

# Council Highlights



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**October 21, 2013**

**Provincial FCSSAA Awards** – County Council and staff congratulated FCSS Director Kathleen Turner and Councillor Mary Ann Eckstrom for receiving two Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta Association's (FCSSAA) Achievement Awards. See news release '**FCSS Director and County Councillor Receive Provincial FCSS Awards**' for more information.

**Clairmont Adventure Park** – The Clairmont Agricultural Society President Lamont Anderson and Leanne Braybrook made a presentation to Council regarding the need for a skateboard and spray park in the community of Clairmont. Council passed the motion to lease land in Clairmont to the Society for the proposed Adventure Park.

**County Fire Service Name** – Everett Cooke, County Fire Chief made a proposal to Council for a name change that will better reflect the fire service the County provides to the County and Peace region. Council approved the motion to change the Fire Service department name to 'County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service.'

**Staff introduction** – County Council and staff welcomed Chris King to the County. Chris will be working as the County's new Economic Development Officer. See news release '**Chris King Announced as County's new Economic Development Officer**' for more information.

**Greenspace Maintenance Plan** – Council approved the Greenspace Maintenance Plan created by the County Parks and Recreation department. This plan will be used to guide the department's beautification mowing schedule.

**Eastside Water Servicing Tender** – Council awarded the eastside water servicing tender to Westcan Tel for the tendered price of \$765,824.20. This tender will allow for the installation of water services in Sandy Ridge, Lawra Estates, and Jersey meadows located in east County that will be cost shared by local developers and landowners. The proposed water line has been oversized to accommodate further growth in the area in the future.

Council also approved the installation of sewer services on a cost share basis with landowners for a portion of Sandy Ridge subdivision in the amount of \$185,000.

**Evergreen Park** – Council approved a grant to the Grande Prairie Regional Agricultural & Exhibition Society/Evergreen Park in the amount of \$1.19 million to assist the Society with the payout of a capital loan and utility costs at Evergreen Park

**PARDS Dine and Dance** – County Council approved the contribution of \$1,000 to the Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society (PARDS) 16<sup>th</sup> annual Dine and Dance. The event will be taking place at the Five Mile Hall on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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All proceeds raised will go directly to the PARDS therapeutic riders and programs.

**Beaverlodge Christmas Festival** – Council approved the donation of a \$150 silent auction item for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Beaverlodge Christmas Festival that will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Public Hearing** – Council held a public hearing to amend the County Land Use Bylaw 2680-13-035 by redesignating approximately 5 acres of land located adjacent to the west boundary of Grande Prairie and adjacent to Twp. Rd. 713A from Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Light Industrial (RM-1) District. This would facilitate the subdivision of one lot for industrial use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.29110

**Next Council meeting is October 28, 2013. These meetings will be held in the EOC in the Community Services Building until further notice.**

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