



# MINUTES

County Council  
Regular Meeting

## County of Grande Prairie No. 1

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**September 23, 2013**

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, September 23, 2013

Start time : 10:00 AM

Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Community Services Building

## 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
- Herb Pfau
- John Simpson
- Noreen Vavrek

#### 7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Oravec

#### 8. Media

- Big Country - Brad Whisker
- Daily Herald Tribune - Jocelyn Turner
- Free FM - Jeff Hensen

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution #CM20130923.1001**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** that the meeting be recessed at 10:02 a.m. to allow the Councillors to submit their Nomination Papers at the County Administration Building.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1002**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** to approve agenda for the September 23, 2013 (2013/09/23) Council meeting with the following amendments:

- Mighty Peace Day Invitation (#20130922001);
- Councillor Bulford added an In Camera item;
- CAO Bill Rogan added a Staff Introduction to the Presentations and Introductions section of the agenda.

**CARRIED**

**INTRODUCING PLANNING CLERK**

(PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS)  
(Issue #20130923001)

Nick Lapp, Senior Planner, introduced Tyler Holdener as the new Planning Clerk for Planning and development. Mr. Holdener was a Development Assistant with the City of Grande Prairie prior coming to the County. He will be working in Safety Codes with Rob Renschler and Wayne Curry. He is almost completed the Planning Certification and NACLA.

Council welcomed Mr. Holdener to County.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Resolution #CM20130923.1003**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** to approve minutes for the August 26, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/08/26) as presented.

**CARRIED**

**10:30 A.M. LA GLACE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY - BUSINESS PLAN**

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20130814005)

Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation introduced Martha Seimans, Dan Richards, and Stan Nyland to Council. The La Glace Agricultural Society is seeking support from County Council in order to re-build the aging La Glace Arena.

The County had a Re-build Feasibility Study conducted and had a Structural Assessment done on the existing facility. This information has

guided the La Glace Agricultural Society in developing a business plan to support their initiative. To summarize, the Feasibility Study determined that a functional arena is absolutely imperative to the social well being of the community, but that financially it is a high risk venture (operational and capital). The Building Assessment determined that 65% of the building is in poor or critical condition and that a 1.8 million dollar investment would be required to bring the building to current safety codes. Ms. Schur commented that the facility was not in dire straights structurally.

Administration is recommending either Option 1 to defer the La Glace Agricultural Society's request for support to budget deliberations or Option 2 to request further information.

Ms. Seimans commented that the La Glace Agricultural Society has put out a survey to all of the residents who are in the area to see what they wanted done for the new facility in La Glace. In the beginning the facility price was \$14 million but after cut backs the total cost will be just under \$7 million. The Society has been working with Wayne Aussem of Ice and Energy Solutions, from Burnaby BC. The budget was included in the Business Plan and it shows that the building will be sustainable in operating once the building is built, they just need the capital to have it built.

Mr. Richards noted that the arena has been in La Glace since 1972 and it ties the entire community together so they do not want to lose it. The La Glace AG Society has been in the process planning for a new arena for the last 10 years, in March 2012 they first met with Ms. Schur to see what could be done. There was a public notice sent out for input and they recruited members from the La Glace Revitalization Committee. The arena is in very poor condition and they are experiencing severe groundwater issues. He further noted that the structural assessment did not address the arch ribs and other major issues as the study was done in February and there was still snow on the roof. It was decided by the Agricultural Society that they would like to re-build the entire arena. Wayne Aussem has experience in recreational buildings and has completed over 100 projects.

The proposal for the facility includes a regulation ice surface because they are losing half of their teams due to the ice being too small. It will also include 6 player dressing rooms, a separate players entrance, as well as team storage. The new facility will be designed for above ground and house a viewing area, walking track mounted above the existing rink, boardroom, a year round food booth, as well as a multi-use foyer which could seat about 400 people. The building will be more energy efficient and can create a community meeting place as well.

The current budget for construction will be \$6,678,246.00. The La Glace Agricultural Society is present today to ask the County for support in the amount of \$5.5 over the next 4 years. The remainder of the Capital costs (\$1.155 million) will be raised through selling naming rights, fundraising and donations, and grants. Ms. Seimans commented that the operational

budget for next 4 years was included in the agenda package and it was inflated by 3% per year up to 2016 to account for any potential inflation that will occur. She also noted that they received energy quotes as well. There is a net income every year except the building start year in 2016 and with fundraising in 2017 they will have enough money to operate the building. The La Glace Agricultural Society received numerous letters of support for the project, Mr. Richards listed a few (including Honourable Wayne Drysdale, MLA Grande Prairie-Wapiti) and noted that there are more letters coming in daily.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about registration for Minor Hockey and other user groups, and commented that they need to identify who would be using the ice surface for the upcoming 2013 season. She also asked for current registration numbers. Ms. Seimans responded that there are currently around 75 players registered and there are still more coming in, they have enough registrants for 4 teams. Reeve Beaupre inquired if there has been any registration from older groups to use the ice in the evenings. Ms. Seimans responded that the older groups do not register, they rent the ice from the arena. Mr. Nyland commented that he plays for the La Glace Canucks and they rent ice time every Wednesday night and they have been renting the same time for years. Reeve Beaupre inquired about Grande Prairie Minor Hockey and whether they use the ice. Mr. Nyland and Mr. Richards noted that they rent 2-3 ice slots to Sexsmith to practice on Wednesday nights.

Councillor Nelson commented on the Clairmont Agricultural Society and Clairmont Arena and that she recognizes how valuable it is to have these facilities in the smaller communities; she is in support of this project. She inquired about the financial statement and what they were going to do if the grants listed were not available to them (the \$37,131 from the County given out for operating and utilities and the bingo and casino revenue \$39,817.00). She also noted another concern with the utility bills in comparison to Clairmont Arena. She commented on the age range in La Glace and that from the 2012 census the number of residents in La Glace was only 235, she inquired how big the user area is as there are other facilities located close to La Glace. Ms. Seimans responded that there are approximately 500 people are in the community and that Sexsmith also uses their facility. Ms. Schur referred to the feasibility study and that 7.4% of the total County population (21,000) will use the facility, so approximately 1554 people.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1004**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that support for the La Glace Recreational Community Facility for \$1 million over three years be deferred to 2014 budget deliberations and request that the La Glace Agricultural Society bring a detailed funding list and membership list back for review.

Councillor Hapre commented that he would like to amend Councillor Nelson's motion to have the amount changed to \$5.5 million over five years.

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to amend the motion to support for the La Glace Recreational Community Facility for \$5.5 million over five years be deferred to budget deliberations.

Councillor Nelson noted that it was not a friendly amendment.

Councillor Nelson commented that she would like to see more support from industry and other members not the entire partnering amount coming from the County.

Councillor Jacobs thanked the La Glace Agricultural Society for their report. She inquired about the joint use facility with the curling club and whether they will be sharing the expenses for everything. Mr. Richards responded that the utilities are split 60% from the Agricultural Society and 40% from the curling club as they rent 40% of the facility. They have a 5 year lease with the Agricultural Society and they are currently one year into it. Councillor Jacobs inquired about the rates for ice time rentals in comparison to other facilities. Mr. Richards commented that they charge \$60/hour for Minor Hockey compared to Sexsmith at \$75/hour, and \$110/hour for adult teams which are lower rates than most places. Ms. Seimans commented that La Glace ice time rates will still be a bit lower than other arenas but will have to extend hours of usage and make a slight increase to their rates.

Councillor Smith inquired about the \$500,000 in the budget for an ice making machine and whether the quote came from Mr. Aussem or a supply company. Mr. Richards responded that everything was prepared by Ice and Energy Solutions as he is the consultant. Councillor Smith also inquired how they will address the water problems with the new arena. Mr. Nyland responded that currently the building is a below ground facility and the dressing rooms are located in the basement, the new facility will be above ground and therefore eliminate the water issues. Councillor Smith also commented on the Fields and Fields Assessment study and that he was not impressed with the assessment. Councillor Smith inquired how much cash has been committed so far. Ms. Seimans responded that they have \$100,000 in term deposits, \$15,000 for the project from Buffalo Lakes, and \$15,000 from CNRL for a total of \$130,000 currently committed.

Reeve Beaupre commented that there are several arenas in the area that are within 20 miles. The community needs to have something to keep them going and she inquired if the Agricultural Society looked at any facility other than an arena as Council needs to be fiscally conservative with the partnerships. She inquired if the \$7 million facility is really what the community needs.

Councillor Nelson inquired about the outdoor arena in Bezanson and the population and user area that the Bezanson Agricultural Society draws

on for use of the facilities. Councillor Bulford responded that he does not have the actual numbers with him but that there are about 500 people in the hamlet (less than La Glace) and that the Fire Service wanted a skating rink for the kids because skating rinks are the HUB for many small communities. He also noted that they wanted to have the rink there so the children and residents can skate for free. The Sportsplex is the closest facility but it is 100+\$/hour to rent the ice time.

Councillor Eckstrom commented on the Strategic Plan for Councillors and they had committed to help grow the County hamlets. To address the growth, we need to invest in all of our hamlets not just certain ones. Councillor Nelson commented that a \$1 million investment is still substantial and that the full amount (\$5.5 million) is too onerous right now.

Councillor Harpe commented that this partnership is about investment in recreation, ratepayers, and communities within the County. He noted that the issue is not just the driving from La Glace to Clairmont, there are kids coming from further north and south of the hamlet so it is more than 20 miles for them. We need to do the right thing and this is just taking it to budget for more discussion it is not a promised amount. Councillor Jacobs inquired about the timeline for funding and whether it is four or five years. Councillor Harpe responded that Council can make the amount of years whatever they wish.

Councillor Sutherland commented on a request from Teepee Creek for \$850,000 because they wanted a roping and riding arena. He also cautioned the Agricultural Society about selling the naming rights, fundraising, and grants because they do not always happen. Mr. Nyland responded that they will likely be able to raise the \$1 million needed. Councillor Sutherland noted that, as Council, we need to treat all areas of the County equally but that has not always been done. If this partnership is approved it will open up more discussions. Reeve Beaupre also spoke to grants and that they are not guaranteed.

A La Glace resident from the audience, Kim Moody, commented that the facility is for more than just hockey, it is about keeping the community together. They have had to take their children to other arenas and they are full so they don't want any more players. The facility is about keeping the hamlets alive and schools thriving and she commented that they should let the new Council decide on this after elections are done. Reeve Beaupre commented that there is still confusion about what this facility will be like, Wembley and Sexsmith arenas have said that they have room to house the players from La Glace. Ms. Moody responded that a gym is not the answer for the area as it will not get used, they need something more engaging that residents will use. Reeve Beaupre spoke to a community facility that is not necessarily just hockey rinks. Kim spoke about building business in their hamlet and that the arena will not just be a skating and hockey facility, it will house much more (concessions, yoga classes, etc.).

Another resident from the audience spoke about the hockey. He commented that although Sexsmith and Wembley have said they have plenty of room for La Glace hockey players, but the hockey teams are already full so the La Glace players sit on the sidelines. Reeve Beaupre commented on hockey registration in Sexsmith. The gentleman responded that the number of user groups registered are low at the moment but it was because the older teams were not allowed to use the La Glace arena because the ice is not legal for them.

Councillor Nelson commented that a million dollar investment is substantial for their hamlet as it will give them an opportunity to grow from there. She is concerned about the operational costs for this building after they open and requested that they have the financial information brought back for Council's review.

Councillor Harpe commented that the Beaverlodge arena also has no room for minor hockey as Hythe is now playing in Beaverlodge.

Reeve Beaupre called the amended motion.

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution #CM20130923.1005**

Council voted on Councillor Harpe's amended motion, which was defeated, so they returned to Councillor Nelson's original motion.

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that support for the La Glace Recreational Community Facility for \$1 million over three years be deferred to budget deliberations and request that the La Glace Agricultural Society bring a detailed funding list and membership list back for review.

Ms. Seimans noted that the usage chart was included in the business plan and they currently have 93% of their ice time booked. They are open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the only time the ice isn't being used is when the Zamboni is flooding. She also commented that a user group list was also included in the business plan.

Councillor Eckstom commented that to make this facility a reality we need to look at providing \$1.375 million per year and she inquired if Council could ask Honourable Wayne Drysdale MLA to get Provincial funding for this facility. She believes that the facility should be done as soon as possible and thanked Ms. Schur for assisting the La Glace Agricultural Society. She noted that Clairmont has two arenas, theirs and the County Sportsplex, so she would like to see more money being invested into all of the hamlets. La Glace arena brings in Sexsmith residents as well and a good arena would benefit that area tremendously. She is in support of the partnership with the La Glace Agricultural Society. Reeve Beaupre responded that the Clairmont arenas service more than just Clairmont. Mr. Nyland noted that they are of the understanding that the Sportsplex is being used just for Grande Prairie Minor Hockey. Reeve Beaupre

responded that GP Minor Hockey have purchased the ice-time at the Sportsplex but it is not exclusively meant for that user group.

Councillor Harpe commented that all County residents should have equal access to recreational facilities. His grandchildren play in La Glace because of the available ice-time. The County has put a lot of money into growth in Clairmont because we believe in our communities so we need to treat all arenas equally. This is a community that has the ability to grow and they need the facility to further the community.

**CARRIED**

**10:50 A.M. IN CAMERA**

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20130917005)

**Resolution #CM20130923.1006**

**MOVED by L. DUECK** that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 12:02 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 In Camera item.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130923.1007**

**MOVED by L. DUECK** that the meeting come out of In Camera at 12:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130923.1008**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** to continue to monitor the contract item as was discussed In Camera.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130923.1009**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that the meeting be recessed at 12:35 p.m. until 1:15 p.m. for lunch.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

**1:00 P.M. GREEN HECTARES PRESENTATION**

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20130621003)

Reeve Beaupre asked that the Green Hectares presentation be moved forward on the agenda prior the update on the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum and fundraising.

The presentation began at 1:22 p.m. Lesley Pohl, General Program Manager of Green Hectares, noted that Green Hectares is a pilot project for taking existing and new community-based, entrepreneurship and agricultural programs and making them available to anyone who needs them (for example the small producers in the County of Grande Prairie).

Ms. Pohl provided some background on herself and how she got started with Green Hectares. They received a grant from the Rural Alberta Development Fund in 2008 to host "The Rural Road Show" which showcased Rural Tech workshops with topics such as sending an email, creating a webpage, and other technological tasks.

Green Hectares has Pilot Projects in:

- Strathcona County;
- Parkland County;
- a partnership with Fort Vermillion School Division: they host an Agricultural School and have 5 workshops with 5 schools;
- Hobbema First Nations Rural Tech Program which will have 50 workshops completed by the end of this year;
- Alberta and Online.

Ms. Pohl commented on the Community Connectors and what they do on a daily basis. She noted that Community Connectors work with local Economic Development Officers through think tanks and facilitating with entrepreneurs, community organizations, and small businesses. She also commented on Community Scans with organizations, Councillors, and residents. In Parkland County they have started teaching Skype to seniors and they have now brought in internet service to the community center because of it. Ms. Pohl showed a picture of a Rural Tech lab (6 computers in each lab) and commented that there is another Rural Tech Workshop planned for 2014. She also spoke to an online speakers bureau and Entrepreneur Exchange and showed an example of an online profile. Community Connects also submit monthly reports on various connections, events attended, facilitation, and business start-ups.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the Federal Government funds Community Futures and inquired if there is any duplication of services in certain areas between the two organizations. Ms. Pohl responded that Green Hectares works with Community Futures and they also have a partnership with the Business Link. All of the organizations collaborate and work together. She commented that sometimes entrepreneurs are too nervous to go to Community Futures on their own with a proposal so they work with them to assist.

Ms. Pohl also commented on "The Hopper" which is an online information management system that connects people with rural interests with information, courses, sites and other tools to advance their personal and professional network and learning. She noted that there are currently about 500 events per month and they have about 1000 users so far. There has also been discussion with Lesley McDonald from Global TV of having a rural television show launched on Hopper TV. Councillor Nelson inquired if the Hopper technology could be used by agricultural producers to make videos on how they raise produce, maintain a farm, etc. Ms. Pohl responded that she cannot speak to the entire capability of the Hopper as it is managed by someone else, but that is the way they are hoping to head.

Ms. Pohl concluded the presentation and asked if Council had any further questions.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired what Green Hectares is requesting from the County. Ms. Pohl responded that they are asking for the County to partner with Green Hectares so there can be a new area to roll out the workshops and events. There are different tiers and timeframes that the County can partner on:

- 6 weeks (240 hours) at a cost of \$18,000;
- 8 weeks (320 hours) at a cost of \$23,000;
- 10 weeks (400 hours) at a cost of \$28,000;
- 52 weeks (1200 hours) at a cost of \$72,000.

Councillor Eckstrom spoke about other partnerships and that Green Hectares should also be going to industry for funding as well.

The presentation concluded at 1:37 p.m. and Council thanked Ms. Pohl for her presentation.

**12:30 P.M.  
UPDATE ON  
PHILIP J CURRIE  
DINOSAUR  
MUSEUM AND  
FUNDRAISING**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20130820003)

The update on the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum Project and Fundraising by Brian Brake, Executive Director, began at 1:38 p.m. and Michele Hoerner, Accountant, distributed the Powerpoint presentation to Councillors.

Mr. Brake presented to Council on the following:

- update on fundraising;
- report on Royal Tyrell visit;
- and requests for Reich + Petch funding.

The overall funding strategy to offset the current deficit is to:

- Continue to pursue additional Provincial funding via Regional Collaboration Fund;
- To pursue funding opportunities with our federal representative – Cultural Spaces Funding Application in progress;
- To seek out additional funding support opportunities with regional municipalities;
- To continue seeking price reductions/savings with planned activities/purchases;
- To continue efforts to find sponsors for naming opportunities;
- To maximize the buying power of the FFE budget;
- To maximize sponsorship opportunities associated with the Grand Opening Ball.

Reeve Beaupre commented on the Cultural Spaces Grant and that it will be in the museum's best interests to apply from the County on behalf of the River of Death and Discovery Dinosaur Museum. Councillor Smith commented that we did not qualify for the grant before. Mr. Brake

responded that the stipulations have been changed to the 2 year rule and by the time the application goes forward we will be close to opening the doors and the museum should qualify by the time the museum is ready. Mr. Brake will be applying for \$400,000 from the Cultural Spaces Grant on the County's behalf.

Reeve Beaupre noted that she had a conversation with MP Warkentin and he noted that the grant can be used for the displays as the bones are an important cultural component for Alberta. It was also noted that the MP said he would support the County's application for the Cultural Spaces Grant. Councillor Harpe inquired who the Minister in charge of this grant is. Reeve Beaupre responded there has been some assistance offered through Travel Canada, and the Minister addressing this grant is the the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, Honourable Shelly Glover.

#### Fundraising Update:

- Awaiting confirmation from a number of families/companies who have previously indicated their intentions to sponsor;
- No response yet from any of the 32 contractors or from any of the local companies who benefited significantly from business with the County over the past year;
- Preparing packages for distribution to 500 companies/ municipalities/ individuals re the Grand Opening Ball. Will mail out after the fall election;
- Received notice from one of our Councillors confirming their intent to purchase a family sponsorship;
- Preparing a new application for the Cultural Spaces Fund.

#### Visit to Royal Tyrell:

- Met with the manager for each section with a view to determining voids in our deliberations to date.
- They are excited that we are in construction and they look forward to receiving our list of items required for our opening display.
- They are willing to share their home made technologies including designs for dig tables and screening boxes.

Essentials for the Lab: Mr. Brake documented the essentials that will be needed for the lab and the shortfalls were documented. Councillor Smith enquired about the \$5300 for a portable dust collector (1 mobile system and 2 stationary) and Mr. Brake responded that the system was recommended by the Royal Tyrell.

#### For the Classrooms:

- Determine who your clients are and what they want;
- Focus on fewer, quality programs initially;
- Aluminum dig tables 1 @ \$ to be costed;
- Overnight programs best for attracting out of town visitors;
- Education overnight stays of 24 hours for groups of up to 60

children/parents are best value:

-Recommend cost per person of \$60.00 (includes meals/snacks); would require 2 staff members and parent teacher supervisors; children stay in sleeping bags; could include a trip to the swimming pool – good way to promote both venues simultaneously;

- Recommend to book programs online.

Councillor Nelson inquired if Mr. Brake has had any discussions through the Tourism Association or looked at investigating trips to the Wapiti River Valley as well as other tourist opportunities. Mr. Brake responded that there has been interest from hotel groups to get together and work on a plan. He also noted that he told Minister Starke that he was disappointed that nothing about the Dinosaurs was included in the promoting the Peace Country.

For the Gift Shop:

- Royal Tyrell (RT) gift shop is the largest retailer by gross sales volume in Drumheller and is managed by a not for profit society who pays \$500,000 rent annually + supports the RT's public education/research programs;
- Point of sale system at RT is PJ Business Solutions. Highly recommended. We will find a comparable system locally;
- 5 cash registers (2 for the store, 2 for the reception desk and 1 spare at a cost of \$30,000 includes 5 stations, software, server, printers, training, installation);
- RT recommends online gift shop for exclusive/more expensive items;
- RT recommends we attend the 2014 trade shows in Edmonton/Toronto;
- RT estimates need for \$400,000 to initially stock the gift shop;
- Put own logo on everything – consider patent for logo;
- RT markup is 2 times wholesale except special deals which are marked up 2 times the original price not 2 times the special price. Local Grande Prairie stores use factor of 2.2 times the wholesale cost as shipping costs are more expensive for Grande Prairie;
- RT recommends we engage a paleo artist to produce unique Currie museum T-Shirt art.

Councillor Jacobs inquired if there was a recommendation from the RT to stock the shelves with Canadian made instead of foreign made merchandise. Mr. Brake responded that the Royal Tyrell stock their gift shop with what will sell. They get recommendations from people at the trade shows on what would be the best for sales. Councillor Nelson commented that she agrees with Councillor Jacobs in regards to the merchandise sold in the gift shop, we have the native component in the Grande Prairie region and we shouldn't overlook their resources, we need to have things that are made in the Peace Country by native people. Mr. Brake commented that he has already spoken to the artist who painted at the Dino Ball and did the special coins and he said that he would be on board to commission through the museum.

#### Considerations when stocking the store:

- Rubber tubs are required for clothes storage (anti rodent);
- T Shirts sales are huge - \$800,000 annually;
- Coffee mugs and shot glasses are big;
- Jewellery is big;
- Puzzles are big;
- Magnets are big;
- Clothing is big;
- Safari Ltd is huge for rubber dinosaurs/wholesaler will provide compact shelving to retailers;
- No postcards or stamps.

#### Considerations for Admission costs:

RT recommends we start out by making admission affordable and competitive with other local family activities, movies, Eastlink Centre:

- Adult (18-64) \$8.00;
- Senior (65+) \$7.00;
- Youth (10-17) \$6.00;
- Children (5-9) \$5.00;
- Tots (4 and under) Free;
- Family Pass (Two adults and their children ages 5 -17 to a maximum group six) \$25.00.

All prices include tax and it will be essential to provide wheelchairs and strollers for tots.

Councillor Harpe inquired whether gross admission fees per year were provided by the RT. Mr. Brake responded that the gross admission fees were not provided but the RT has had 400,000 guests so far this year and, on average, each visitor will generate \$10-\$11 in sales. Councillor Eckstrom inquired how the admission fees will affect the budget. Mr. Brake responded that the budget was based on 67,000 visitors per year (as a worst case scenario) and that the \$8 for admission was originally budgeted. During the winter season there are approximately 1000 visitors per day and of the 400,000 visitors annually the majority visit from May 1st - September 15 (75%).

#### News since the last report:

- Decided to retain the services of Laura Beauchamp for 2 days a week until year end to respond to requests for our education programs;
- Briefed the Minister of Tourism on our project during his recent visit. Briefing went well however his staff did confirm that Alberta Tourism will not be moving into our building they will be staying at Centre 2000;
- We signed a contract with Beauchamp Creative to create our monthly newsletters while Erika is away @\$200/month;
- We put together a team to investigate ways to make activities at the Pipestone Creek Bonebed safer. They met at the site last week.

Mr. Brake noted that he was told that to make the Bonebed safer it will cost around \$100,000 and that they will get volunteers and backhoes to fix it. Councillor Eckstrom expressed her concerns with volunteers completing the necessary work and inquired if they covered by Workers Compensation if someone got injured. Mr. Brake responded that as a Society they are covered for \$2 million per incident. They are trying to see if Brandt Tractor will complete the work as a gift-in-kind. He further noted that the same process with the Bonebed happens every year: they have a group of volunteers, some are engineers, that come once a year to clean the Bonebed and put down dirt over the fossils for the winter to protect them. Reeve Beaupre commented that the County is not held harmless for the work, but we are covered for liability.

Mr. Brake also noted that they have began an in-depth review of the management options for the museum after the doors are opened. They hope to have a proposal shortly for Council's review.

Moving ahead:

- Continue with our fundraising strategy as briefed here today with emphasis on achieving success with the Regional Collaboration Funding request and Cultural Spaces Fund;
- For council to authorize PCDI to engage Reich + Petch to an initial contract of \$600,000 for display design.

Mr. Brake commented that we need to get our plan together for the dinosaur bones and displays that will be received from the Royal Tyrell Museum.

Councillor Nelson inquired if Mr. Brake has discussed funding from the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce recognizing that other businesses in the region will benefit from the museum. Mr. Brake responded that letters were sent to the Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Nelson responded that Mr. Brake should put together a presentation instead of just sending letters. Mr. Brake commented on the amount of workers that will be employed because of the museum: 321 during construction and 49 annually. Councillor Eckstrom inquired about the salaries for the 49 employees. Mr. Brake responded that the cost for employment will be around \$1 million and that amount will employ 16-17 positions (more or less depending on whether they are fulltime or part-time). He further commented that there are currently 11 people working at the Royal Tyrell gift shop.

Councillor Smith commented on the deficit and that at the Royal Tyrell they had 500,000 visits in their first year and they have never achieved that number again. Mr. Brake responded that until we go through the first year we cannot tell what will happen. They have a deficit for the repository of \$2.9 million/year.

There was considerable discussion in regards to the \$600,000 to engage Reich + Petch and the parameters for the Regional Collaboration Grant.

Councillor Harpe inquired how much is currently in the bank for displays. Mrs. Hoerner responded that \$200,000 is currently in the bank.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1010**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** to have the request item for \$600,000 brought back on the October 7, 2013 Council Meeting Agenda with more information on the Regional Collaboration and Cultural Spaces Grants provided.

Councillor Harpe made an amendment to Councillor Nelson's motion to have Finance bring back the funding source for the remainder of the \$400,000. The amendment was accepted as friendly.

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** to have the request item for \$600,000 brought back on the October 7, 2013 Council Meeting Agenda with more information on the Regional Collaboration and Cultural Spaces Grants provided, and have the Finance Department bring back the funding source for the additional \$400,000.

**CARRIED**

**TAX ARREARS  
ON NON TITLED  
PROPERTIES**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130913005)

Noreen Vavrek, Director of Finance, noted that this issue was discussed at the April 29th, 2013 Council meeting and the following motion was made: "that Administration see if there are any recourses that can be taken against the Province to resolve and to collect the amount of \$556.10 for the canceled provincial Grazing Lease land".

Since that time, Council has made a motion to approve a resolution regarding Provincial Grazing Leases Municipal Tax Recovery to the Fall AAMDC Zone Meeting. The County has made several attempts to collect the taxes from the previous lease holder but to date no payments have been made. Administration is recommending Option 1 to proceed with collection action as per policy C13 and write off the balance of \$572.778 total outstanding at September 13, 2013, should the collection agency be successful we would recover the outstanding balance less costs.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1011**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTOM** to proceed with collection as per policy C13, Collection of Outstanding Receivables, and write off the balance of \$572.78 total outstanding at September 13, 2013 for rolls: 414800, 414900, 415600, and 415800.

Councillor Nelson commented that the collection process will cost more in staff time than what we will get back therefore she is not in favour of the motion. Mrs. Vavrek responded that it would not be our staff doing the collection, it goes to a collection agency.

**CARRIED**

**REQUESTS FOR  
WAIVER OF TAX  
PENALTY**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130903005)

Mrs. Vavrek noted that due to the flooding of the Bow River and the state of emergency in Calgary this past June, there were companies that were unable to access their building and therefore were not able to submit their property tax payment in time for the July 2, 2013 deadline. To date the County has received requests from 3 companies (4 tax rolls) affected, asking to have the penalty waived. Note that these companies paid their 2013 taxes in July, as soon as they were able to resume administrative functions. We have researched this issue with a few other municipalities who have waived penalties in this situation.

A copy of an email from the Minister of Municipal Affairs to all Mayors and CAO's requesting leniency on tax penalties for late property tax payments for those property owners who may have been impacted by the flooding was attached to the agenda package. Administration is asking for direction from Council.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1012**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** to approve Option 1 to waive the July 3rd, 2013 penalty on property taxes for the tax rolls discussed who were unable to pay on time due to the June 2013 flooding and state of emergency in Southern Alberta.

CAO Rogan commented that these 3 companies submitted their payments in good faith and if there are other company submissions they will be brought back to Council for direction.

Councillor Sutherland spoke against the motion because sometimes ratepayers have a hard time paying their taxes and we have not made exceptions for them. Councillor Nelson responded that some businesses had their full staff helping with the flooding so we need to be generous in this situation.

**CARRIED**

**2013 TAX SALE  
RESERVE BIDS**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130912001)

As per the Municipal Government Act reserve bids must be set on the properties being offer for public auction. The Tax Sale date has already been set for November 26th. The recommendations from County Assessors was provided for the reserve bids. The property owners have missed the deadline to pay their taxes and all owners have been sent a letter and had the opportunity to contact the County.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1013**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to approve the property values as assigned by Assessment as Fair Market Value.

**CARRIED**

**ACCOUNTS  
PAYABLE  
AUTHORIZATIONS  
POLICY C3 -  
PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130913003)

Mrs. Vavrek noted that this policy designates signing authorities for purchase orders and invoices and has recently been reviewed by Directors with some changes being recommended for County Council consideration. A copy of the existing policy, proposed changes to the policy, and the revised policy were attached to the agenda package. Mrs. Vavrek also attached a comparison with five other rural municipalities, which outlines their total expenditures and expenditure officer authorization thresholds, which are generally higher in comparison to the County of Grande Prairie existing and proposed thresholds.

The proposed changes to authorization thresholds for a department's share of an invoice are:

- Managers from \$10,000 to \$20,000;
- Directors from \$50,000 to \$75,000;
- Originating Director and County Administrator or Finance Director signatures from over \$50,000 to over \$75,000.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if there are any concerns or problems with this policy. CAO Rogan responded that Finance was doing some housekeeping on the policies and the last review was done in 2004; they are increasing the thresholds for inflation. Managers, Directors, the CAO, and Director of Finance are dealing with a lot more invoices now than were done in 2004.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1014**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** that Council approve the Accounts Payable Authorization Policy C3 with the changes as presented by the Director of Finance.

**CARRIED****Resolution #CM20130923.1015**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that the meeting be recessed at 2:43 p.m. for a 5 minute break.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

**PROCUREMENT  
BID PROCESS -**

Mrs. Vavrek noted that Departments have indicated they would like to begin the bid solicitation process for replacement vehicles and equipment,

**REPLACEMENT  
UNITS**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130913002)

prior to 2014 budget deliberations, due to the time that it takes for the bid and evaluation process, approval, ordering and delivery of units, which often delays the units coming into service well into the operational year. This would only apply to approved units due for replacement under the Capital Equipment Replacement Policy O-2, with funding from the Equipment Replacement Reserve. The bid solicitation process would be timed so that the unit will not be received prior to the next budget year. The intent is to include this change in proposed amendments to the Procurement Policy, which is currently being reviewed but is not yet ready for recommendation to Council.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired if the bids will continue to come back to Council for approval. CAO Rogan responded that the bids will still come back to Council and he discussed that replacement equipment used to arrive faster and does not anymore.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1016**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that Council approve the advancement of the bid solicitation process for replacement of vehicles and equipment prior to 2014 budget approval, for units which are due for replacement in 2014, including providing a replacement list to Council in advance for approval.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she is supportive of motion.

Mrs. Vavrek commented that currently any bids \$75,000 or more need Council approval. CAO Rogan noted that this policy change would be addressing the tendering process.

Councillor Harpe amended Councillor Eckstrom's motion to have all bids and tenders brought to Council for approval regardless of the limit, so the amount of Capital can be tracked. The amendment was accepted as friendly.

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that Council approve the advancement of the bid solicitation process for replacement of vehicles and equipment prior to 2014 budget approval, for units which are due for replacement in 2014, including providing a replacement list to Council in advance for approval, and that all purchases that have been tendered, as well as requests for early tender, be brought back to Council for ratification and awarding.

Mrs. Vavrek commented that they are currently reviewing the procurement policy and the thresholds can be re-visited eventually. CAO Rogan noted that this will only be for the replacement of County vehicles and units.

**CARRIED**

**SOCIAL AND  
RECREATIONAL  
NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT  
RFP**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130916005)

Kathleen Turner, FCSS Director, noted that the RFP for the Social and Recreational Needs Assessment closed on August 30th. After review, the proposal by Banister Research best fit the evaluation criteria. They have conducted similar assessments for Parkland County (2010), City of Leduc (2010) and many other studies for municipalities in Alberta.

The proposal from Banister is for \$43,995. Council has already approved \$40,000 to conduct a Social and Recreational Needs Assessment for the County.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that we need to get this assessment done as soon as possible and inquired if the shortfall can be provided in this year's budget. Ms. Turner responded that the assessment can be started right away but it would be difficult to have the shortfall come from the FCSS budget.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1017**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** to approve the Proposal from Banister Research for \$43,995 with \$40,000 already approved for 2013 budget and the remainder of \$3995 to be funded from the FCSS or any budget surplus this year.

Councillor Smith inquired if the study will be addressing health needs. Ms. Turner responded that they wanted to address the mental health portion in the assessment.

Councillor Dueck inquired what will be covered in the Assessment. Ms. Turner responded that Banister will develop the survey, conduct telephone surveys, hold three focus group meetings, conduct interviews with personnel from other municipalities (Beaverlodge, Hythe, Sexsmith, etc), conduct the analysis, and generate the reports.

Councillor Jacobs inquired about the telephone surveys and what number would be on the call display because if someone sees it is a telemarketer they might not answer the phone. Ms. Turner responded that they should be able to have the County number displayed. Reeve Beaupre commented on the City of Grande Prairie satisfaction survey and Ms. Turner responded that there is a requirement to have 400 household telephone surveys completed.

Councillor Nelson inquired if there is an opportunity to have a Communication's media blitz and have the Assessment put on the County website. Ms. Turner responded that she would have to check into whether that can be done and whether there can be a web-based survey done as well.

**CARRIED**

**REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - LADIES IN RED, HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130911003)

Ms. Schur noted that the Heart & Stroke Foundation is seeking sponsorship for their "Ladies in Red" event, happening November 7, 2013. As part of The Heart Truth campaign to raise awareness of women's risk for heart disease and stroke, the Heart & Stroke Foundation is hosting "Ladies in Red" Fashion Show and Candlelight Gala.

**Event Info:**

Thursday, November 7, 2013

Teresa Sargent Hall, Montrose Cultural Centre

**Sponsorship Opportunities:**

Tapas: \$2,500

Wine: \$2,500

Entertainment: \$1,500

Gift Bags: \$1,500

Red Dress \$1,000

Burgundy \$500

Silent Auction

Shopping Spree/Pamper Package

Gift Bag Donors

Tickets are included with sponsorship levels \$1,000 and higher

**Past Support:**

The County has supported this event in the past:

2012 - \$1,000

2011 - \$1,000

2010 - \$1,000

**Community Assistance Fund:**

To date, Council has distributed \$26,623 from Community Assistance. As of September 11, 2013, \$4,797 remains.

Ms. Schur requested that the \$1000 sponsorship be included into the annual budget as the County supports this event every year.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1018**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that the County sponsor the event for \$1,000 from the Community Assistance Fund and that \$1000 be put into the annual budget for the event.

**CARRIED**

**FIVE MILE HALL GRANT RE-PURPOSE**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130916002)

Ms. Schur noted that the Five Mile Agricultural Society is seeking permission to re-purpose their \$25,000.00 Capital Assistance Grant prior to applying for a 2014 Capital Assistance Grant. The group received a \$25,000.00 CAP grant for exterior renovations which they hoped to match with a CIIF grant to complete interior renovations. They did not receive the CIIF funding, therefore would like to use the \$25,000.00 to complete the interior renovations before the exterior renovations. This is a relatively

minor difference from the original scope of work. The group wanted this issue resolved before making any further grant applications to the County of Grande Prairie.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1019**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** that Council permit the Five Mile Hall Agricultural Society to re-purpose the \$25,000 to meet their current needs under their business plan.

**CARRIED**

**CHRISTMAS  
HOURS**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130911006)

CAO Rogan noted that in the past Council has granted additional time off, either a full or 1/2 day, around the Christmas vacation. This year Christmas and Boxing Days fall on Wednesday and Thursday. The Province of Alberta is closing offices on Wednesday December 25, Thursday December 26 and Friday December 27. Last year Council granted Monday December 24th as an additional holiday to staff and County offices were closed from the 24th to the 26th.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1020**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** that Council approve Option #2 to grant Friday December 27th as an additional holiday and close the offices from Wednesday - Friday allowing staff a 5 day holiday over the Christmas break including the weekend.

**CARRIED**

**LETTER FROM  
LORI PARKER,  
CAO OF THE  
TOWN OF  
WEMBLEY -  
REGARDING  
REGIONAL  
COLLABORATION  
PROGRAM**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130917003)

CAO Rogan noted that the Town of Wembley is requesting support in their application for a Regional Collaboration Program Grant to proceed with a feasibility study. The Town of Wembley is asking for Council's support in the way of a motion being;

"Be it resolved that we authorize the Town of Wembley to participate in an application for the West Regional Water Line project, submitted by the Town of Wembley under the Regional Collaboration component of the Regional Collaboration Program, further, that the County of Grande Prairie, a participant, agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement, governing the purpose and use of the grant funds."

CAO Rogan commented that the study would typically fall under the Water for Life grant funding, but the program was cut in half by the Province this year. He noted that there was a feasibility study done 5-6 years ago and now they are getting an engineering firm to bring the actual costs and look at alignments.

Councillor Sutherland inquired why Aquatera is not paying for the study. CAO Rogan responded that at one time they had expressed interest in being the builder of the line but they have not asked to do this study unless there is a guarantee of a connection in the future. Reeve

Beaupre commented that if Wembley is successful in this waterline the town would have shares in the waterline and if Aquatera was going to put it in they would have to pay for the infrastructure.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1021**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that Council support the Town of Wembley in their Regional Collaboration Program Grant application by way of motion: "Be it resolved that we authorize the Town of Wembley to participate in an application for the West Regional Water Line project, submitted by the Town of Wembley under the Regional Collaboration component of the Regional Collaboration Program, further, that the County of Grande Prairie, a participant, agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement, governing the purpose and use of the grant funds."

Councillor Nelson commented on the Joint Municipalities discussion and that there was an agreement to look at this and see if there was an opportunity to bundle the needs for Wembley in the request for the Regional Collaboration Grant for the Dinosaur Museum. She spoke against the motion and commented that we should have the discussion with the Town of Wembley.

**CARRIED**

**MONTHLY STATEMENT FOR JULY 2013**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130910005)

A report of monthly cash flows, investments and accounts paid for July 2013.

**INFORMATION**

**Resolution #CM20130923.1022**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** that Council accept this report as information.

**CARRIED**

**BEC MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, JULY 30, AUGUST 15, 2013**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130911001)

The approved minutes of the July 18, July 30 and August 15, 2013 Building Expansion Committee meetings were attached for information.

**INFORMATION**

**BEC MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 29, 2013**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130912004)

The approved minutes of the August 29, 2013 Building Expansion Committee meeting were attached for information.

Councillor Smith commented that the cost to assess the acoustics will be around \$1000. Mr. Pfau commented that their may not be a charge for the assessment but it is still in discussion.

**INFORMATION**

**Resolution #CM20130923.1023**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** that the BEC Meeting Minutes from the July 18, July 30, August 15, and August 29, 2013 meetings be accepted as information.

**CARRIED**

**ACTION LIST**  
(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130917006)

The action list up to and including August 19th, 2013 was attached to the agenda package for Council's review.

**MIGHTY PEACE  
DAY INVITATION**  
(ADDENDUM)  
(Issue #20130922001)

The invitation to Mighty Peace Day on October 1st was added to the agenda as an addendum. The invitation is for a member of Council and their guest.

Councillor Nelson commented that she would like to attend the event on behalf Council, there will be two representatives from the County of Grande Prairie for breakfast and one member for the daily events.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1024**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** that Councillors Nelson and Dueck attend the Mighty Peace Day Celebrations on October 1, 2013 on behalf of County Council.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Beaupre commented on the NCDC AGM in Fort St. John and that there is one spot open on their Board and they have asked if the County wants to have a member on their Board.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1025**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that County Council respond favourably to the NCDC Board invitation and that the position be put into the Organizational Meeting in October if we are successful in the position.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLOR,  
COMMITTEE AND  
DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Councillor Eckstrom attended the 100th Anniversary Meeting with City of Grande Prairie. She noted that the next meeting will be held in November and she has sent the information to Shannon Baird to be supplied to the new Council member who will sit on that Committee.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the Regional Joint Council meeting in Grande Prairie.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the United Way Kick-off Luncheon.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the ATCO Building Grand Opening.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the Volunteer Appreciation event at Lake Saskatoon Hall. She thanked the Recreation Board for the presentation of flowers for herself and Councillor Jacobs.

Councillor Dueck attended the Regional Joint Council meeting in Grande Prairie.

Councillor Dueck attended the United Way Kick-off Luncheon.

Councillor Dueck attended the Dinosaur Museum Construction Meeting.

Councillor Dueck attended the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at Lake Saskatoon Hall.

Councillor Dueck attended the Annexation Preliminary Hearing and noted that there were lots of people in attendance.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1026**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that a thank you letter be sent to Ms. Schur, Ms. Christie, and the Parks and Recreation Department for hosting the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, and for the flowers and recognition Councillor Jacobs and herself received for being on the Recreation Boards.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Bulford attended the Ray Boyer Memorial sign dedication. He thanked Mr. Miller, Ms. Schur, and CAO Bill Rogan for getting the sign delivered and installed in Bezanson.

Councillor Bulford attended the Regional Joint Council Meeting at Crystal Gardens.

Councillor Bulford attended the Dinosaur Museum Building Committee Meeting.

Councillor Bulford attended the ATCO Building Grand Opening. He noted that the shop was very well thought out and there are really good features there.

Councillor Bulford attended the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet and commented that there were lots of people in attendance.

Councillor Bulford received an invitation from Bezanson School to come

and listen to School Election speeches.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the Teepee Creek gym opening.

Councillor Smith had nothing additional to report.

Councillor Nelson attended the tour of the Sportsplex with Minister Starke, MLA Everett McDonald, and Honourable Wayne Drysdale MLA Grande Prairie-Wapiti.

Councillor Nelson attended the Pursuit of Excellence (POE) meeting and noted that the board supported a County resident who asked for funding to train her dogs for further ventures.

Councillor Nelson attended the Clairmont Fair. She commented that it was well attended and there were 6 floats. There were very good comments on the available programs and the petting zoo. She thanked the County for their support of the event.

Councillor Harpe attended a meeting with Mr. Pfau and the users of Range Road #94 as the last two miles have been banned. It was determined that there are six users of that portion of Range Road #94 and Devon did not come to the discussions. He inquired if Mr. Miller and Enforcement could target the areas to flush out the other users so there can be equal payment for dust control. He further noted that the area is not safe without a water truck spraying.

Councillor Harpe inquired about the AAMDC Conference in November. CAO Rogan responded that the Conference will be starting on November 12th.

Councillor Harpe attended the Dinosaur Construction Meeting and commented that the roof will be an issue. He commented on the 2 ply torch-on and the Blue Skin methods and that they may have to postpone until March-April. He also commented on the electrical for the Dinosaur Museum and that he checked with ATCO. He was told that they went in August to install the electrical and the site wasn't ready so they have to wait until the end of September.

Councillor Harpe commented on the progress ATCO is making at Webster Hall for the power pole.

Councillor Eckstrom left the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Councillor Jacobs thanked Council and staff who were responsible for the bouquets and notes for her participation on the Recreation Board.

Councillor Sutherland attended the tour of the Sportsplex with Minister Starke, Honourable Wayne Drysdale, MLA Grande Prairie-Wapiti, and MLA Everett McDonald.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Ray Boyer Memorial Ceremony at Kleskun Hills.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Regional Joint Council Meeting.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Dinosaur Museum Construction Committee Meeting and noted that they are about four days behind schedule.

Councillor Sutherland attended the ATCO Building Grand Opening.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at Lake Saskatoon Hall. He commented that he was very happy to see the mementos given to non-spotlight associations.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Preliminary Hearing for the Annexation with the City of Grande Prairie. He commented on the meeting dates for the Merit Hearing. CAO Rogan noted that alternate dates were suggested but nothing formal has come back yet. Councillor Nelson inquired if Council had any interest in sending a letter to all County residents affected by Annexation noting that they can still submit issues to the MGB and comment on the Merit Hearing timelines. Mr. Simpson commented that the Preliminary Hearing was conducted to set a date for the Merit Hearing, we can wait for the dates to come back from the MGB and then send the letter to residents. CAO Rogan clarified what Councillor Nelson was requesting, to send a letter to ratepayers noting that they can comment on the dates selected for the Merit Hearing.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1027**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that the County send a letter to all ratepayers affected by the Annexation to let them know that they can still comment on the timelines and dates for the Merit Hearing as decided by the MGB.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Sutherland noted that the Alberta Beef Producers have asked for \$500. CAO Bill Rogan commented that the \$500 will be for a study. They are asking each municipality for \$500 to study the affects of Wildlife on Raising Livestock. Councillor Sutherland noted that timing is of the essence for this donation. Sonja Raven, Agriculture Fieldman, has said that the \$500 is in the Agriculture budget, she just wanted a consensus and motion from Council. CAO Bill Rogan commented that if the ASB Meeting had not been cancelled they would have recommended a motion then.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1028**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that Council approve the request from the AG Fieldman to support the Alberta Beef Producers to a maximum amount of \$750 for their study of the affects of wildlife on raising livestock.

Councillor Nelson spoke against the motion as she feels there needs to be more focus on slaughterhouses and the red meat initiative.

Councillor Smith spoke in favour of the motion as cattle producers have noted that this is a huge issue and they are never supported by the Province for these sorts of initiatives.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Beaupre noted that she met with MP Chris Warkentin and they spoke about support for 2014 grants in regards to infrastructure. He commented that they are in negotiations with the Province and that the floods in Southern Alberta have become a major discussion topic. Reeve Beaupre was told that the County needs to express concerns to MLA's McDonald and Drysdale and comment on where the funding should be allocated. She also noted a discussion with MLA McDonald in regards to advancing the remainder of the bypass; she was told that he cannot lobby until he gets a letter from the County. She also commented on the review of the rig roads in Red Deer.

**Resolution #CM20130923.1029**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** that a letter be written to Honourable Wayne Drysdale and MLA Everett McDonald to speak to the negotiations for the 2014 infrastructure funding, the finishing of the bypass, the lights in Clairmont, and to ensure the priorities are addressed.

Councillor Sutherland noted that the federal government is obligated to pay for the flood costs and inquired if the funding would be additional or whether it will be taken from the grants. Reeve Beaupre responded that they are currently negotiating where the funding for each municipality from the Federal government will be allocated but we need to express our concerns now.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Beaupre attended the United Way Kick-off and she noted there was a request from the Executive Director for the County to get more involved in United Way events and fundraising.

Reeve Beaupre and Councillor Harpe met with the Alberta Energy Regulator as guests. There were questions asked from municipalities.

She noted that they were very encouraged to hear that the Chair was visiting the Evergreen Centre for Resource Excellence.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Prince Rupert Port Authority and noted that it was well attended. She spoke about the Heritage Trust Fund and that they are looking for provincial investment. The Authority recognized Walter Paszkowski and the County for being innovative in lobbying the Province for investment.

Reeve Beaupre attended the AVIP Conference and note the was well attended. She also noted that the Minister of Tourism attended the conference as well and presented a speech.

CAO Bill Rogan commented on the Mighty Peace Day celebrations, perhaps School Liaison can attend all day if Council was unable.

Councillor Harpe commented that the BEC and Council need to review the contract for Workun Garrick.

Mr. Simpson attended the MGB Annexation Preliminary Session.

Mr. Simpson commented on the roofing for the Dinosaur Museum. He noted that Larry Crear is in discussions with the roofing company and he thinks it can be done for less than what was suggested.

Mr. Miller had nothing additional to add.

Mr. Pfau provided the AAMDC Secondary Highway Survey to Councillors.

Councillor Jacobs inquired about an update on Saskatoon Mountain. CAO Bill Rogan responded that Saskatoon Mountain is still on our list to address, they are currently aggregating the land. The information will be on next Council meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #CM20130923.1030**

**MOVED by H. BULFORD** that the meeting adjourn at 4:10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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

Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR