

Council Highlights



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November 25, 2013

Glen Leslie Church Restoration Project – Council passed the motion to dedicate an additional \$85,000 for mold removal and lead paint reclamation of the Glen Leslie Church. To date, the County has contributed \$15,000 towards the project. Glen Leslie Church is a designated Alberta Historical Resource located in east County that was built nearly 100 years ago. It is one of the few pre-1920s structures left standing in the County. The Church plays an important role the County's history and heritage; so, preservation is vital.

Regional Pound Contract Update – Regional Enforcement Services Superintendent Stuart Rempel provided an update on contract negotiations between the County and the City of Grande Prairie with the SPCA. The contract expired December 31, 2012. The SPCA is to respond to the latest offer by the end of the year. The County and The City own the pound which is operated by the SPCA.

Teepee Creek Agricultural Events Centre – Teepee Creek Agricultural Society President Mack Erno provided Council with an update on the progress of the Teepee Creek Agricultural Centre Project. The first phase of the building construction is tentatively scheduled for spring 2014. Council approved to allow the Teepee Creek Hall and Teepee Creek Events Centre to connect to the County sewer system.

The monthly costs to make this installation will be brought back by the Public Works department to a future Council meeting. The County has contributed \$450,000 to the project to date. Council will also consider a request for additional funding at budget deliberations.

Township Road 722 Spot Construction – Council approved the motion to move forward with rehabilitating portions of Township Road 722 due to safety concerns of those travelling on it. This road is located within the annexation area. County will seek compensation for the week during the annexation process; although compensation from the City of Grande Prairie for road rehabilitation and paving projects is not guaranteed.

County Barbecue Rental Policy – Council approved the rental policy for the County Barbecue which will allow community based groups and non-profit organizations to use the County owned four-burner barbecue free of charge for special events between May 1st and October 1st annually. Information on the barbecue rental policy and guidelines can be obtained by calling the Parks and Recreation department at 780-532-9727.

Webster Hall Power Line Realignment – The Public Works department brought back the cost estimate of approximately \$22,000 to relocate a rural power line which runs through the Webster Hall parking lot. Council deferred this item to budget deliberations.

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Staff Introductions – County Council and staff welcomed three new employees to the County. Kathleen MacLeod will be working for the Public Works department as the recycling operator at the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management. Lynn Simard and Adele Johnston will be working for the Assessment department as Assessors.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing on Bylaw 2680-13-037 to redesignate approximately 30.14 acres of land located 4 ½ miles north of Sexsmith and adjacent to Twp. Rd. 744 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5). Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing on Bylaw 2994 to amend the boundary of a portion of the Environmental Reserve Lot 2 ER, Plan 992 6469 located within Lot 1B, Plan 992 6469; part of NE-19-71-6-W6M, and to consolidate it with Lot 1B, Plan 992 6469. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council gave Bylaw 2992 third reading to cancel a registered consolidation plan for land located within the Hamlet of Clairmont. The parcel of land can now revert to its original subdivided state effectively creating a subdivision of three lots.

Bylaw 2680-13-036 received third reading to redesignate approximately 15.86 acres of land located one mile east of Bezanson and adjacent to Highway 43 and Rge. Rd. 30 from

Agricultural District (AG) to Rural Medium Industrial District (RM-2) to allow for the subdivision of one lot.

Council gave the request to remove municipal reserve designation from a portion of Lot 23MR, Clock 8, Plan 072 6739; PT. Ne-28-71-05-W6M located within the Carriage Lane subdivision third reading. The removal of municipal reserve designation on this land will allow for an access road across a pedestrian trail linkage.

Snow Blower Request for Proposal – Council awarded the request for proposal (RFP) for the purchase of a commercial grade loader – mounted industrial snow blower from Industrial Machine in the amount of \$98,396+tax.

Wapiti River Water Management Plan (WRWMP) Committee– Council made a motion to support a funding application to the Regional Collaboration Program application and for the City of Grande Prairie to become the managing partner for the application. The WRWM Committee is developing a plan that will ensure reliable water quality and quantity for local communities, while protecting the aquatic ecosystem.

Grande Prairie Rural Crime Watch Association – Council approved the contribution of \$380 to the Grande Prairie Rural Crime Watch Association to cover half the costs of a fan-out system.

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United Way Fundraising – County staff raised \$268 for United Way Alberta North West at their annual Safety Spookacular Halloween event. Council passed the motion to match the staff contribution for a total donation of \$536 to United Way Alberta North West.

La Glace Arena Fundraiser – Council approved the donation of a \$150 silent auction item to a La Glace Arena fundraising event.

Next Council meeting is December 2, 2013. These meetings will be held in the EOC in the Community Services Building until further notice.

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