

# Council Highlights



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**September 23, 2013**

**La Glace Recreational Community Facility** – The La Glace Agricultural Society presented the business plan for the rebuild of the La Glace Recreational Community Facility (arena) to Council. The County funded a Structural Assessment on the existing La Glace Arena. This information has guided the La Glace Agricultural Society in developing a business plan to support their initiative to rebuild the facility. Council made a motion that a reduced funding amount be brought forward to budget deliberations in December and requested that the Agricultural Society bring back a detailed funding list and membership list for the Facility.

**Social and Recreation Needs Assessment RFP** – Council awarded the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Social and Recreational Needs Assessment for the County to Banister Research in the amount of \$43,995. The study will be undertaken using a number of research methods including telephone, individual, group and online consultations and questionnaires.

**Tax Penalty Waiver** – Council made a motion to waive the tax penalty for late property tax payments for a few companies affected by the extreme flooding in South Alberta. The Minister of Municipal Affairs sent a letter requesting leniency for those property owners who may have been impacted by the flooding. The companies paid their 2013 taxes as soon as they were able to resume administrative functions in July.

**Heart & Stroke Foundation** - Council moved to provide a \$1,000 sponsorship to the “Ladies in Red” fashion show and candlelight gala being held Thursday, November 7th at the Montrose Cultural Centre in support of The Heart Truth. This campaign is designed to share the truth about heart disease and save the lives of women across the country.

**Staff Introductions** – County Council and staff welcomed Tyler Holdener to the County. Tyler will be working as a planning clerk for the Planning and Development department.

**Town of Wembley Regional Collaboration Program** – Council made a motion to support the Town of Wembley in their Regional Collaboration Program Grant application to conduct a feasibility study for the West Regional Water Line project.

**Green Hectares** – Lesley Pohl representing Green Hectares made a presentation to Council about the variety of services Green Hectares can provide municipalities. Green Hectares is an organization aiming to develop opportunities for people to connect, collaborate and learn so they can be a thriving part of the agriculture industry, or a contributing force in their community.

**Philip J Currie Dinosaur Museum Update** – Brian Brake, Executive Director provided Council an update on the fundraising efforts for the Philip J Currie Dinosaur Museum initiative, and a report on their recent visit to the Royal Tyrrell Museum.

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**2014 Provincial Budget** – Council will write a letter to local MLAs lobbying for money in the 2014 Budget be invested in various transportation and infrastructure initiatives including the Highway 43X Bypass, signalization at Clairmont, and Highway 43 overlay. Council will also encourage that federally/provincially joint programs include a broad range of projects including recreation and culture as well as core infrastructure (roads, water/sewer and waste management).

**Next Council meeting is October 7, 2013. These meetings will be held in the EOC in the Community Services Building until further notice.**

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