



MINUTES

County Council
Regular Meeting

County of Grande Prairie No. 1

September 16, 2013 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, September 16, 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

- Herb Pfau
- Arlen Miller
- John Simpson

6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Oravec

8. Media

- Daily Herald Tribune - Jocelyn Turner
- Big Country - Justin Parohl
- Free FM - Jeff Hensen

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #CM20130916.1001

MOVED by M. ECKSTROM to approve the agenda for the September 16, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/09/16) with the following amendments:

- PLDEV20130496 - SE-30-75-9-W6M - DIRECT CONTROL FOR 70FT COMMUNICATION TOWER - KEVIN KAJORINNE (#20130912002)
- Councillor Bulford added an In Camera item.
- Councillor Nelson added an In Camera item.

CARRIED

**PT.
SW-36-72-06-W6M /
FOCUS / SINCERUS
(CLAIRMONT) GP
LTD. / RURAL
RESIDENTIAL / FILE
NO. PLLUB2130399**

Resolution #CM20130916.1002

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. SW-36-72-6-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Residential (RR-2) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *10:07 a.m.*

CARRIED

(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20130829003)

Nick Lapp, Senior Planner, noted that the purpose of this application is to amend the County's Land Use Bylaw to re-designate approximately 7.85 acres of land for residential use. The proposed amendment would facilitate the subdivision of a single parcel. There is an existing single family dwelling and several accessory buildings located on the proposed parcel. The proposed zoning is consistent with the Clairmont Heights Area Structure Plan; no servicing issues have been identified and no land use conflicts are anticipated. The application will in part facilitate the separation of the existing farmstead from the balance of the quarter section and allow for subsequent development of the balance as a part of the Clairmont Heights area.

He further noted that Wynngate Estates is currently at stage 6 and 7 and the shape of the amendment is to accommodate the existing buildings on the site. There is no land-use conflict and

no concerns were received. Administration is recommending approval of the application. Applicant Heather Roberts was present at the meeting to answer any questions from Council. There was no one else in the audience to speak to the application.

Councillor Smith inquired where the developer road will be coming in. Mr. Lapp responded that there will be a road to the north quarter section, a road connection to the south through Wynngate Estates, and one at the southeast corner as well. The existing access will remain there but as development furthers they will make another plan.

Councillor Sutherland inquired if there will be an adjoining park or pathways for walking and recreation. Reeve Beaupre responded that part of the Municipal Reserve area has been designated for walking paths and trails.

Resolution #CM20130916.1003

MOVED BY S. NELSON that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at 10:12 a.m.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130916.1004

MOVED BY S. NELSON that Bylaw 2680-13-034 to re-designate PT. SW-36-72-6-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Residential (RR-2) District to be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130916.1005

MOVED BY P. JACOBS that Bylaw 2680-13-034 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130916.1006

MOVED BY L. DUECK that Bylaw 2680-13-034 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130916.1007

MOVED BY M. ECKSTOM that Bylaw 2680-13-034 to re-designate PT. SW-36-72-6-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Residential (RR-2) District be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

PT. NW-8-73-9-W6M

Resolution #CM20130916.1008

MOVED BY S. NELSON that a Public Hearing be held to hear

**- AG TO CR-5 -
BAIRSTO,
LEHNERS,
KETCHUM/APPLEBY
(FILE
PLLUB20130382)
BYLAW 2680-13-033
(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20130909008)**

comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. NW-8-73-9-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *10:13 a.m.*

CARRIED

Mr. Lapp noted that the purpose of this application is to allow for country residential development, and would facilitate the development of one new lot for this use. The application would be the second parcel out of the quarter section. In the context of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), the site is identified as Rural (Section 6); therefore requires a level of caution before rezoning to a non-agricultural use. The intent of the rural area is to recognize agriculture as the dominate use, while a majority of the lot is considered as predominately poor farmland, as indicated on Map 4 - Rural Farmland Assessment. Section 6.0 also states that policies are designed to minimize conflicts between competing land uses within these rural areas; while this application would not drastically change the nature of the existing use. Therefore, the policies identified in Section 6 of the MDP are maintained and no land use conflicts have been identified or anticipated. Comments were received from Alberta Transportation (30 m service road) and the Alberta Energy Regulator noting there is a sour gas line in the area.

The parcel is located seven miles east of the Village of Hythe and adjacent to Highway #672. There is an existing building and trees on site. Administration is recommending approval of the application.

Cody Beairsto, Beairsto, Lehnerns, Ketchum, was present at the meeting and commented that he will answer any questions. There was no one else from the audience to speak to the application.

Resolution #CM20130916.1009

MOVED BY S. NELSON that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *10:17 a.m.*

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130916.1010

MOVED BY R. HARPE that Bylaw 2680-13-033 to re-designate Bylaw 2680-13-033 from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) district to be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130916.1011

MOVED BY B. SMITH that Bylaw 2680-13-033 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130916.1012

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2680-13-033 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130916.1013

MOVED BY L. DUECK that Bylaw 2680-13-033 to re-designate PT. NW-8-73-9-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**CONSTRUCTION OF
SALT STORAGE
SHED TENDER
RESULTS - WEST
COUNTY**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130910004)

Herb Pfau, Superintendent of Public Works, noted that the tenders were opened on September 6, 2013 for the construction of a Salt Storage Shed and entrance pads for existing maintenance shop at the West County Maintenance Yard.

The following bids were received:

Fillmore Construction Management Inc. \$405,000.00
K. Shaw & Sons Contracting (2009) Ltd. \$408,873.00

The total funds included in the 2013 budget for the Salt Storage Shed and entrance pads is \$220,000.00

After our engineer's discussions with Fillmore Construction it was proposed the costs could decrease by approximately by \$54,000 if the following items were considered:

- 1. Excavation & gravel supply by County \$30,000
- 2. Install & compact gravel by County \$10,000
- 3. Delete stainless steel brackets \$ 7,000
- 4. Delete patch & rub ext concrete \$ 2,500
- 5. County of Grande Prairie skidsteer, buckets & fork attachment for 2 months \$4,000
- Total \$54,000**

With this reduction in costs the total estimated costs of the project including engineering and contingency is **\$423,600.00**.

Administration is recommending the tender be awarded to Fillmore Construction which is slightly over budget. The shortfall would come from the Infrastructure Reserve and any potential Public Works Surplus.

Reeve Beaupre noted that Public Works had asked for the salt shed during budget deliberations but she does not recall the pads. Mr. Pfau responded that the pads were budgeted in 2012 but was not done because they could not get a contractor. The funding was in 2012 budget, but there was no one to do it in 2012 so it was carried to 2013.

Councillor Nelson inquired if approving the salt shed will compromise the discussion that is to take place further in the agenda on the "West County Area Yard In Camera" item. Mr. Pfau responded that the County signed a 99 year lease and the approval has no impact on the discussion later in the meeting.

Resolution #CM20130916.1014

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to award the Salt Storage Shed contract to Fillmore Construction Management Inc., including the cost reductions, for a bid price of \$351,000.00 with the additional funds required to complete the project coming from the Public Works 2013 Surplus or the Infrastructure Reserve.

Councillor Nelson commented that some leases have an opt out clause. Mr. Pfau responded that our lease is a straight 99 year lease with no opt out clause, but they would like to renegotiate eventually. CAO, Bill Rogan, commented that our lease is "unbreakable".

CARRIED

**SUBDIVISION TIME
EXTENSION
REQUEST -
SE-5-74-3-W6M -
FILE NO. 10GP37**
(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130909001)

Approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:

File No. 10GP37 (BLK File No. 10113)
Legal: SE-5-74-3-W6M
Name: Norman and Lora Hoag
Division: 9

Date Approval Extended to: September 10, 2014

Recommend: Third and Final Subdivision Endorsement Time Extension Approval

The applicant is requesting the subdivision endorsement time extension in order to fulfill the conditions of approval that applies to this subdivision application.

**SUBDIVISION TIME
EXTENSION
REQUEST-LOT 2,
BLOCK 1, PLAN 062
0518; PT
SE-26-71-7-W6M -
FILE NO.
PLSUB20120468**
(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130909002)

Approval is requested for the following subdivision endorsement time extension request:

File No. PLSUB20120468 (BLK File No.12360)
Legal: Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 062 0518; Pt SE-26-71-7-W6M
Name: Ed and Elaine Stierle
Division: 4

Date Approval Extended to: September 14, 2014

Recommend: First Subdivision Endorsement Time Extension Approval

The applicant is requesting the subdivision endorsement time extension in order to fulfill the conditions of approval that applies to this subdivision application.

Resolution #CM20130916.1015

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that the subdivision endorsement time extension requests, items 6.1 and 6.2, be approved in order to fulfill the conditions of approval for the subdivision application.

CARRIED

**AAMDC - INPUT
NEEDED:
MAINTENANCE AND
SERVICE ON
THREE-DIGIT
(SECONDARY)
HIGHWAYS**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130903001)

Mr. Pfau noted that the AAMDC is asking for member input regarding the quality and level of service provided in maintaining three-digit (secondary) highways. A short survey has been created and members are encouraged to work with their council, administration, and public works expertise to complete a response. A copy of the survey was attached to the agenda package and the deadline to participate is Wednesday, October 2, 2013. In support of the concerns outlined in Resolution 11-11S, the AAMDC wants to understand the magnitude of the concerns, or conversely, the positive aspects of this service.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she met with Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, and Trent McLaughlin, Regional Director of Alberta Transportation, in Saddle Hills with NAEL and there was lots of discussion on secondary highways. Mr. McLaughlin commented that there has been a 10% reduction from his budget and therefore there have been cutbacks on the secondary road upgrades and maintenance.

CAO, Rogan commented that maintenance on secondary highways was our responsibility before but the Province took it over several years ago. Over the years Alberta Transportation has received a lot of feedback from the County and we continue to lobby for Alberta Transportation to do as good of a job as the County used to do. The County has no interest in taking the maintenance responsibility back again but we do want them to improve their service. He further noted that the County could take the maintenance back over, but we would require the funding to do it. Mr. Pfau commented that there is about 155 miles of secondary highways within the County.

Councillor Jacobs left the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Mr. Pfau commented that some of the patching was put off and now it is getting done. CAO Rogan commented that we would need more trucks and staff if the County was to take the secondary highway maintenance back. Councillor Nelson discussed issues with paving and tendering and commented on in house guarantees for the paving.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she would like to see CAO, Bill Rogan's responses prior submitting the Council response. She then spoke about the gravel highways and that when the Province took them over she got many comments from ratepayers that they were in really bad shape. She congratulated Public Works on past successes but

noted that the County does not need to incur anymore costs for road maintenance on the secondary highways.

Councillor Smith commented that we should not get into maintaining the secondary highways again. Premier Redford has stripped the Alberta Transportation budget and that should be included in the letter we send as there should not be cutbacks on road maintenance. He further noted that the reason why Alberta Transportation took back the maintenance was because some municipalities could not support the repairs on their own.

Councillor Harpe commented that he has no interest in the County assuming maintenance on the secondary highways because we do not have enough money and there is too much traffic. He commented on Secondary Highway #724 north (gravel road) and noted that it gets impassable. He concluded that we need to keep the government accountable for maintenance on the secondary and primary highways.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the road maintenance should be the responsibility of the Province. She spoke to the letter from NAEL to support their letter and comment on the resources being taken out and not being put back into our region. There was a response from the Minister about the financial constraints and it was noted that he will be coming in October and we can ask to speak to him about our issues then. This is an issue of public safety and it needs to be addressed.

Councillor Nelson commented that there is no expectation from the County to take this back over without negotiations with the Province for more funding, she just wanted to see if we could do a better job on the maintenance and take it on.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she has concerns with any agreement as it can change at any time. She requested that the CAO send a copy of his comments to Council as they would like to review them prior submitting their responses. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that he can combine his responses and Mr. Pfau's responses and bring them back to Council for review.

Councillor Sutherland requested that Public Works and Administration provide their comments on the next Council agenda to ensure the responses from the Councillors can be similar.

**PLDEV20130496 -
SE-30-75-9-W6M -
DIRECT CONTROL
FOR 70FT**

Anna Martin, Intermediate Planner, noted that this Development Permit application for a 70ft Communications Tower was incorrectly taken to Municipal Planning Commission on the 10 September, 2013, where it received approval. As this lot is zoned Highway Industrial Direct

**COMMUNICATION
TOWER - KEVIN
KAJORINNE**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20130912002)

Control (RM-DC) District, MPC does not have the authority to approve this development permit, and as such it was attached to the Council agenda for a decision.

Approval, subject to the following condition(s):

- 1) The site is developed as per the site plan submitted.
- 2) The development conforms to the district requirements of the Highway Industrial Direct Control (RM-DC) District.
- 3) Communication towers are subject to approval from Industry Canada.

Reeve Beaupre commented that this is located on a Devon Gas Plant and inquired why the application did not come from them. Ms. Martin responded that Devon has likely hired a consultant to address the application.

Resolution #CM20130916.1016

MOVED BY R. HARPE to approve the application with the three conditions and add an additional condition to discuss the Communication Tower with GPNetworks to ensure that there are no existing services in the area, and that it will not interfere with the existing towers and County internet service.

CARRIED

**MEETING WITH
RCMP
COMMANDING
OFFICER**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130910001)

Reeve Beaupre commented on letter attached from Wembley as it was accidentally attached to the agenda packages. It was noted that it will be brought back on next weeks Council agenda.

Mr. Miller commented on the meeting with RCMP Commanding Officer, Deputy Commissioner Dale McGowan. The District and Detachment senior management will also be in attendance. The dinner meeting will be on September 24th, from 5:15-7:00 PM. This meeting was arranged in lieu of the AAMDC meeting originally planned for March, 2013. The RCMP is looking for feedback from Council to confirm the above agenda items, any additional items, and the desired location for the September 24, 2013 meeting.

Items to be raised at that time were:

- ALERT resources in Grande Prairie. Is the unit fully staffed, statistics for enforcement in the rural area?
- discuss the Report a Drug House program within the County/City.
- update on staffing levels for Grande Prairie/Beaverlodge Detachments
- how are resources shifted between business lines?
- concerns over Highway #43. With the severe frost heaves present, can the RCMP assist in rectifying the safety concerns with vehicles potentially losing loads or control?
- Will RCMP consider working with the County to re-locate Provincial resources to the rural? Any opportunities for future developments in our

area, i.e., training facilities, service centres, etc.?
 - Law Enforcement Framework, timelines, impact.

Mr. Miller commented that RCMP Commanding Officer, Deputy Commissioner Dale McGowan has asked to cancel the meeting and reschedule as he will be retiring shortly and an interim CO will be appointed, we can request a meeting once an appointment is made.

Resolution #CM20130916.1017

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM to schedule a meeting with the RCMP Commanding Officer after fall elections and send a letter of thank you and congratulations to RCMP Commanding Officer Dale McGowan for his years of service with the RCMP.

Reeve Beaupre commented on the funding model for Enforcement Framework.

Councillor Jacobs returned to the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that there should be more collaboration with the RCMP and Alberta Transportation because people are taking secondary highways more often because the primary highways are in really rough shape. She further noted that we can have collaboration between the new Council, the RCMP, and the Province.

Reeve Beaupre commented on a newspaper article showing industry in the Dunes area cleaning up shotgun shells. She noted that there should be more of a focus on addressing those areas because they are areas County residents recreate in. County Peace Officers cannot address gun discharge issues because this falls under the jurisdiction of the RCMP. Furthermore, if Council has anything else for the discussion they can forward the topics to Mr. Miller.

CARRIED

**CONSULTATION
REGARDING
DESIGNATED
MATERIALS
RECYCLING**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130910006)

Mr. Pfau noted that a letter was received from Environment and Sustainable Resource Development dated September 4, 2013 regarding consultation with key stakeholders and the public on proposed changes to the Province's framework for designated materials recycling. Notification will be sent in the upcoming weeks once the consultation process launches. Stakeholders and the public are asked to please keep checking for these notifications.

Reeve Beaupre commented that at the Alberta CARE Recycling Conference the ESRD had a discussion about the timing of the review for input. She noted that there is a lack of consultation on agricultural plastics. Councillor Eckstrom commented that timing is the biggest issue as Council nominations are next Monday and getting good

feedback is a real concern. Council discussed the electronic component and the agricultural plastic recycling and that dialog needs to occur. Reeve Beaupre responded that the largest concern was the lack of addressing agricultural plastics as only one hutterite colony currently does it. She noted that the agricultural plastics are being stored on landfill sites until they can be addressed and there has been no input from the Province regarding the recycling.

Councillor Sutherland commented that he would like to see all participants involved in a discussion on how to address agricultural plastics (County Agriculture Department, Evergreen Park, and the County Landfill staff).

Councillor Nelson commented that Grande Prairie has the worst record for the bottles going into the landfills and that this item could be put on the agenda for an upcoming City/County meeting so we can work on a team strategy and look for other options.

Resolution #CM20130916.1018

MOVED BY S. NELSON that this item on consultation regarding designated materials recycling be placed on a future Inter-Municipal meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130916.1019

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the consultation regarding designated materials recycling be deferred to the Environmental Committee for discussion as soon as possible.

Reeve Beaupre commented that her concern is what will be discussed at the consultation because if agricultural plastics are not addressed they are missing a large volume of recycling.

Councillor Smith commented that the majority of agricultural plastics are not coming into the landfill. The main issue to be addressed in the letter should be that agricultural recycling should be going back to the manufacturer to dispose of.

CARRIED

**THANK YOU
LETTER FROM
RATE PAYER**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20130910007)

A letter was received from a resident in Valhalla thanking County Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments for mowing the ditches and re-seeding the grass when a piece of equipment got stuck in the ditch.

Resolution #CM20130916.1020

MOVED BY P. JACOBS that the thank you letter be circulated to all departments and Council thanks the departments for their continued attentive level of service.

CARRIED

**COUNCILLOR,
COMMITTEE AND
DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Councillor Smith attended a Library Board meeting in High Prairie and he noted that the Province spoke about Alberta- wide borrowing. He also noted that they have changed the rules for the seats on the Executive Committee but we are still represented. Some systems have municipalities with over 15,000 people so smaller boards have less say on the Committee. He commented on the cost recovery for municipalities without Boards and noted that the recovery will give the Library Board \$10,000. The Peace Library System will be switching their energy to be under the AAMDC program and will save \$5500 (from gas) and \$4500 (from electrical). He noted that Slave Lake received up to \$1 million in donations. The Library also received \$25,000 from the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Councillor Nelson inquired if the Library Board has explored purchasing hardware along with the County to get a better unit price. Councillor Smith responded that they are currently sharing with other Alberta Systems (7 systems).

Councillor Smith received an email from the gentleman who is managing the medical students in regards to the NADC Bursary and he informed him about the \$10,000 grant supplied from the County when they sign a 3 year agreement to practice within the County. He commented that we should consider hosting a spouse and family tour for the medical students next year.

Councillor Nelson attended the Annexation open houses and commented that there was a good turnout and they were very well done. She also noted her concerns with the Annexation.

Councillor Nelson attended the Clairmont Community Night event at the Wellington Resource Centre, where she represented the County as a Councillor. She complimented the County Fire Fighters for attending and cooking hot dogs and burgers. There were approximately 20 different displays for activities in Clairmont. She thanked Mr. Miller for the support and noted that the event was very well received. She noted that the Wellington Centre has made a real difference for everyone in Clairmont.

Councillor Harpe commented that between Valhalla (Highway #59) and the bridge northwest of Valhalla there is very little flowing water so there has got to be beaver dams blocking the water flow. He commented that this needs to be addressed before the winter. Mr. Pfau responded that he will look into the blockage.

Councillor Harpe noted that manure is being dumped in the creek bank off Range Road #95 at the north side of the bridge. Mr. Pfau responded that Alberta Environment will have to deal with the dumping issue.

Councillor Jacobs commented that she has received numerous phone calls on the policy in regards to the maintenance of ditches and weed control. The complaints are that they mow to the bottom of the ditch but there is still abundant thistle to the fence line.

Resolution #CM20130916.1021

MOVED BY P JACOBS that direction be sent to the Agricultural Service Board and Administration to bring back the policy on Weed Control for the ditches on County Road Allowances.

Councillor Sutherland commented that he is in favour of Councillor Jacob's motion. He would like to implement a policy where adjacent landowners give permission to the County to spray from the crop line to the bottom of the ditch line. Currently, we can only go to fence line.

Councillor Harpe commented on the clearance of the sprayers and that there is a lot of crops on County property.

Councillor Sutherland noted that it is sometimes difficult to differentiate between the ditch line. He also noted that there are some Saskatoon and Wild Rose trees in the ditch and landowners want to keep them there, we will need to get landowners approval for increased weed control.

CARRIED

Councillor Sutherland attended the Annexation Open House and commented that the majority of ratepayers are upset with the proposed short-term annexation area. He commented that Ms. Martin and Mr. Simpson did a very good job at representing the County.

Councillor Sutherland commented that the ASB meeting scheduled for September 11th was cancelled.

Councillor Sutherland suggested that Public Works purchase a machine to do the County's ditches as the staff cannot mow easily because of the rocks and other debris in the ditches. He commented that he has been getting more complaints of the brush at the rail tracks and other areas. Councillor Smith commented that he would like to see some money put in the budget for ditch clearing.

Councillor Sutherland noted that because Council will be held in the EOC room until April 1, 2014 we should get some skirts for the front of

the tables.

Resolution #CM20130916.1022

MOVED BY B. SMITH that some money be put into the budget for equipment to clean out the ditches with the Agriculture Department in the spring.

Councillor Smith commented that if the money is available getting a backhoe and gravel truck would be ideal.

Councillor Nelson spoke against the motion because the bush, rocks, and grass in ditches reduces the speed of the water flow. She also noted that sometimes County graders push rocks into the ditches and that it will be too difficult to accommodate requests from individual residents in regards to mowing County ditches.

Councillor Dueck commented that she is in favour of purchasing the additional equipment.

Councillor Harpe commented that this will be another cost to the County to remove them and that ratepayers should not be responsible for clean-up as the majority have been put in the ditch by the adjacent landowner. He commented that at one time we had a bylaw against putting the rocks in the ditches.

Councillor Eckstrom spoke against the motion and requested a recorded vote.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she would like to know more about what would be done (size of trees, specific requests from ratepayers, etc.). Mr. Pfau responded that they would likely do brushing and clearing and that road tops have always been their priority. He will research and put together a package for Council but noted that they would have to have a hired crew for a month, and it will be approximately \$1400 a day for a tandem and backhoe. Public Works would work with Agriculture to address the worst areas. He further noted that the backhoes are behind this year because of all of the rain.

Votes:

In Favour: Ross Sutherland, Brock Smith, Lois Dueck, Pat Jacobs, Richard Harpe

Opposed: Leanne Beaupre, Harold Bulford, Mary Ann Eckstrom, Sharon Nelson

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130916.1023

MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM that the motion in regards to the removal of rocks and debris from ditches be tabled until more information on the costs of equipment and staffing can be brought back.

Councillor Eckstrom commented on the associated staffing costs for removing the rocks and debris from the ditches. She would like to have further information provided on the costs for machinery and manpower to have it done.

DEFEATED

Councillor Eckstrom attended the Annexation Open Houses at the TEC Centre. She commented that there is a lot of concern from ratepayers in regards to the taxation of agricultural land. They are under the impression that the rate of taxation will be more for agricultural land but we need to let ratepayers know that if the land stays zoned as agricultural land that is being farmed it is still taxed at the lower agricultural rate.

Councillor Eckstrom attended a PREDA meeting where they discussed concerns with funding. She also let Administration know that the PREDA AGM is on November 8th and any Councillor can attend if they wish. She will have the PREDA meeting minutes placed in the Council Reading File for the next Council meeting.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that the City of Grande Prairie 100th Anniversary Committee will be having a meeting tomorrow.

Councillor Dueck attended the Sportsplex Grand Opening and commented that it was very good.

Councillor Dueck attended the Annexation Open Houses and commented that it was very interesting to hear questions from County ratepayers in regards to the annexation. She also noted that Mr. Simpson and Ms. Martin did very well as representatives for the County. Everyone is concerned about higher taxes and services being cutback. She commented that many people are now just getting involved and they were not involved in the IDP.

Councillor Dueck attended a Building Expansion Committee meeting in the new Public Works Building and commented on the lack of acoustic tiles and the echo. Councillor Eckstrom commented that she remembered a decision made about the acoustic tiles and in order to cut costs they were taken out. Councillor Smith commented that, in the event we have to fix it, it has to be done as soon as possible. We were supposed to get a noise consultant but have not received the costs from John Keating. Reeve Beaupre commented that the architect

had forgotten to put it in the building design, the costs were to be added in after the fact as several discussions occurred and the decision was to wait and see what it was like for the staff before proceeding.

Councillor Dueck commented on the patching done on secondary highway #722 and inquired if it was completed by Ledcor as they oiled the area but there were no signs saying they were oiling. She had a few ratepayers note that they almost got in an accident because they spread the oil to the top of the hill. She commented that there should have been signage put up notifying the travelling public of the road work. Mr. Pfau responded that it was done by Ledcor.

Councillor Bulford attended a GPREP meeting with Mr. Miller. There was discussion on a logo as well as hiring a temporary Administrative staff member, they have been trying to do an email vote as they have had issues with having a quorum.

Councillor Bulford noted that on October 5th Bezanson will be having a Grand Opening of Bezanson Skating Rink, the item will be put in Council Calendars by Shannon Baird. They have planned to challenge Junior and Senior high students to a ball hockey game, and they will also be having a BBQ as well. Councillor Sutherland inquired about who funds the community events. CAO, Bill Rogan noted that there was not much of a cost for the event in Clairmont as they had on duty fire staff volunteering. Councillor Bulford commented that the Bezanson Fire Fighters will be hosting the opening of the skating rink.

Reeve Beaupre attended a presentation at the Suicide Prevention Centre. She noted that they have produced a DVD entitled "Tough Enough to Talk About it" with funding received from County FCSS and oil and gas industry members. It is a 14 minute DVD about recognizing warning signs and challenges for men within the oil and gas industry. A pamphlet of the industries which are at risk was distributed and one of the highest sectors was the agriculture sector but their main focus is on oil and gas. Reeve Beaupre commented that we should have a discussion about having them present to the ASB and ask for funding requests to produce another video for the agricultural sector.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Annexation Open Houses which were well attended. She also commented that Richard Duncan, Case Manager for the MGB, is very hard to get ahold of in regards to the upcoming preliminary hearing being held on September 20, 2013.

Reeve Beaupre attended an NAEL meeting in Saddle Hills which was chaired by Veronica Bliska (Reeve of MD of the Peace #135). There was a motion passed to engage municipalities that are not currently at the table as NAEL is different from AAMDC and AUMA. Trent McLaughlin was present and he addressed concerns from municipalities in regards to resources leaving and funds not being

reinvested back into the regions transportation system. She also note that Mike Merritt, Assistant Deputy Minister of Local Government Services, commented on the changes to the MGA and noted that they want to give all municipalities a chance to comment on the changes. All municipalities in the region will get a copy of the minutes from the meeting.

Reeve Beaupre attended a lunch meeting with Edmonton Airport Authority and WestJet for the roll out of Encore, the Q400. They spoke about the future and how many more planes they will be buying. They are looking to increase traffic by having flights direct from Grande Prairie to Fort McMurray and British Columbia. She noted that the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Grande Prairie, and the MD of Greenview were also represented at the meeting. Councillor Nelson inquired if there was any discussion on the fuel economy and airport improvements. Reeve Beaupre commented that the new planes will be more cost effective as they use less fuel and there were also comments that the Grande Prairie Airport is expanding their runway so they can reduce the amount of fuel used for landing and take-off.

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that the Joint Municipalities Meeting will be held at the Crystal Centre at 6pm tonight, September 16th.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the Minister of Tourism, Richard Starke, will be coming to tour the Sportplex today between 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. Councillor Smith commented that he will not be able to attend the tour with Minister Starke.

Mr. Simpson attended the Annexation Open Houses and noted that their main objective is to get ratepayers engaged. Councillor Nelson inquired if we documented the ratepayers concerns. It was noted that Ms. Martin was taking notes of the concerns raised. Councillor Harpe commented on the regional transportation network (as per the IDP) and lifestyle issues are not addressed so our key objection is that they City has fallen short on the above noted issues. Mr. Simpson discussed process and how the City and County's positions differ. Councillor Harpe inquired about the gross numbers of the developed acres and about the amount of land the City currently has. Mr. Simpson responded that the City currently has enough land to support 30 years of growth, they currently have 6000 acres that can be used within the City for further development. Councillor Nelson inquired if, as Council, we can speak to the 6000 acres that the City already has. Mr. Simpson responded that the Short Term Annexation deal is not necessarily off the table yet, so the County needs to present alternatives. He further noted that the County can note that we do not have enough information from the City yet and that we will be asking them to show us the data and we can then have the actual numbers analyzed.

Resolution #CM20130916.1024

MOVED BY H. BULFORD the meeting be recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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

Councillor Harpe was not present in the Council meeting after lunch break.

Mr. Pfau commented that Public Works is starting to catch up on miscellaneous tasks but it has been very dusty. Councillor Jacobs inquired if Public Works had investigated the sign at entrance to the County on Highway #2. Mr. Pfau noted that it was moved for construction but was broken, and is still laying in the ditch. It is one of the older wooden cedar ones and Mr. Pfau will follow-up on that sign with Transportation.

Councillor Smith inquired about Emerson Trail and Range Road #63. Mr. Pfau responded that they are beginning the Emerson Trail and also completing a street in La Glace. The last lift on Township Road #704 is being done and they are supposed to move from there to put the final lift on Range Road #54 near Carriage Lane. We are still waiting for the grading contractor as the company is bogged down somewhere up north. Reeve Beaupre commented that construction in Sturgeon Lake is ahead of schedule. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that the one in the reserve is ahead of schedule, they have done from the reserve boundary to the transition east of Williamson Park (to Valleyview). Richardson was to be done last year but that section is not done yet.

Councillor Dueck commented on the signs for Elmworth and whether they have been ordered as there was \$1200 in the budget last spring. Mr. Pfau responded that the sign will be one similar to the one installed in Goodfare, but Public Works is currently waiting on receipt and installation. Permission to install the sign has been given. Councillor Dueck inquired if the signs are going to cost the full 1\$200, and whether there will be any money leftover for her division's signage budget. Mr. Pfau responded that Councillor Dueck still has some bonding money for her division.

Councillor Bulford noted that he has received some concerns from bus drivers in Bezanson as the corners are growing very high in some areas. The bus drivers have to contact Peace Wapiti and submit a report, then the reports are sent to Public Works as requests for brush cutting. Mr. Pfau noted that Public Works gets a copy of anything that pertains to roads for Peace Wapiti and they review the areas with them. Councillor Bulford also noted that one resident has complained that the bus turns around in his driveway and he needs to

keep dumping more gravel at the end because of this. Mr. Pfau responded that the resident will have to get a load of gravel from Peace Wapiti not the County. Reeve Beaupre commented on the issues between the Town of Spirit River and the Peace Wapiti School Board. The town sent the school board a bill to pay for some of the upgrades and frontage costs (a couple hundred thousand dollars). She further noted that has been done in Saskatchewan before.

Mr. Miller commented that he spoke to Sonja Raven, Agricultural Fieldman, over the lunch break about mowing the ditches in the County. They are currently completing a single pass mow and they are hitting a few rocks in the ditches. Reeve Beaupre commented that the mowing is done on a beautification level as well as for safety, and there is stuff left by contractors on the side of the highways and it makes it very hard to mow.

Councillor Nelson commented that the Clairmont Fair will be held this Saturday. They have dropped off parade route to Enforcement Services. She invited all of the Councillors to attend the fair.

Councillor Jacobs commented on a vehicle accident in Clairmont and whether Enhanced Police should be called or just regular 911 dispatch. Mr. Miller responded that regular 911 dispatch should be called for vehicle accidents as they will be able to respond quicker than the Enhanced Unit.

Reeve Beaupre noted that she spoke to Alberta Transportation about the Fire Hall signs. Mr. McLaughlin spoke about the policy on signage and the need to speak to his local people about it. Mr. Miller commented that he would like to have signs on Highway #2 to show people where the CSB, Fire Hall, and Ambulance are located. Councillor Bulford spoke about an incident where someone at the Fire Hall saved a child's life and that the lack of signage for the CSB Building is a public safety issue.

Councillor Smith noted that the Hythe Legion has completed all of their repairs and it is now up and running.

**WEST COUNTY
AREA YARD**

(IN CAMERA)
(Issue #20130904006)

Resolution #CM20130916.1025

MOVED by P. JACOBS that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 1:48 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 the West County Area Yard and a Personnel item.

CARRIED

PERSONNEL
(IN CAMERA)
(Issue #20130916003)

Resolution #CM20130916.1026
MOVED by M. ECKSTROM that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 2:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20130916.1027
MOVED BY L. DUECK that the County enter into negotiations with the Town of Beaverlodge as per Drawing 1 for 7.14 acres.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20130916.1028
MOVED by H. BULFORD that the meeting adjourn at 2:05 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes approved the _____ day of _____ 2013.

Reference # _____

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR