



# MINUTES

County Council  
Regular Meeting

## County of Grande Prairie No. 1

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### September 9, 2013 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, September 09, 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 (entered at 10:11 a.m.)

#### 3. Council

- Brock Smith
- Harold Bulford
- Lois Dueck
- Mary Ann Eckstrom
- Pat Jacobs
- Richard Harpe
- Sharon Nelson

#### 5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Herb Pfau
- John Simpson

#### 6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

#### 7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Oravec

#### 8. Media

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

Absent:

**Chief Administrative Officer**

- Bill Rogan

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

**STAFF  
INTRODUCTION -  
PUBLIC WORKS**

(PRESENTATIONS AND  
INTRODUCTIONS)  
(Issue #20130827002)

Steve Madden, Environmental Manager, introduced the new Clairmont Landfill Scale Operator, Caitlyn Johnson.

Council welcomed Ms. Johnson to the County of Grande Prairie.

**ADOPTION OF THE  
AGENDA**

(PRESENTATIONS AND  
INTRODUCTIONS)  
(Issue #20130909003)

**Resolution #CM20130909.1001**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that the Agenda for the September 9, 2013 Council Meeting be accepted with the addendum and additions as presented.

- Adoption of the Agenda added as item 3.2;
- Councillor Eckstrom added an item on the 2013 Election (9.4);
- Councillor Smith added an item on the Administration Building Roof (10.4);
- Councillor Dueck added an item on signage (10.5);
- Councillor Bulford added an In Camera item. Councillor Bulford later deferred his In Camera item to the next Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES  
APPROVAL**

**Resolution #CM20130909.1002**

**MOVED by S. NELSON** that the minutes be approved for the August 19, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/08/19) with the corrections as presented.

- Councillor Smith commented that on page 15 it should note that residents will be able to vote for Councillor Dueck and Councillor Smith at the Goodfare Polling Station.
- Councillor Smith commented that on page 24 it should state that it is current residents not doctors.
- Reeve Beaupre commented that on page 27 in regards to the Youth Emergency Shelter, that the homes that are managed by Grande Spirit Foundation are vacant and there are issues with electrical and decisions need to be made for those homes. Councillor Harpe commented that all of the units are empty, the Province made an offer to the City that if they turn over

the land, the Province will pay for the demolition. They are currently wired with aluminum wiring and they did not use the right connectors.

**CARRIED**

**ROAD CLOSURE**

(Issue #20130828001)

**Resolution #CM20130909.1003**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding Bylaw 2991 to facilitate the closure of part of NW 12-72-6-W6M for the purpose of developing a multi-modal site to facilitate opportunities for additional rail-truck loading.

The Public Hearing commenced at *10:11 a.m.*

**CARRIED**

John Simpson, Director of Planning and Development, commented that this Bylaw is to facilitate the Multi-modal site. The rationale for this closure is to encourage more development on the site as there are currently some businesses looking to have their business at the site. They have also been looking for rail access as well to accommodate the rail and truck interfaces wanted for the area. He further noted that the issue is for people coming off of 95th Street as they do have access from the East Service Road. Those people are not without paved access. The letter sent in indicated that increased industrial development will impact access for some of the parcels of land located in that area.

In order to accommodate the development of the Multi-modal site in the NW 12-72-6-W6M for a truck-rail trans-load facility, the existing public road serving the site needs to be closed. Legislation requires that a public hearing be held as part of the closure process. Administration is recommending that Council give 1st reading to the bylaw enabling the road closure. It will then be sent for ministerial approval.

The County acquired approximately 107 acres of land in the NW 12-72-6-W6M for the purposes of developing a multi-modal site to facilitate opportunities for additional rail -truck loading. During the past few years the County has been active in preparing the necessary background studies, negotiating with the key rail provider and soliciting potential developers. Earlier this year, Council approved entering into a MOU with the Side Management Group respecting the development of the site. Side Management has prepared a development plan for the site which attempts to maximize the amount of rail development on the quarter section. The development plan foresees a number of rail spurs being developed across the quarter and in particular across the current public road. This situation may create significant safety and operational issues between rail traffic and use of the public road. In order to resolve this issue it is advisable to close the public road and consolidate it with the quarter section to enable the development of rail in the area.

Some adjacent owners to the east of the area have indicated some difficulty with the potential closure. All of the lands to the east have alternative access to their lands. The access to their land is paved while the road to be closed is gravel. Casual observations of traffic patterns in the area indicate the public prefers to use paved roads if that alternative is available over gravel roads. The impact on the businesses is expected to be minimal. Further, as part of the development of the site, the developer has indicated a willingness to look at providing a public road on the east side of the multi-modal site as a possible replacement for the road to be closed. This is dependent on how the area develops.

During the circulation process one adjacent landowner filed an objection. It seems to be a conditional objection in that if an alternate road is developed, the landowner may be satisfied. There were no objections from any of the agencies included in the circulation. Responses were received from Alberta Transportation, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, ATCO Electric, Gas and Pipelines.

Councillor Smith commented on the letter sent and inquired if there is already paved access to the area in discussion. Mr. Simpson responded that there is paved access.

Mr. Brian Wald, Owner/Operator of R. Wald & Sons Moving and Storage Ltd. was in the audience to speak to this application. He commented that closing the road will significantly impact him and that his issues were not addressed in the previous letters he has sent; one sent on September 4, 2013 and the other when the first proposal for land use zoning was made. Reeve Beaupre commented that the land has already been rezoned and today they are only addressing the road closure. Councillor Smith commented that when the zoning was changed Mr. Wald had agreed with it.

Councillor Nelson commented that she is in support the closure as it is good for forward development because it is an industrial area and it needs to progress in that direction. Mr. Wald responded that the road closure is the first step towards the development and he wants his issues addressed (noise, smell, sight, dust, and waterfowl habitat). He has a mini-storage area and the dust will get everywhere and no one will want to store their things there.

Councillor Jacobs commented that she was on Council when Mr. Wald came forward with the application for his development and the Councillors lobbied to get it approved even though it was a residential parcel in the middle of industrial zoning. They allowed Mr. Wald's development to occur so now the issues are a personal problem, if the parcel is located within an industrial zone he will have to deal with the progress there.

Councillor Harpe commented that Mr. Wald's objections are related to the land use and that he should have asked for protection and conditions when the application came to Council for rezoning. The road closure will enhance the land use. Mr. Wald commented that he had met with Al Side and they discussed the issues and noted the dust issues. Reeve Beaupre responded that there are several industrial operations in that area and that Mr. Side would not be able to ensure the dust control. Knelsen is in operation there and that is likely where the dust will be coming from.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired about the amount of traffic on that road. Mr. Pfau responded that there is limited traffic right now. Councillor Nelson commented that if the road is closed there will be less dust on the gravel road.

Rhonda Side, representing Devco Development, commented that the road closure is essential to the Multi-modal site. The west side of the road that will be close to the Wald's property is exclusively rail tracks and the railcars will be moved around and stored in that area. It is not practical for public safety to have the road open.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1004**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *10:27 a.m.*

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130909.1005**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** that Bylaw 2991 for the purpose of closing to public travel part of the Service Road within NW-12-72-6-W6M as shown on Road Plan 0323780 to be read a first time.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Simpson noted that Bylaw 2991 will now be sent to the Minister for approval then will be brought back to Council for Second and Third Readings.

**BYLAW 2680-13-028  
- PT.  
SE-34-72-4-W6M -  
AG TO CR-5 (THIRD  
READING)**

(BYLAWS)  
(Issue #20130828002)

Mr. Simpson noted that Bylaw 2680-13-028 passed First and Second Reading at the August 19, 2013 Council meeting, but did not receive unanimous consent for Third and Final Reading. The Bylaw was brought back for the Final Reading.

Councillor Eckstrom noted that she was not present for this Public Hearing and she will abstain from voting on Third and Final Reading.

Councillor Nelson requested a recorded vote.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1006**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** that Bylaw 2680-13-028 to re-designate PT. SE-34-72-4-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

Councillor Bulford commented that he is not in favour of the motion as the current residents are concerned with the condition of the roads and the well access.

Councillor Nelson commented that she is concerned because this area is good agricultural land and it was purchased for re-development purposes. The residents have raised various concerns and secondary highway #730 is in poor condition. She also commented that the MGA states as Councillors we need to protect agricultural land.

**Votes:**

**In Favour:** Leanne Beaupre, Brock Smith, Lois Dueck, Richard Harpe

**Opposed:** Ross Sutherland, Harold Bulford, Pat Jacobs, Sharon Nelson

**Abstain:** Mary Ann Eckstrom

**DEFEATED**

**JOINT FACILITIES  
USE AND  
CONTRACT  
OPERATING  
AGREEMENT  
AMENDING  
AGREEMENT**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130820002)

The Regional Landfill Authority met on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 and reviewed the "Amending Agreement". This amendment would extend the existing agreement for a three year term commencing January 1, 2013 and in effect to December 31, 2016.

The noted changes are to the Contract Operator Fees and to the Reserve Payment. The Authority passed a motion unanimously to accept the proposed "Amending Agreement". At the August 19, 2013 Council meeting a motion was made to have the Amending Agreement brought back to Council with the updated Financial information. (**Resolution No. CM20130819.1049**).

The existing operating agreement with Tervita Corporation expired July 1, 2012. During the proposed three year agreement Authority members have passed a motion to hire a consultant to complete a cost analysis to review variations of the operations of the landfill site.

Colleen Wessels, Accounting Manager, commented that the CCS royalty payment is allowable to go to the operating budget instead of the capital budget. Reeve Beaupre commented that there are no restrictions to the payment.

Mr. Madden provided background on the West County Solid Waste Management Authority. He noted that the Board consists of 5

municipalities: Beaverlodge, Wembley, Sexsmith, Hythe, and the County. The County covers 40% of the costs and the four other partners share 60% (15% each). The Regional Board has representatives from each municipality and there are 3 representatives from the County (Councillors Harpe, Dueck, and Sutherland).

The original contract with CCS ended July 1, 2012. The current contract has been reviewed by the Board and they recommended the best option to Council. There were two budget examples included in the handout Mr. Madden distributed to Councillors, one noting the CCS royalty contribution and the other with no contribution.

Ms. Wessels commented that there has been a request received from Wembley for assistance from the County so the initial payment will not be as large for them this time. Mr. Pfau commented that all of the partners paid \$72,000 plus the \$40,000 for a total of \$112,000.00. He further noted that for 2014, not including the CCS payment, the amount owing will be \$158,344.00. If the CCS payment is used the amount owing will be \$118,344.00. Mr. Madden noted that with the previous contact, we could only apply the Capital. Ms. Wessels noted that the road was completed this year so the amount allocated towards that can now be applied towards the payment.

Councillor Smith noted that the County supplies the CAT, the land, we maintain the road, and we maintain the pit for Tervita. Their staff do not cover the landfill nightly as they are supposed to. He commented that the Board should go to Secure and see if an agreement could be made there. He also inquired about the \$60,000 that will be used for a study and what the study will be on. Councillor Harpe responded that the study will be a cost analysis on the whole landfill operation and it would go out for RFP. He also noted that Tervita is doing the maintenance on the equipment that was supplied by the County.

Reeve Beaupre commented on the 6 month "Opt Out Clause". The study can be done to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of dealing with the landfill waste and the cost associated.

Councillor Nelson commented that she agrees with Councillor Smith, the County does not have the staff or manpower to complete the study. She noted that we should be looking at other sources and have a discussion with Secure.

Councillor Harpe commented that the \$60,000 is included just in case and if the County Finance Department can do the study it is fine, the \$60,000 is a maximum amount. We need to know the cost per ton to bury garbage and if we don't sign the contract today we will lose the operating budget amount. We will also lose the \$49,000 paid for rent and the \$72,000 as well which will bring the costs for the municipal partners to \$200,000 or more.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired if signing the contract is a time sensitive

matter as she was not present at the last Council meeting and was not aware of the background. Reeve Beaupre responded that the contract ended on July 1, 2012 and the Board wanted to have a cost analysis study up to \$60,000 done on whether Tervita is providing the value for the service and that a 6 month "opt out clause" be included in the contract.

Discussion ensued in regards to the cost to bury garbage, the use of the landfill, and the contract.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1007**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to accept the amended agreement for the West County Solid Waste Authority and have the study done by the County or another group with the cost to come from the Landfill budget.

Reeve Beaupre inquired whether the 6 month "opt out clause" should be included in the motion. Councillor Harpe responded that the opt out statement is already included in the agreement. Mr. Pfau noted that giving Tervita 6 months notice would be better for the Board decision.

**CARRIED**

**10:45 A.M. SPORT  
COUNCIL**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20130814004)

Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation introduced Andy Doucette, Robin Watson, and Chris Luhtala from the Grande Prairie Sports Council. They are present in the meeting today to ask the County be a funding partner for the Sports Council.

Mr. Luhtala noted that they based their proposal on the 2012 Sports Tourism strategy. There is a need to develop a plan for the Grande Prairie area. He discussed five key elements:

- Improve communication and coordination;
- Increase the number of sporting participants in Grande Prairie;
- Develop a stable, ongoing base of funding for sport;
- Ensure the efficient development, management, and utilization of facilities;
- Promote sport and tourism in Grande Prairie.

Mr. Luhtala commented that smaller sports have more trouble with funding and there is also a lack of coordination for the facilities in this area. There is not a lot of willingness to come to Grande Prairie to play sports, many of the teams have to travel to Edmonton to play and it is taking revenue away from this area.

There are two critical components needed to fulfill the key elements noted above: developing a Sport Council and developing a Sport Bid Committee.

Sport Council:

- was developed in June 2013 and the first board was elected. There were 15 representatives at the first meeting and 8 were elected;
- their mandate was to form under the Societies Act, they have their own bank account and encourage memberships in hockey, soccer, football, etc.;
- they have modeled their design after the Lethbridge Sports Council;
- they are in the process of building a website and they need to have a fulltime staff member and funding for that;
- a funding model has been created with a 4 year projected and 1 year Action Plan. Their total secure funding model includes grant money, sponsors, membership monies;
- associate members (organizations, hotels, businesses, facilities contributing \$1000/year);
- funding partners are offered a non-voting seat on the Board. Ms. Schur and the Sports Council noted that originally it was a non-voting seat (which can be reviewed) but they wanted the Sports Committees to have the most say in the voting and the voting would be more directional;
- Council had discussion around funding partners have a vote on the Board;
- Reeve Beaupre inquired if this Council is outside what the County Council has been part of in the past. Mr. Luhtala responded that there will be equal representation on the Sports Council based on the amount of funding provided. There will be different levels of contribution but they would like to have an equal vote for all members. He further noted that most members will be volunteers elected by the Board.

Councillor Nelson commented that in the package distributed to Councillors, it notes that 8 people will sit on the Board of Directors and one member will be from City Council. She inquired if there should be a member of County Council as well. Mr. Luhtala responded that the document was developed from the Sports Strategy and the Sports Council Bylaws do not reflect that. Only the funding partners will have non-voting memberships and they will receive one seat on the Board when they contribute. The goal is to have each funding partner have a member to contribute to discussions.

Councillor Smith inquired about how the Sports Council can assist La Glace as they are in the process of building their new arena. Mr. Luhtala responded that once the Sports Council can hire a fulltime Administration staff member they will be asked to organize the sports, be aware of when membership is available, and they will provide feedback and input from people that will be using the arena to ensure there is no over or under building. They will have the people using the facility provide the information.

Mr. Watson commented that the Sports Council can coordinate various

teams and groups to travel to Grande Prairie at the same time so more hotels can be booked and more tourism is encouraged. Sports Council provides volunteer coordination for these sporting events.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she thinks the Sports Council is a great initiative because they address everything at one time and this will benefit the Sportsplex and ball diamonds in Evergreen Park.

Councillor Sutherland commented that the government supplies the facilities so the user groups should be paying for the use of the facilities. The Chambers of Commerce and the Grande Prairie Hotel Association can be utilized for booking the events. He also inquired how the City of Lethbridge Sports Council is funded. Mr. Luhtala responded that they are funded by the City of Lethbridge.

Mr. Watson commented on the upcoming "Rock Around the Clock" soccer event which will have 42 teams coming to the Grande Prairie Region and it will likely generate approximately \$1 million revenue for the area. Councillor Sutherland commented that he has a hard time telling the residents in his division why the County is funding sports and not other projects or improvements. Mr. Luhtala commented that there are 4000 Albertans volunteering for sports each year, 75% of the facilities are being used, and there is approximately \$2000 spent each year per family on sports. Our area is losing revenue by not engaging people to use it and we need to convince people to come out here to play and especially at the County Sportsplex. The Sports Council will generate databases for volunteers, people who want to fund sports (companies, etc), and the availability of the venues and facilities.

Councillor Harpe inquired about the ask for a Fulltime Coordinator position and the Administration position and whether they have secured funding from other municipalities. Mr. Luhtala responded that they asked the City of Grande Prairie first, the County second, and then will be asking the MD of Greenview for sponsorship but the funding it is not fully secured yet. Councillor Harpe commented that the secured expenses are more than the secured funding. Mr. Watson responded that every member of the Board is a volunteer, it is currently working but it can work better.

Councillor Nelson commented that she is in favour of supporting the Sports Council as they are trying to attract tourism and recreation to the Grande Prairie Region. She also commented that younger families would support this too.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1008**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that the County supply a gift in kind of office space to the amount of \$30,000 and have an additional \$25,000 per year for the Sports Council to be deferred to fall budget deliberations.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if, when they approached the City, did they speak about funding that is available. Mr. Luhtala responded that the Sports Council have also been deferred to the City's budget deliberations. They were supportive in sending the request to the budget and then seeing where the money can come from. Reeve Beaupre commented that the funding will not necessarily just be from the City's budget, it can be from the Regional Grants.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she is in favour of the motion because of the numbers provided in regards to the economic stimulus (\$1.32 billion). The stimulus will affect County hotels as well as the smaller municipalities. In the County, we have always focused on regional development. She inquired if there is an office space available in the Sportsplex right now. Ms. Schur responded that before the food and beverage manager was hired there was office space, but since the food & beverage team is on board there may not be any office space now.

Councillor Eckstrom made a tabling motion to defer this motion until information is provided on the availability of office space at the Sportsplex to house the Sports Council. Council may approve the request for funding in the fall budget deliberations.

**TABLED**

Ms. Schur will bring back the information on the availability of office space at the Sportsplex. Ms. Schur and the members of the Sports Council left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1009**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** that the meeting be recessed at 11:40 a.m. for 5 minute break.

**CARRIED**

**UPDATED COLOUR  
SCHEME FOR  
COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130829002)

The meeting was reconvened at 11:49 a.m.

At the Building Expansion Committee Meeting on August 29, 2013 the Committee passed a motion to accept the lighter colour scheme provided for the Council Chambers.

Brandi Tansem is present to show Council the new colour scheme and answer any questions. A motion from Council to approve the new colour scheme is required.

Ms. Tansem noted that the BEC had asked John Keating, Workun Garrick Partnership, to provide the budget implications for changing the

colour scheme. It was noted that, at this time, there should not be any additional costs for the changes to the colours and carpet in Council Chambers.

Mr. Pfau commented that the BEC were looking at pricing for paint and carpet throughout the building. This carpet was set aside for Council Chambers and Mr. Keating said there shouldn't be the re-stocking fees. Right now, Council can have the lighter scheme at no additional costs.

Reeve Beaupre noted that Council has 3 options:

1. Scheme presented by the Committee;
2. Second option with lighter colours;
3. Revert to original as was previously decided upon.

Mr. Pfau noted that there was an oversight in discussions and Mr. Keating never got the numbers for the additional 13 offices that were not included in the common areas that will be addressed. The funding will be coming from the Building Reserve. He is concerned that if we change the carpets and paint in Council Chambers and the common areas and don't paint and carpet the rest of the building, it will look bad.

Ms. Tansem commented that the BEC has not ordered the carpet for the offices yet because it was not fully approved at Council. The BEC had commented that because the offices are 10 years old and needs to be done. Ms. Tansem and Mr. Simpson showed Council the updated colour samples.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1010**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that Council do not approve the lighter colour scheme for the Council Chambers as was accepted by the Building Expansion Committee, and refer back to the original colours that were selected for Council Chambers.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130909.1011**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** that the meeting be recessed at 11:58 a.m. for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**STYROFOAM  
RECYCLING  
REVIEW**  
(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130716001)

The meeting was reconvened at 1:31 p.m.  
Councillor Harpe was not present for the remainder of the Council meeting.

Mr. Madden noted that he and Mr. Pfau took a tour of the Grande Prairie facility and there were a lot of employees and there are

numerous types of Styrofoam. He noted that Aquatera has a heat unit at their facility to melt the Styrofoam down but they need to sort all of the materials prior so there is no contamination. The Styrofoam is recycled back into computers and other products. The staff at Aquatera physically sort each piece of Styrofoam.

Mr. Madden noted that Council requested information on recycling costs and options of recycling Styrofoam (EPS condensing) within the County. Public works reviewed various options for Styrofoam Recycling within the county;

1) Processing of Styrofoam - Public Works reviewed equipment, set up and determined costs for the following at the Clairmont Center for Recycling:

Styrofoam processing requires a building that will provide the ability to unload, accumulate and store until the Styrofoam is ready to be processed. The building will require three phase power for equipment operations and additional staffing to assist with sorting of the products and reduction of product contamination to prevent equipment failures. (During research of the equipment it was determined the process requires staff to sort and inspect individual Styrofoam product entering the system prior to equipment processing.)

**Costs for the County to set up our own system are estimated at \$280,000 for capital and \$40,000 for staffing.**

2) Collection of Styrofoam at Recycling Depots:

Styrofoam may be completed through our depots by adding additional collection costs to our depot site contract. The county's current depot collection would work with our depot collection contractor to use overhead trucks to collect the materials and ship to Clairmont Center for Recycling for sorting. Budgeting costs for this in the county collection contract is estimated at; \$40,000-\$60,000 per year; building \$100,000; plus additional staffing to assist with sorting at \$40,000.00

Other Considerations:

Aquatera is one of few locations in Alberta utilizing Styrofoam (EPS) recycling. Public Works did review the possibility of sending material to the Aquatera facility and have been told the Aquatera site is not suitable at this time for large overhead trucks to dump at their location. Aquatera has interest for the material, however will require the material to be sorted and clean (no staples, no tape) placed in transit bags. This could be accomplished by sorting and cleaning the Styrofoam at our Clairmont recycling facility within a large storage building. Transporting the transit bags would require budgeting for; Bin Hauling \$20,000 per year; a building to store and sort the materials \$100,000; and \$40,000 for additional staffing to sort the materials. Aquatera has also told public works a final processing fee will be required that has not been determined at this time.

Certainly recycling Styrofoam materials can be accomplished and

should be explored further by a consultant who can provide appropriate destination for the Styrofoam to assist with securing any revenues as revenues are still unknown.

Other Future Considerations:

Alberta Care is currently working with a contractor that is proposing collection of Plastics and Styrofoam into one program, not separated. Public works is awaiting further details on this exciting program.

a) Findings during the research - Styrofoam makes up 0.1% of the total incoming waste and is made up of 98% air. Considering a recycling program that has 100% compliance from residents the program would recycle 4-6 tonnes of material per year.

b) A 40 yard bin would contain roughly 200-350 kg's of Styrofoam.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the County will not produce nearly as much volume as Aquatera does and inquired if we could supply it to Aquatera and have them recycle the Styrofoam. Mr. Madden responded that Aquatera will not complete the Styrofoam recycling for free, this would be an additional expense to the County and there would be no revenue made.

Councillor Nelson commented on the Aquatera Agreement as the County is a Shareholder. Reeve Beaupre responded that the Landfill is outside the Shareholders Agreement with Aquatera. The City Landfill is run by Aquatera and is not part of our Agreement, we are only Shareholder for water & sewer services. Mr. Simpson commented that we wanted to keep the Clairmont Landfill separate from the Aquatera Agreement. Mr. Madden commented that the County has an agreement with the Eco-Centre so we can possibly amend the agreement to have them process the Styrofoam. Reeve Beaupre inquired if County residents can use the Eco-Centre. Mr. Madden responded that they can access it but the Eco-Centre is more for disposing of electronics, paint, etc. and they don't want to accept as much of the paper, glass, tin, etc.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that we need to let our ratepayers know that they can access the Eco-Centre. Mr. Pfau commented that Council can vote and we can have a pilot project arranged to address the Styrofoam.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1012**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that the Environmental Committee investigate options for the recycling of Styrofoam with Mr. Madden and have the options brought back to Council.

Councillor Smith requested that Mr. Madden research how much Aquatera is selling the recycled Styrofoam for.

**CARRIED****2013 ELECTION**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130909004)

The 2013 Election item was added to the agenda by Councillor Eckstrom at the beginning of the meeting. She noted that in the Council minutes there was discussion on polling stations, she was not present at the meeting and would like to request a polling station for her Division.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1013**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTOM** that Bad Heart Hall be included as a polling station for Division 9 in the 2013 Municipal Elections.

**CARRIED****SUBDIVISION TIME  
EXTENSION**

**REQUEST -  
SW-26-71-8-W6M -  
FILE NO.  
PLSUB20120483**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130827001)

Approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:

**File No.** PLSUB20120483

**Legal:** SW-26-71-8-W6M

**Name:** Valerie Sebastian

**Division:** 4

**Date Approval Extended to:** August 31, 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.

**SUBDIVISION TIME  
EXTENSION**

**REQUEST -  
NE-20-70-9-W6M -  
FILE NO.  
PLSUB20120374**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130903004)

Approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:

**File No.** PLSUB20120374 (Focus File No. 010038006)

**Legal:** NE-20-70-9-W6M

**Name:** Edward & Eveline Grams

**Division:** 5

**Date Approval Extended to:** August 31, 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.

**SUBDIVISION TIME  
EXTENSION**

**REQUEST -**

Approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:

**File No.** PLSUB20120376 (Focus File No. 010038006)

**Legal:** SW-20-70-9-W6M

**Name:** Edward & Eveline Grams

**SW-20-70-9-W6M -  
FILE NO.  
PLSUB20120376**  
(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130903006)

**Division: 5**

**Date Approval Extended to:** August 31, 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.

**SUBDIVISION TIME  
EXTENSION  
REQUEST -  
SW-26-71-8-W6M -  
FILE NO.  
PLSUB20120483**  
(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130827001)

**Resolution #CM20130909.1014**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that the subdivision endorsement time extension requests (items 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3) be approved.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if Planning and Development are receiving more or less of these time extension requests. Mr. Simpson responded that they are getting the same amount of requests but some time extensions are shorter and some are longer.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING ROOF**  
(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20130909005)

The "Administration Building Roof" item was added to the agenda by Councillor Smith at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Pfau distributed handouts to Councillors in regards to the re-roofing of the Administration Building. He noted that we could not get any bids for just the roofing so they tied it in with Johnston Builders. There were 3 bids received Hanks Roofing, Peace Siding and Roofing, and Heritage Roofing. There is some cash allowance available for roofing inspections, roof vents, and additional flashing.

During the Building Expansion Committee meeting there was a motion passed to bring the quotes to Council and hire Heritage Roofing as they are an ARCA member and the others are not. With Heritage Roofing there will be a five year Home Building Warranty and they are ARCA certified so their warranty will last longer. It was noted that ARCA had not been formed at the time of the last building.

Councillor Eckstrom commented on the ARCA membership for Peace Siding and Roofing and inquired where they are in their application progress. Councillor Smith responded that the BEC is not sure of the status of their application and that Councillor Harpe recommended that we should be accepting the bid from the ARCA member (Heritage Roofing). He further noted that there is \$140,000 left in the main budget for this and the BEC would like to go ahead and start the roofing in September with Heritage. If the roofing does not start now, they will have to do repairs on it for the winter and he doesn't think all of the extra money will be used. Reeve Beaupre noted that the BEC had asked John Keating to get a roofing inspector. Councillor Smith commented that Mr. Keating is not prepared for this and that the roof vents should go in and they should be similar to the ones on the new PW/IT Building.

Councillor Sutherland commented that the Administration Building roof has been fixed approximately three times. Mr. Pfau and Councillor Smith commented that there has been patching done on the roof a few times. Reeve Beaupre noted that there were a few situations with shingles coming off and the previous contractor plead no contest and supplied a \$50,000 credit. Councillor Smith commented that he thinks that a proper job will be done and it needs to progress as soon as possible before the winter.

#### **Resolution #CM20130909.1015**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** to award the contract to Heritage Roofing for their bid of \$144,737 to re-shingle the roof on the Administration Building and the balance of the \$202,770.70 total to be determined by Administration and come from the Capital or Maintenance Reserve.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she is in favour of Councillor Smith's motion as the report on new building is very good.

Councillor Bulford commented that he is in favour of the motion and inquired if the shingles will be made to match on both buildings (Administration and PW/IT).

Councillor Eckstrom commented that she is in support of the motion as the roofing needs to be done right.

Councillor Dueck commented on ARCA and that it is good to have a contractor that is part of ARCA.

**CARRIED**

#### **Resolution #CM20130909.1016**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** to explore and investigate opportunities to recycle the shingles coming off the Administration Building with Steve Madden, Environmental Manager.

Mr. Pfau commented that the shingles may need to be stored at the Landfill at a cost if they will be starting in September. He further noted that they can likely be stored in Clairmont.

**CARRIED**

#### **SIGNAGE**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20130909006)

The item on "Signage" was added by Councillor Dueck at the beginning of the meeting.

Councillor Dueck commented on the signage for Hamlets, specifically the sign for Elmworth. She noted that there is no signage located anywhere in Elmworth to mark that it is a hamlet. She has had

some ratepayers saying that it would be nice to get a sign somewhere in the hamlet. She would like a "Welcome to Elmworth" sign similar to the one that was installed in Goodfare.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1017**

**MOVED BY L. DUECK** to have the sign shop build a sign based on what was approved in the 2013 budget, a cost of \$1200.

Mr. Pfau commented that when Public Works replaced and updated the hamlet signs, they were supposed to add a sign for Elmworth. At budget the amount approved was reduced from \$15,000 to \$1200. Mr. Pfau commented that he will investigate what has been installed there or what has been ordered.

**CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL  
AFFAIRS - 2013/14  
MUNICIPAL  
RESOLUTION  
SERVICES  
TRAINING  
PROGRAM DATES**

(WORKSHOPS,  
CONFERENCES, SEMINARS)  
(Issue #20130903003)

Alberta Municipal Affairs, in partnership with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties has provided their brochure for the upcoming Municipal Dispute Resolution Services training program for the 2013/2014 workshop season.

This program is specifically designed for municipal staff, elected officials, and community leaders, and is committed to supporting local governance through a series of workshops that enhance skills in negotiation, public input and workplace conflict management. Registration information and additional workshop and instructor information can be found at [www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/MDRS.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/MDRS.cfm). Workshop costs are \$125.00 and include materials, and lunch.

These workshops have been budgeted for for the 2013/2014 workshop season up to a distance as far as(and including) Edmonton.

Reeve Beaupre commented that Council has been to several of these in the past and that the County will be in a partnership with them at the session in Grande Prairie. Councillor Eckstrom commented that any new Councillors will be very interested in these programs. Reeve Beaupre suggested that this item be brought back on a future Council agenda.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1018**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that the training program be included on a future Council agenda for the new Councillors at the Organizational Meeting being held on October 28, 2013.

**CARRIED**

**AAMDC  
INFORMATION  
REGARDING  
INDUSTRIAL  
TAXATION**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130822001)

A letter was received from AAMDC President, Bob Barss, to members regarding Industrial Taxation along with the "Talking Points" for the Industrial Tax Revenue issue.

Councillor Nelson commented on the letter that was sent to the MLA's in regards to the use of our roads and what rural municipalities incur, whether we have received a reply and whether we need to send another letter. Reeve Beaupre responded that all municipalities will be going to the local newspapers with the letters. After the letters come out in newsprint they will be resent to the MLA's.

Councillor Nelson commented that the rural municipalities will be tasked with the reclamation for all of the pipelines and that there are situations now where development cannot be done due to the abandoned pipelines.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the motion was made in regards to the NAEL (Northern Alberta Elected Leaders) asking that each municipality send a letter about the money being expended, the amount of money going through the towns, and the affects on the municipalities from the industry use. Councillor Eckstrom commented that the letter also needs to say that rural municipalities are being tasked with bridges and the STEP program.

**CORRESPONDENCE  
FROM PREDA RE:  
MUNICIPAL  
PROJECT FUND  
APPROVAL LETTER**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20130829001)

Mr. Simpson commented that this year we were invited to apply for a grant application for County videos. PREDA noted that they would match the funding, therefore \$7500 has been approved and it will go through Economic Development.

**LETTER OF  
SUPPORT -  
KLESKUN HILL  
MUSEUM SOCIETY**

(ADDENDUM)  
(Issue #20130905002)

Rikki Christie, Administrative Assistant, noted that the Kleskun Hill Museum Society contacted the Parks & Recreation Department asking for a letter of support for their CIP grant application (due date September 15). Unfortunately, due to time constraints administration has added this as an addendum to the September 9th Council meeting. The draft letter of support that will be sent to the Kleskun Hill Museum Society was attached to the agenda package for Council's consideration.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1019**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** that Council approve the letter of support for the Kleskun Hills Museum CIP grant application.

**CARRIED**

**SEVEN  
GENERATIONS**

Ms. Christie provided an update on the Seven Generations Charity Golf

**GOLF  
TOURNAMENT -  
UPDATE**

(ADDENDUM)  
(Issue #20130905003)

Tournament's request for sponsorship. Seven Generations Ltd. is hosting a charity golf tournament in support of the QEII Hospital Foundation on September 12, 2013 at the Grande Prairie Golf & Country Club. This issue was presented to Council during the regular Council meeting on August 12, 2013. Council directed Administration to bring back more information about the proceeds distribution.

Administration did not receive a response from Seven Generations with the information requested on the proceeds distribution of the event. However, Administration did received a phone call from a representative of Seven Generations on September 4, 2013 inviting the Reeve of the County of Grande Prairie to participate in the event at no cost.

Reeve Beaupre commented that this is their first event and they do business in our municipality. She further noted that she could only attend the lunch not the whole tournament. Councillor Nelson commented that she has mixed feelings about donating as they did not respond to any of the questions in regards to how the funding is allocated and donated.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1020**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that the County donate a silent auction item to the value of \$150.00 for the event, comment that we look forward to next years event with more information in timely fashion, and congratulate them on the success of the fundraising efforts on for the QEII Hospital Foundation.

**CARRIED**

**PERSONNEL**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20130904002)

**Resolution #CM20130909.1021**

**MOVED by S. NELSON** that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 2:18 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 personnel.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130909.1022**

**MOVED by P. JACOBS** that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 2:40 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20130909.1023**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** to accept the contract for Brian Brake until December 31st, 2014 and include clarification that he will sit on the Dinosaur Museum Building Committee in an advisory capacity

only.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLOR,  
COMMITTEE AND  
DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Councillor Eckstrom attended a Table Top Book review meeting. She commented that the book had to be done by Sunday in order to meet the December deadline and she is not sure where it currently stands.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the Alberta CARE Recycling conference and noted that it was a good conference with lots of new information. She commented on the Plastics to Oil presentation and asked the presenter if the presentation could be supplied to her in hard copy.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the Teepee Creek Fire Hall Grand Re-opening and noted that it was very well attended. She commented that some ladies from Bezanson Farmers Market presented three blankets to the fire hall for responding to calls and they are also working on small toys for children who have been affected by house fires.

Councillor Eckstrom attended the Sportsplex Grand Opening where she served pancakes for breakfast. The event was very well attended and lots of people had great comments about the building.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Council luncheon.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Grand Opening of the Wapiti Dunes Trail Systems.

Councillor Sutherland attended the going away luncheon for the summer students hired by PCDI. He commented that the students received many negative comments from the locals in regards to the Dinosaur Museum, but they were handled very well.

Councillor Sutherland attended a meeting with Economic Development Officer Walter Paszkowski and Steve Madden, Environmental Manager, in regards to the Red Meat Initiative and the disposal of offals. He further noted that PREDA had given some funding for a study. Reeve Beaupre commented that at the Alberta CARE Recycling Conference they discussed the disintegrator in Lethbridge that burns a variety of waste and offals are one of the items being burnt there. He suggested that a group study be done together instead of having Evergreen Park, the County, and other groups all doing studies on the same issue.

Councillor Sutherland attended the breakfast opening of Certek Heating Solutions, he noted that MLA's McDonald, Honourable Wayne Drysdale, MP Chris Warkentin, and Mayor of Grande Prairie Bill Given also attended.

Councillor Sutherland attended the National Bee Diagnostic 1 year anniversary in Beaverlodge. He noted that there were lots of bee keepers and educational people in attendance but not many local residents as it was likely not very advertised. Councillor Nelson commented that there was a disconnect with local producers and residents about the event. Councillor Sutherland commented that there were advertisements on some radio stations.

Councillor Sutherland attended the AGM for PCDI, the only people in attendance were the Board of Directors and PCDI employees. He noted that there are still funds coming in and two more families have mentioned large donations. Reeve Beaupre inquired if there was any mention of the expectations after the opening of the museum, of who will deal with the operating budget. Councillor Sutherland responded that they had not because they sometimes have issues with getting a quorum.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Step & Stride Walk and noted there were lots of local residents in attendance. He noted that he had two different people approach him and say they were happy to see the County was in attendance. Reeve Beaupre responded that the County has been in attendance at the event for the past 3 years.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Grand Opening of the Sportsplex.

Councillor Dueck attended the Grand Opening of Certek Heating Solutions and commented on the building layout. She further noted that the building is heated by oil and gas.

Councillor Dueck attended the Alberta CARE Recycling Conference. She noted that she went to Slave Lake and saw the fire disaster area and the regional landfill. She commented that the Lesser Slave Lake landfill is set up very nicely and that having a "Leave or Take" area is very high maintenance. She also noted that the public does not access the actual landfill, there is a place they dump in and then it is pushed down into the landfill by staff. Councillor Dueck commented that they were having trouble with bears so they installed an 8000 volt fence.

Councillor Eckstrom inquired about the County's bicycle program, where bikes were to be fixed and sent back out for donations. Mr. Pfau responded that the County teamed up with the Rotary on that program and it only occurred 1-2 times.

Councillor Dueck attended the Sportsplex Grand Opening.

Councillor Jacobs attended the Alberta CARE Recycling Conference. She commented on the wrap-up 6th Annual Collection Site awards.

Councillor Jacobs attended the Sportsplex Grand Opening and congratulated the organizers and staff for all of their work as it was a very successful event.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1024**

**MOVED BY P. JACOBS** to send letters of "Thank you" to the organizers and County staff who arranged the Sportsplex Grand Opening and to the sponsors who sponsored the event.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Jacobs commented on the Ron Pfau Memorial Scholarship applicant and noted that the application is very good. The Scholarship application was sent from PWSB be approved by County Council before the scholarship is awarded.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1025**

**MOVED BY P. JACOBS** that Council approve the Scholarship Application for the Ron Pfau Memorial Scholarship as was sent from PWSB.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Jacobs commented on Range Road #92 (Hualen Road) at the railway crossing as the area is in poor condition. Mr. Pfau commented that Public Works is waiting on CN and noted that they are prepared to repair as soon as the materials come in (it will be cement or wood crossing). The Dimsdale crossing is also in the process of being completed.

Councillor Jacobs received an e-mail for a door prize donation for the Alberta Visitor Information Providers (AVIP) Conference.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1026**

**MOVED BY P. JACOBS** that a door prize be donated to the Alberta Visitors Information Providers (AVIP) Conference from the County of Grande Prairie.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Bulford attended the Alberta CARE Recycling Conference.

Councillor Bulford attended the Teepee Creek Fire Hall Grand Re-Opening.

Councillor Bulford attended the Sportsplex Grand Opening and

commented that the Sportsplex Organizing Committee did a great job.

Councillor Bulford noted that the Dusty LaValley sign has now been installed in Bezanson, it is located east where the old hamlet sign used to be.

Councillor Bulford commented on the announcement from Alberta Transportation in regards to secondary highway #733 and Highway #43. The announcement spoke to the road markings, rumble strips, and that they will be doing the RFP. Minister McIver noted that it will go out in the fall for RFP.

Councillor Nelson met with PAZA and noted that the Executive Director has resigned. She also noted that the PAZA network will be audited by the end of October. They received a draft of the network assessment and recommendations.

Councillor Nelson attended the Grand Opening of the Wapiti Dunes Trail Systems.

Councillor Nelson attended the AGM for the River of Death and Discovery Museum Society and noted that she was excited to hear Brian Brake's presentation of accomplishments. She also noted that she met the new paleontologist for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

Councillor Nelson attended the Sportsplex Grand Opening.

Councillor Nelson attended Beth Sheehans's funeral.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1027**

**MOVED BY S. NELSON** that flowers be sent to the funeral for Loretta Thompson on September 15, 2013 on behalf of the County of Grande Prairie.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if there is a policy on sending flowers. It was noted that there is not currently a policy.

Councillor Smith commented that Ms. Thompson assisted in getting the Family Care Clinic in Clairmont.

Councillor Eckstrom commented that we sent flowers to Ray Boyer's funeral and that Dr. Cled Lewis has been part of STARS, EMS, Doctor Recruitment, and Grand Spirit.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Smith attended the Medical Student Tour. He noted that the reception was at Centre 2000 and there were supposed to be six on the tour but only five were able to attend. All of the students were very impressed with Sportsplex and the other areas that were visited. Councillor Smith thanked the County employees at the Sportsplex and Brian Brake at the Dinosaur Museum Site for the tours. They also visited Pioneer Homes and spoke to the pharmacist at the Beaverlodge Hospital for 45 minutes. He noted that Pioneer Homes supplied the gas, the bus and the bus driver. The medical students came from Camrose, Beaumont, Edmonton, Rocky Mountain House, and India.

Councillor Smith commented on the railroad crossing in Councillor Sutherland's area and noted that the trees are only cut on the one side.

Reeve Beaupre commented on the construction patching done in the City at the railroad track located near the PWSB Building.

**Resolution #CM20130909.1028**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that Thank You letters be sent to URS Flint for sponsoring the Grand Opening events and to Lanny McDonald for attending the Grand Opening.

**CARRIED**

Reeve Beaupre attended the Alberta CARE Recycling Conference in Slave Lake and commented on the damaged areas. There was a presentation from Alberta Environment in regards to waste energy and it was noted that it is a two year process to have all the regulations done. Councillor Eckstrom commented on the presentation in regards to legislation that is being done during elections. They are looking to address agricultural plastics and are asking for input. Reeve Beaupre commented that agricultural plastics should be addressed at an Agricultural Services Board meeting.

Reeve Beaupre commented on the two signs near Evergreen Park and that no one knows where they came from. Mr. Pfau noted that he was under the impression Evergreen Park had designed them.

Reeve Beaupre met with the President of the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce and they discussed the need for the Chamber to understand the Annexation process. She noted that the County should invite them to meet for a lunch or supper to explain where we are with the Annexation. Reeve Beaupre noted that the Executive Director will not be back for about a month then a meeting can be scheduled.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she received an e-mail in regards to a supper meeting with RCMP K Division. Alren Miller, Director of

Community Services, noted that the meeting will be on September 24, 2013 at 7p.m. and the location is still to be decided. He further noted that if Council has potential agenda items or concerns to be raised he will supply them to K Division before the meeting. Reeve Beaupre asked that this event be brought back on next weeks Council agenda.

Mr. Pfau commented that Public Works has been hard at work with the warmer weather. They are currently working on the paving in Teepee Creek and Emerson Trail then they will begin work in La Glace. He noted that there is a hold up on the Range Road #54 grading contract. Councillor Nelson inquired when the work on Range Road #54 will begin. Mr. Pfau responded that there is a contract signed and if it is not done this year the company will be in a penalty situation.

Reeve Beaupre commented on the second lift near the Wapiti Nordic Ski Centre.

Councillor Sutherland commented on last years contract for Richmond Hill Estates. Mr. Pfau noted that the second lift has occurred there and Richmond Hill Estates was is in same contract as the Carriage Lane/Range Road #54 paving.

Mr. Simpson provided Council with an update on Economic Development Officer Walter Paszkowski. He is now home from Edmonton.

Mr. Simpson noted that the Annexations Open House will be held tomorrow night and will focus on 3 things: process; the City's position; and the County's position on long-term transition on taxes, etc. One session will begin at 4-6 p.m. and the other will be at 7-9 p.m. at the TEC Centre. Councillor Eckstrom inquired if Mr. Simpson recommends that Council attend both sessions. Mr. Simpson responded that Councillors can attend one session or both sessions.

Mr. Miller attended a dinner meeting that was follow-up from AAMDC. He will bring back the information at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Miller commented on the Sportsplex Grand Opening and that Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, did an excellent job and she is very proud of the turnout. There were numerous positive responses received about the event. He further noted that the Rotary Club will be having meetings at the Sportsplex. Reeve Beaupre inquired about the contractor for the concession and smoothie bar and noted that the multi-purpose room will not be serving food until supper time so the concessions will have more business. The Sportsplex is a family oriented place but the lounge is also open now so there is an area where adults can spend time as well. Councillor Nelson inquired if someone rents the multi-purpose room if they can bring in their own food. Mr. Simpson responded that the Sportsplex will

be flexible but they would have to discuss it with Ramona Rollins, General Manager.

Councillor Dueck inquired if there are any laws against large farming equipment bringing mud out onto the highways. Mr. Pfau responded that we have a bylaw and under the Highway Traffic Act motorists can be ticketed. Public Works and Alberta Transportation encourage people to drive on the access roads instead of the highways to avoid the mud and debris. Councillor Dueck commented that she is referring to Highway #723 and inquired if the clean-up would be the responsibility of Alberta Transportation. Mr. Pfau responded that he will call Alberta Transportation to see.

Reeve Beaupre noted that she received an e-mail from a ratepayer in regards to garbage and yard waste removal and roadside recycling pickup. There is currently no bylaw stating how lawn yard waste and garbage can be left outside and there are situations where they are becoming unsightly premises. She inquired if Council wants to pass a bylaw. Mr. Pfau noted that this issue has been brought up a couple times and that some places cannot put it out until the morning of garbage and recycling pickup (for example the City of Grande Prairie).

**Resolution #CM20130909.1029**

**MOVED BY M. ECKSTROM** that Administration bring back a draft policy and bylaw outlining the community standards of the time frame for roadside garbage and recycling collection for the rural estates within the County, if waste removal is offered by the County.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #CM20130909.1030**

**MOVED by S. NELSON** that the meeting adjourn at 3:51 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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

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

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR