burying above ground cables as identified in her area as well as the other areas within the County, and request a map of the work that is being done within the County.

Councillor Jacobs commented that there are lots of areas that have above ground cables. Huallen has many exposed cables and in the Range Road 90 area the cables get cut each time they mow the grass and then Telus comes out to repair it each time and continue to leave it exposed.

Councillor Nelson noted that there are temporary cables hanging by the Heritage Cemetery as well.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Dueck thanked the County for the flag that was delivered to the South Peace Museum.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the ATCO Seminar in Valleyview and she will put the presentations in the Reading File.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the County Road Tours to the West and East.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the NCDC Symposium. She noted that the afternoon session was better than the morning session and they spoke to individual airports and what was happening there in the local airports (such as Manning and Peace River).

Councillor Eckstrom noted that she received a letter from some parents whose children attend St. Mary's Catholic School in Sexsmith. The letter explained that they are now running out of space in their school in regards to the music and arts program. She will place the letter in the Reading File. She also noted that we should be having the same meetings with the Catholic School Boards as we do with the Peace Wapiti School Board to discuss pertinent issues.

Councillor Eckstrom posed a question to Administration in regards to doing renovations; "When we are over-budget where does the money come from?" Bill responded that we have a contingency plan in place and funding is set aside for circumstances like change orders. Mr. Pfau noted

that with the Administration Building and Shop renovations there is a \$350,000 contingency that was not shown and it has not been drawn on but it is in the budget.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired about the three quarter sections that the County purchased near Pipestone Park. Bill responded that the land purchased was a total of about 80 acres and it was initially going to be used for parking for the museum. Some has been used for the road but there is still about 60 acres being farmed but owned by the County. Councillor Eckstrom requested that more information be provided in regards to the land and inquired if there was a farming lease on it. She also noted that her main concern is the value of the land but she is also concerned with weed control as well. Bill responded we may have a farming lease and that more information will be brought back to the next Council meeting.

Councillor Eckstrom commented on the Royal Tyrell museum budget.

Reeve Beaupre gave greetings at the sod turning for PARDS.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Evergreen Park Board Meeting and they showed pictures of the new bleachers that say the "County of Grande Prairie" on them. The signs on the entrance gates also display visual sponsorship for the County and they will have more signage inside as well.

Reeve Beaupre attended the ATCO Symposium in Valleyview.

Reeve Beaupre noted that in regards to Physician Recruitment and Retention, she has spoken to Alberta Health Services and there is a list of surplus equipment that is available to community clinics. She commented that the community clinic in the Town of Three Hills received equipment from the Calgary Hospital.

Reeve Beaupre requested that Mr. Pfau provide her with a

list of community user groups that may be interested in making money by planting trees at Evergreen Park. Mr. Pfau noted that he will provide that to her shortly.

Reeve Beaupre noted that she was in Manning at the Northern Alberta Elected Leaders meeting and there was a motion passed to write a letter to Alberta Transportation to contribute equal amounts of funding back into infrastructure for the municipality where the resources are being taken out of. They will be sending a letter to each Council to support the letter being sent to Alberta Transportation.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the province has approved a pilot project for using a product called Rhino Snot to do maintenance on roads. She noted that the product is applied in three different stages and the cost to do four kilometres in the Rhino Snot is \$300,000 compared to the \$1.4 million it would cost to do traditional paving; this will be applied in the Village of Berwyn. The application date project is June 4th. Mr. Pfau commented that if the product works really well the County might see costs reducing. Reeve Beaupre also noted that the lifespan for Rhino Snot is long compared to oils and aggregate.

Councillor Harpe noted that he spoke to Mr. Pfau about the shop expansion plans and they need a commercial oil separator for the wash bay. Reeve Beaupre inquired why this was not caught before. Mr. Pfau commented that he was not sure why it wasn't included in the plans but that it is not required at this time but the County may need it eventually. He will bring this issue back to the next Building Expansion Committee agenda.

Councillor Jacobs noted that she cannot attend the Grande Prairie Stompede so her tickets can be entered into a draw for staff members to attend.

Councillor Sutherland noted he has received a request for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum operating budget and he inquired if it could be released to Council and to the public. Bill responded that we have updated the operating budget since Council last viewed it so Administration can

make copies and distribute them. Councillor Nelson asked for clarification in regards to who is running the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum Project. Bill responded that Council had decided that the building will be the County's and any operating agreements will tentatively be with the Society.

Councillor Nelson commented on the article sent out that was done by Reeve Beaupre at AAMDC regarding MSI and it's uses and noted that it missed the road use and the expense that is incurred.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired when the concrete is going to be poured at the Shop and if the oil separator is something that needs to be dealt with now before a larger bill will have to be paid after concrete is poured. Mr. Pfau responded that this issue will be handled at the BEC meeting on June 6th and the contingency has not been touched for the shop yet. He will look into numbers and timelines tonight. He further noted that the piles will go in first and concrete pouring won't be done right away so there is time to investigate this more.

Councillor Jacobs inquired that if the government implements mandated environmental changes, do they ever provide funding to go along with it. Bill responded that, historically, they do not. Councillor Harpe commented that we need to be a leader in this.

Bill Rogan noted that he had nothing to add to the Roundtable discussion in regards to events. He commented that there was little direction regarding the last motion to proceed with the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum pending successful passing of the borrowing bylaw. The motion passed this morning will allow administration to go ahead to start building.

Councillor Harpe noted that the last motion made prior to today was to sign a contract with PCL for the stipulated cost price and have PCL look for cost savings. He commented that, as County Council, "we need to do our due diligence". He also inquired whether there is a clause in

the contract with PCL to release them from their contract if they continue to go over on their costs.

Reeve Beaupre inquired what the process would be in the event that another petition is received. Bill responded that there is the 60 day window for the petition and Legal Counsel feels strongly that we will have to wait and see if a petition is received before anything further can occur. Councillor Smith commented that because of the resolution to proceed with the construction that was passed this morning, ratepayers may proceed with another petition to stop the museum in general. Reeve Beaupre responded that they cannot have the same mandate from the first petition that was submitted. Bill noted that the petition would be against using the reserves to fund the construction shortfall.

Councillor Harpe inquired what the contingency plan will be if we do get a petition from ratepayers. Bill responded that we will have to get further legal consultation.

Mr. Pfau provided updates on dust control applications. Reeve Beaupre requested that Public Works bring back information on costs and the amount of kilometers (including industrial) in regards to dust control to the next Council meeting. Mr. Pfau commented that they are hoping for lots of rain to help control the dust and that they are currently doing spot construction in Councillor Harpe's area.

Mr. Pfau also noted that the Calcium Program is almost complete and there were 460 cost-shared users in the program. He also noted that Public Works is also completing some emergency culvert repairs.

John Simpson noted that the City is hosting Open Houses today at Muskoseepi Park in regards to the Annexation.

Mr. Simpson noted that Rob Renschler received the "Safety Codes Officer of the Year" award.

Mr. Simpson commented that the Petroleum Show

was very successful and one of the largest ever.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired if there were any open houses scheduled for County residents to discuss the Annexation. Mr. Simpson responded that we are waiting until the City has their open houses and they submit their position to the MGB. The County open houses will likely occur in August or September.

Councillor Nelson inquired, in regards to the Annexation, if Councillors can share that the County did the mediation discussions with the City and that mediation has ended and no agreement was reached. Mr. Simpson noted that there is a confidentiality clause in place but the information Councillor Nelson was referring to can be shared. Bill commented that we need to proceed with caution as our position can change when we see the requests from the City.

Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, attended the Saskatoon Mountain Project meeting.

#### **Resolution #CM20130527.1024**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** to send a letter of congratulations to Rob Renschler in regards to receiving the Safety Codes Officer of the Year Award and ask him to come into Council to be publicly recognized and show Council his award.

**CARRIED**

#### **LAND / LAW / MGA**

(IN CAMERA)

(Issue #20130527011)

#### **Resolution #CM20130527.1025**

**MOVED by S. NELSON** that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 3:46 p.m., pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter F-25 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to Land, Law, and the Municipal Government Act.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1026**

**MOVED by M. ECKSTROM** that the meeting come out of In Camera at 3:54 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #CM20130527.1027**

**MOVED by L. DUECK** that the meeting adjourn at 3:55 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes approved the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR