



MINUTES

County Council
Regular Meeting

County of Grande Prairie No. 1

April 28, 2014 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, April 28, 2014

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

- Corey Beck
- Daryl Beeston
- Harold Bulford
- Richard Harpe
- Peter Harris
- Bob Marshall
- Brock Smith

4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Herb Pfau
- Noreen Vavrek

6. Acting Manager

- Nick Lapp

7. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

8. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Oravec

9. Media

- Big Country - Ashley Lewis
- Daily Herald Tribune - Jocelyn Turner
- Free FM - Jeff Hensen (arrived at 11:32 a.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

**MEDAL
PRESENTATION
TO FIRE CHIEF
EVERETT COOKE**

(PRESENTATIONS AND
INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20140422009)

Chief Cooke has completed 12 years of emergency service in the Province of Alberta. The "Alberta Emergency Services Medal" has been received from the Province, for presentation to Chief Cooke by the Reeve. Reeve Beaupre gave a brief speech before presenting the medal to Chief Cooke.

A photo was taken with Chief Cooke and Reeve Beaupre.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Resolution #CM20140428.1001

MOVED by R. SUTHERLAND that the agenda for the April 28, 2014 Council Meeting (2014/04/28) be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**MINUTES
APPROVAL**

Resolution #CM20140428.1002

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the minutes for March 24, 2014 Council Meeting (2014/03/24) be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140428.1003

MOVED by H. BULFORD that the minutes for April 7, 2014 Council Meeting (2014/04/07) be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**10:10 A.M. -
AQUATERA - NEW
BUILDING
CANADA FUND -
AQUATERA
PROJECTS**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20140403001)

A letter was received from Aquatera requesting a Council resolution to "support Aquatera application to the New Building Canada Fund for the Aquatera infrastructure projects identified in priority order". Bernd Manz, CEO of Aquatera, began his presentation at 10:11 a.m.

Mr. Manz outlined that the New Build Canada Fund has two key components: \$1 billion in the Provincial Territorial Infrastructure Component designated for communities with populations under 100,000; and \$1 million for municipal projects. There are two main projects: work

at the Wapiti River that would create a new intake and increase raw water storage (\$19.4 million); and the completion of the 116th Street Trunk Sewer and Clairmont lagoon discharge (\$28.4 million).

Mr. Manz commented on the other potential projects and asked for the County's support for Aquatera's application. There was considerable discussion in regards to the current capacity of the sewer lines, the amount of funding that Municipalities are required to contribute towards the project, the utility rates, and on the discretionary dividends.

Resolution #CM20140428.1004

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the County support Aquatera's application to the New Building Canada Fund for the Aquatera infrastructure projects identified in priority order.

CARRIED

**10:30 A.M. -
EVERGREEN
PARK UPDATE**
(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20140319001)

Dan Gorman, General Manager, Bridget Hennigar, Vice President, and Rob Clayton, President of Evergreen Park, distributed their update to Council. Mr. Clayton thanked Council for allowing them to attend the meeting today and for the County's continued support of Evergreen Park.

Ms. Hennigar noted the financial highlights from 2013:

- excess of revenue over expenses from Operations is \$721,255 and this will pay down the HRA;
- debentures will not be paid for another two years and this will increase their working capital;
- the working capital amounts are much better in 2013 because of the callable and long-term debt.

Councillor Harpe inquired why there was an increase in expenses, salaries, wages, and benefits in the amount of \$400,000 for 2013. Ms. Hennigar responded that many of the staff were contracted before and now they are Evergreen Park staff. Mr. Gorman commented that the sub-contract amount decreased because the other line increased. They have added several new positions. He further commented that grant and sponsorship funding is used for any costs for repairs and maintenance. They do not undertake renovations without the grant funding already secured.

Year to date March 2014:

- the slot play is up (drives profits);
- increases to racing and gaming because they no longer make the \$30,000/month payments to Royal Bank.
- Councillor Harpe inquired about their projected revenue for 2014. Ms. Hennigar and Mr. Gorman responded that it will be around \$5.6

million but they cannot provide an accurate figure until the large events in the summer have taken place.

- Councillor Bulford inquired why the Campground program has \$0 in expenses noted. Mr. Gorman responded that the \$5000 in revenue is the amount received from McGoverns for the campground naming rights (inputted each year for any related expenses) and no expenses to date as it has yet to open in 2014.

AP/AR totals:

- this year they have started to even out and address the long term debt.
- Evergreen Park made their last catch-up payment to the County last week. The payment was planned for Dec 2014 so they are ahead of schedule.
- Re-instated 90% of vendor accounts, credit rating is much better as well.
- Councillor Harpe inquired about the reduction in utilities after changing providers. Mr. Gorman responded that their utilities are now 50% less than with the previous provider.

Mr. Gorman noted that park usage has increased by 50% in the last two years. He also commented on the major events, donations and sponsorships, capital projects, and new renovations to the park.

**11:00 A.M. -
NATIONAL DAY OF
MOURNING -
MOMENT OF
SILENCE**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20140401002)

On April 28th, the National Day of Mourning, we honour workers who have been killed, injured or disabled at work. In 2013 in Alberta 188 workers died as a result of workplace injury or illness. Observing this day is also intended to strengthen our resolve to create safe workplaces to minimize and reduce the risk of hazards to prevent injury and death. As per County policy, the flag flies at half-mast today.

All present in Council Chambers observed a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. in honour of the National Day of Mourning.

**10:30 A.M. -
EVERGREEN
PARK UPDATE**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20140319001)

2014 Evergreen Plans:

- Mr. Gorman has spoken to John Simpson about becoming a member on the Long Term Planning Committee.
- Evergreen Park are aware that roadwork needs to be done so they are putting funding aside and it will be done in 2015.
- They are investigating water options for the park.
- They have had discussions with the City of Grande Prairie in regards to the transit issues. It was noted that they have secured transit for the Grande Prairie Stompede for this year.

Reeve Beaupre commented that Evergreen Park has been working with County Public Works and Enforcement in regards to the plan for the safety of the citizens who live around the Park. She inquired if there have been any discussions with the RCMP for larger events. Mr. Gorman

responded that they have been working with Cpl. Myles Peckham in regards to the issues surrounding the large events. Reeve Beaupre also commented that the groups hosting the large events, as well as the regular users of the facilities, should be contributing towards dust control costs. Mr. Gorman responded that he has spoke to the groups but they have not worked out the dust control payments yet.

There was discussion in regards to the transit issues.

Councillor Smith and Reeve Beaupre thanked the representatives from Evergreen Park for attending the meeting and providing an update to Council.

The presentation concluded at 11:13 a.m.

Resolution #CM20140428.1005

MOVED BY R. HARPE that the meeting be recessed at 11:13 a.m. for a short break.

CARRIED

The meeting was reconvened at 11:22 a.m.

**BYLAW
2680-14-026 - PT.
SE-29-73-06-W6M
AG TO CR-5
(THIRD READING)
(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20140407003)**

Nick Lapp, Senior Planner, noted that Bylaw 2680-14-026 received First and Second Reading on April 7, 2014. Administration is seeking Third Reading.

Councillor Beck commented that the land to the west is already populated with acreages.

Resolution #CM20140428.1006

MOVED BY C. BECK that Bylaw 2680-14-026 to re-designate PT. SE-29-73-06-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

There was considerable discussion in regards to the need to protect better agricultural land, the cost of septic systems, and the size of CR-5 subdivisions.

CARRIED

**ROAD CLOSURE
BYLAW 2995 -
ROAD PLAN 002
0755; PT
NE-23-72-6-W6M
(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20140416001)**

Mr. Lapp commented that Bylaw 2995 for the closure of portions of Service Road Plan 002 0755 located within NE-23-72-6-W6M went to Council on December 16, 2013. At this meeting, a public hearing was held and the application received First Reading.

The purpose of the application was to enable the subdivision and development of land in NE-23-72-6-W6M and because the road is no longer needed as it has been replaced with 102nd Street. The rationale

in closing the portions of the service road lies in the issues with the intersection configuration with the service road and the increasing volumes of traffic expected. Leaving the service road open would create many turning movement problems for traffic in all directions. The closure is consistent with the intent of the Area Structure Plan. 102nd Street was identified to be the main north south roadway system and was completed last year and is now in use by the general public. Since receiving First Reading, the application was sent to Alberta Transportation and has received Ministerial approval.

Resolution #CM20140428.1007

MOVED BY B. SMITH that Bylaw 2995 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140428.1008

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2995 to close a portion of road and enable the subdivision and development of land in the NE 23-72-6-W6M to be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**ROAD CLOSURE
BYLAW 2991 -
ROAD PLAN 032
3780; PT
NW-12-72-6-W6M**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20140416019)

Mr. Lapp noted that the closure of a portion of Service Road Plan 032 3780 located within NW-12-72-6-W6M was presented to Council on September 9, 2013. At this meeting, a Public Hearing was held and the Bylaw received First Reading.

The rationale for this road closure is to encourage more development on the site as there are currently some businesses looking to have their businesses at the site. They have also been looking for rail access as well to accommodate the rail and truck interfaces wanted for the 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. Since receiving First Reading, the Bylaw was sent to Alberta Transportation and has received Ministerial approval.

Resolution #CM20140428.1009

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 2991 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140428.1010

MOVED BY H. BULFORD 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 be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**11:45 A.M. -
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION -
VITAL SIGNS
REPORT**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20140320001)

Tracey Vavrek, CEO of Community Foundation of Northwest Alberta, and Board Members, Kim Gravengard (Vice Chair) and Bernd Manz, will present the Vital Signs report to Council and provide an update. Mrs. Vavrek provided background on the Vital Signs reports and the other Community Foundations in Canada. She noted the importance of the report because it provides a look at what our community will look like for upcoming years because the research was drawn from local organizations.

Many people utilize the Vital Signs report to stay informed on the key issues affecting our region. Groups also use the data generated in the report for their upcoming Strategic Plans. The report provides data on 11 key areas in the community. Community Foundation's goal is to conduct the Vital Signs report every two years to track the changes and assess the trends that are occurring.

She commented that 40% of the County's population is under 30 years old and in the City of Grande Prairie 50% are under 30 years old. The report is based on youth aged 15-24. There has been an increase of people moving into the Grande Prairie region over the last 5 years, the national rate is 6.6% and Alberta is 11%. Arts & Culture: we are above the provincial and national rates but need to focus on providing recreational for all income levels (over half of families in the region make over \$100,000/year and low income families make around \$36,800). In our region, the high school non-completion rates are higher than the overall provincial and national rates. She also noted that when the economy improves the college enrollment statistics are higher. There were some concerns noted with safety, transportation, and food security.

Mrs. Vavrek concluded the presentation and noted that Community Foundation is very appreciative for Council's time and that they hope to gain ongoing sponsorship for the reports being done every two years. They are also asking for members for the Committee that meets once a month to develop questions for the next survey.

Reeve Beaupre commented that the previous Council had chose not to put a member on the committee, but she believes that it is important to have the County's voice heard on the committee. She inquired if there was a financial ask from Community Foundation for the report. Mrs. Vavrek responded that the budget for the report is \$50,000, they are currently working with the City and will bring back a request to County Council once the financials are completed. Reeve Beaupre thanked Mrs. Vavrek for the Vital Signs presentation and ensured that the request would be put on a future agenda for discussion. The presentation concluded at 12:05 p.m.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that Council had sat on their board from its inception for 4-5 years then we stepped back when they became a volunteer board. He also noted that the County may have supported the

Vital Signs report in past years.

Resolution #CM20140428.1011

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that the meeting be recessed at 12:07 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED

**1:30 P.M. - 2013
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
PRESENTATION &
APPROVAL**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20140326005)

The meeting was reconvened at 1:34 p.m.

Noreen Vavrek, Director of Finance, and Lowell Lovrod, Auditor at Fletcher Mudryk, presented the draft 2013 Audited Financial Statements.

The increase to unrestricted surplus for 2013 was \$48,422. Annually, County Financial Services staff complete our year end processes and prepare the annual Financial statements for audit. The 2013 audit review was undertaken by Fletcher Mudryk & Co, and Mr. Lowell Lovrod of Fletcher Mudryk was present to provide the auditor's comments on the audit. The audited financial statements for the immediately preceding year must be made available to the public and submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs by May 1st each year. Once the draft statements are approved, a final copy will be posted to the County's external web site and distributed to Council and Directors.

Mr. Lovrod commented that the work that the County Finance staff are doing is reliable, accurate, and in accordance with accounting standards. Mr. Lovrod reviewed the work done by Finance and returned a clean audit report with no material or negligent errors. CAO, Bill Rogan commented that Fletcher Mudryk are great to work with and thanked Mr. Lovrod for the great working relationship that has been developed with the County.

Resolution #CM20140428.1012

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that the 2013 Audited Financial Statements be approved by Council as presented.

CARRIED

**2014 PROPERTY
TAX BYLAW 3004**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20140422008)

Mrs. Vavrek presented the 2014 Property Tax Bylaw for Council's approval based on the final approved budget from April 23, 2014. All readings of the Property Tax Bylaw are required prior to generating, balancing, printing & preparation of tax notices for mailing in May. Administration is recommending that Bylaw 3004 receive all three readings today.

Resolution #CM20140428.1013

MOVED BY R. HARPE that Bylaw 3004 to authorize the rate of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 for the 2014 taxation year to be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140428.1014

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 3004 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140428.1015

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 3004 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140428.1016

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 3004 to authorize the rate of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 for the 2014 taxation year be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**DRAFT
STANDARDIZED
VISUAL IDENTITY
GUIDE**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20140422001)

Lesley Nielsen-Bjerke, Communications Coordinator, noted that the December 2, 2013 Council meeting, Council made a motion for Communications to develop a Visual Identity Guide to ensure the consistent usage of the County logo and easy application for internal and external clients. She noted that they are having issues with the lighter blue colour selected and showed an example of a Visitor's Parking sign. The darker blue would be a better contrast so it is visible on the signage.

There was considerable discussion in regards to the colours that were selected at the December 2, 2013 Council meeting and the difference between the option selected and the current County logo and colours.

Reeve Beaupre requested that Communications bring back colour option 2796 in a larger format so the colours can be true for the medium we will be using it for signage and other County items.

Resolution #CM20140428.1017

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Administration bring back options for colour confirmation on a future Council agenda as the current colour selected appears too light and bring back physical examples for Council to view.

CARRIED

**REQUEST TO
MOVE UNPAID
TAXES TO
COLLECTION GL**

A taxable lease with Alberta Transportation on a mobile home located within the new bypass area and taxes on the lease remain unpaid for 2013 and has been sent to collections. Transportation entered into an agreement with home owner to stay on the property on a month to month

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20140417002)

bases. The home owner has left with their mobile home and left the unpaid tax bill.

Resolution #CM20140428.1018

MOVED BY P. HARRIS to move the unpaid taxes to collections GL so the account is not further penalized.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR
SPONSORSHIP -
GRANDE PRAIRIE
GARDEN CLUB**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20140404001)

Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, noted that the Grande Prairie Garden Club is seeking sponsorship for the Annual Alberta Horticultural Association Conference. Event Info: June 20, 21, 2014 at the Montrose Cultural Centre - Teresa Sargent Hall. Event includes a bus tour to Beaverlodge Research Station, a tour of the City of Grande Prairie, Workshops, and an AGM.

Sponsorship Opportunities: Any form of sponsorship would be appreciated. Funds will go towards conference expenses. Although the County has not sponsored this particular event in the past, the County has sponsored other GP Garden Club programs.

Community Assistance: As of April 22, 2014 there is \$16,922 remaining in the Community Assistance Fund.

Resolution #CM20140428.1019

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to sponsor the Grande Prairie Garden Club in the amount of \$1500.00 for their annual conference to come from the Community Assistance Fund.

Councillor's Smith and Harpe commented that they are against the motion. Reeve Beaupre spoke in favour of the motion.

CARRIED

**GRANT FUNDING
GLEN LESLIE
CHURCH**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20140411001)

Ms. Schur noted that the Alberta Historic Resources Foundation requires a resolution from County Council to confirm that the municipality approves of the work identified within the application for funding the lead and mold abatement project at the Glen Leslie Church.

The County submitted an application requesting \$45,256.05 of the \$90,512.11 project or 50% of project costs for the mold and lead paint abatement project. The Glen Leslie Church is classified as a Municipal and Provincial Historic Resource, and we ultimately are seeking Provincial Historic Site status. As such, the AHRF requires a Council resolution to confirm that the work is approved. The scope of work has been developed in consultation with a representative of Alberta Culture to

ensure that the scope of work does not jeopardize our ability to apply for Provincial Historic Site status. Ms. Schur commented on the work that has already been done to the church to date.

Resolution #CM20140428.1020

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that the County of Grande Prairie supports the abatement of lead paint and mold in the Glen Leslie Church with controls in place to protect the historic features of the facility, and supports the request for funding from the Alberta Historic Resources Foundation to assist with the project.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR
SPONSORSHIP -
SUNRISE
HOUSE/ODYSSEY
HOUSE**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20140414004)

Ms. Schur noted that the County of Grande Prairie has received a request for sponsorship for the Sunrise House and Odyssey House Golf Tournament. Event info: June 13 at the Grande Prairie Golf & Country Club. Sponsorship Opportunities range from \$5,000 to \$2,000. The County of Grande Prairie has supported this event in the amount of \$3,000 for the past three years.

Community Assistance: there is approximately \$15,500 available in the Community Assistance fund as of April 28, 2014.

Resolution #CM20140428.1021

MOVED BY D. BEESTON to approve sponsorship to the Sunrise House/Odyssey House Golf Tournament for \$3000 as was done in previous years.

CARRIED

**ALBERTA 55+
WINTER GAMES**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20140417003)

Ms. Schur noted that the County received an invitation from the Minister of Tourism Parks and Recreation to submit a bid to host the 2017 Alberta 55+ Winter Games in February of 2017.

The Grande Prairie Sport Council was recently made aware that these invitations have been sent out to municipalities, so the Sports Bid Committee (a sub committee of the Sport Council) is meeting to discuss and subsequently make a recommendation to the City of Grande Prairie and the County of Grande Prairie on whether to apply. Information such as the volunteer base, facility upgrades, and accommodations will be balanced against the potential revenue and other benefits associated with hosting these events. This recommendation will be presented to Council on May 12, in order for Council to have the opportunity to submit a letter of intent by May 15 if so desired.

There was considerable discussion in regard to the Sports Council, possible grants, the Legacy Fund, and the Pursuit of Excellence Committee.

**LETTER FROM
MINISTER KEN
HUGHES - RE: RCP
WEST CORRIDOR
POTABLE WATER
TRANSMISSION
LINE STUDY**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20140328002)

A letter was received from Minister Ken Hughes noting that the Town of Wembley has been approved for a grant of \$100,000 in support of the West Corridor Potable Water Transmission Line Study. CAO, Bill Rogan commented that Wembley has invited us to participate in conversations about the technical aspects of the Water Line Study.

**LETTER FROM
MINISTER KEN
HUGHES - RE: RCP
FOR WAPITI
WATERSHED
CUMULATIVE
EFFECTS
MODELLING**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20140328006)

A letter was received from Minister Ken Hughes noting that the City of Grande Prairie has been approved for a grant of \$250,000 in support of the Wapiti Watershed Cumulative Effects Modelling project. Councillor Sutherland commented that he had requested that more interested parties be able to participate in this project (neighbouring municipalities, agricultural producers, and fish biologists). He also noted that the next meeting is at the end of this month and he will report back to Council with any new information.

**LETTER FROM
MINISTER KEN
HUGHES - RE: RCP
FOR REGIONAL
TECHNOLOGY
AND SERVICE
DELIVERY**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20140328003)

A letter was received from Minister Ken Hughes noting that the City of Lethbridge has been approved for a grant of \$170,220 in support of their Regional Technology and Service Delivery program which the County had supported and will now participate in.

**LETTER FROM
MINISTER HUGHES
- RE: MSI AND
BASIC MUNICIPAL
TRANSPORTATION
GRANT**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20140422003)

A letter has been received from Minister Ken Hughes in regards to the consolidation of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital and Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG) programs under the MSI Capital program. The County's MSI allocation is \$7,636,986. CAO, Bill Rogan, commented that the amounts noted were anticipated at budget, so there were no changes.

**LETTER FROM
MINISTER HUGHES
- RE: MINISTER'S
AWARDS FOR
MUNICIPAL
EXCELLENCE**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20140422005)

A letter has been received from Minister Hughes in regards to the submissions for the 13th annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence. Submission forms and additional details can be found on the Municipal Excellence Network website at www.menet.ab.ca.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she believes that there is an opportunity for us to make submission for this award because the County has been doing a lot of regional partnership projects and we have one of two Regional Emergency groups in Alberta. CAO, Bill Rogan commented that we will look into what the criteria is for the award submissions.

**LETTER FROM
MINISTER
DRYSDALE - RE:
TRANSPORTATION
STRATEGY FOR
ALBERTA
DISCUSSION**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20140422007)

A thank you letter has been received from Minister Drysdale in regards to the public discussion on the Transportation Strategy for Alberta (Strategy) that was held in Grande Prairie on February 12, 2014. He apologized for the lack of consideration to those who attended the public consultation as these individuals were not respectfully heard and their concerns were not considered.

**MONTH AT A
GLANCE - MARCH
2014 - REEVE
BEAUPRE AND
CAO ROGAN**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20140409009)

Month at a Glance for the month of March 2014 for CAO, Bill Rogan and Reeve Leanne Beaupre.

**PEACE OIL SANDS
CONFERENCE**

(WORKSHOPS,
CONFERENCES, SEMINARS)
(Issue #20140403002)

The Peace Oil Sands Conference 2014 will be held from May 12-14, 2014 in Peace River. Some of Council did attend this event in 2012. The main conference will feature presentations from industry representatives. They will also comment on major developments and innovation scheduled to take place in the region throughout 2014 and 2015. All sessions will provide participants the opportunity to ask questions and make the necessary contacts to secure work in the Peace Oil Sands.

There are conflicts with this conference being it is a Council Day on May 12th, MPC is on May 13th and May 14th is Agriculture Service Board Meeting.

Resolution #CM20140428.1022

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that no Councillors attend this years Peace Oil Sands Conference due to Council schedule conflicts.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140428.1023

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Administration send a letter to Northern Sunrise County thanking them for the invitation to the Peace Oil Sands Conference but note that Council is unable to attend due to schedule conflicts.

CARRIED

NETSPEED 2014

(WORKSHOPS,
CONFERENCES, SEMINARS)
(Issue #20140409008)

Netspeed is a leading library technology conference that connects librarians, library technicians and information technology staff from public, academic, government, and special libraries from Western Canada and beyond. Two members of Council attended in 2013. Netspeed 2014 is being held October 16-17, 2014 at the

Edmonton Marriot at the River Cree Resort, Edmonton. This conference does not have any Council calendar conflicts as of today's date.

Resolution #CM20140428.1024

MOVED BY B. SMITH that those Council that wish to attend may attend Netspeed 2014.

CARRIED

VITALIZE 2014

(WORKSHOPS,
CONFERENCES, SEMINARS)
(Issue #20140415001)

Council has attended the Vitalize conference in the past. This year's conference will be held at the Telus Convention Centre, Calgary from June 5-7, 2014. This conference does conflict with one event: on June 5th, the City's 100th Anniversary – the County and Grande Spirit Foundation are jointly sponsoring a Senior's event (this is also Seniors Week) at the Entrec Centre 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Reeve Beaupre commented that we have identified volunteers through FCSS that have attended the event. Councillor Harpe noted that in the past the County has sponsored three volunteers for the event. He also noted that this event is very good for people who are involved in the community.

Resolution #CM20140428.1025

MOVED BY R. HARPE that any Councillor that wishes to attend may attend Vitalize 2014, and that the County sponsor the attendance of three volunteers from the community as identified by FCSS.

CARRIED

**PREMIER'S
DINNER**

(WORKSHOPS,
CONFERENCES, SEMINARS)
(Issue #20140414003)

Reeve Beaupre has been invited as Weyerhaeuser's guest to the Premier's dinner taking place on Thursday, May 1, 2014 in Edmonton, at the Shaw Conference Centre. A motion is required to attend.

Resolution #CM20140428.1026

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Reeve Beaupre be permitted to attend the Premier's dinner as a guest of Weyerhaeuser.

CARRIED

**SORRENTINO'S
COMPASSION
HOUSE -
LEADERS'
RECEPTION**

(WORKSHOPS,
CONFERENCES, SEMINARS)
(Issue #20140414001)

Sorrentino's Compassion House is hosting a Leaders' Reception for the recently completed expansion on Sunday May 25, 2014 at Sorrentino's Compassion House in Edmonton. An invitation was sent to Reeve Beaupre for her and a guest to attend. Reeve Beaupre will be away and cannot attend. If Council wishes a motion for an alternate and guest to attend may be made. The County of Grande Prairie has provided funding through a Major Capital Grant of \$20,000.00 for five years (2012 - 2016) to this project.

Resolution #CM20140428.1027

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Reeve Beaupre appoint an alternate member of Council to attend the Sorrentino's Compassion House event.

CARRIED

Reeve Beaupre appointed Councillor Marshall to attend the event.

Resolution #CM20140428.1028

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that the meeting be recessed at 2:46 p.m.

CARRIED

The meeting was reconvened at 2:56 p.m.

**COUNCILLOR,
COMMITTEE AND
DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Councillor Smith commented on the Doctor Recruitment and Retention website and that the Committee has applied for a grant and were approved for \$3000. The Committee is currently working on a Terms of Reference and they would like to have at least four different website companies come in and present to the Committee.

Councillor Smith commented on the fundraiser held for Ken Westwater, Hythe Volunteer Fire Chief, where \$35,000 was raised. He was unable to attend the event but noted that Mr. Westwater has done a lot for the County.

Councillor Smith attended the Library Conference and commented that Library Trustees funds have been reduced.

Councillor Smith commented that Dr. Armstrong will be coming to Beaverlodge on May 25th and he had told Mr. Armstrong that he should apply for the grant from the County for the \$10,000 according to policy.

Councillor Beeston attended the Bezanson Fireman's Ball.

Councillor Beeston attended the CPAA Conference in Red Deer. He commented that Fire Chief Cooke did a great job on the speech. Councillor Beeston noted that he was appointed to the CPAA Board as Reeve Beaupre has stepped down.

Resolution #CM20140428.1029

MOVED BY R. HARPE that Council cover associated per diem and expenses for Councillor Beeston when attending CPAA Board business.

CARRIED

Councillor Beeston commented on the Pursuit of Excellence Committee and their funding procedures. He noted that they will be sending a letter

to the County asking for contributions each year.

Councillor Beeston met with Mr. Pfau in regards to the Clairmont Spray Park. He commented that they will be seeking some assistance from Public Works in regards to preparing the site. The ask will come forward when the group makes a presentation to Council.

Councillor Beeston attended the Library Conference and noted that the sessions were very informative.

Councillor Beeston noted some ratepayer concerns in regards to flooding, culverts, and signage in Clairmont showing where parks and playgrounds are located. He also commented on the lights in Clairmont.

Councillor Harpe posed a question about the Regional Landfill in regards to the rates. Mr. Pfau responded that the current cost is around \$80/ton.

Councillor Harpe commented on securing land for the Grande Spirit Foundation.

Councillor Harpe attended the 100th Anniversary Committee meeting.

Councillor Harpe attended the Library Conference.

Councillor Beck attended the Strategic Planning session in Hinton and commented it was a very good session.

Councillor Beck attended the Bezanson Fireman's Ball.

Councillor Beck attended the Municipal Affairs Dispute Training session.

Councillor Beck attended the CPAA Planning Conference and congratulated Councillor Beeston on being appointed to the Board.

Councillor Beck attended the meeting with MP Chris Warkentin.

Councillor Beck attended the FCSS Advisory Board Meeting.

Councillor Beck attended the Final Budget 2014 meeting.

Councillor Beck attended the Library Conference.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Strategic Planning session in Hinton and noted it was very interesting and productive.

Councillor Sutherland attended the SDAB Appeal Hearings for

Keith Janzen on April 8th and 25th.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Municipal Affairs Conflict Resolution Styles session.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Bezanson Fireman's Ball.

Councillor Sutherland attended the CPAA Planning Conference.

Councillor Sutherland attended the meeting with MP Chris Warkentin.

Councillor Sutherland attended the FCSS Advisory Board Meeting.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Final Budget 2014 meeting.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Leaders of Tomorrow banquet.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Swan Festival at Centre 2000.

Councillor Sutherland commented on the amount of signage and posts that have been knocked down in the winter and not replaced yet this spring. He inquired if County Public Works was responsible for the repairs. Mr. Pfau responded that Public Works can repair the downed signs and posts. Councillor Sutherland also commented on damaged culverts.

Councillor Sutherland commented on inquires from ratepayers in regards to grader operators and their training. Mr. Pfau responded that the County runs their own grader courses and it is standardized. There was also discussion in regards to washboard on gravel roads.

Councillor Bulford attended the Strategic Planning session.

Councillor Bulford attended the Bezanson Fireman's Ball and commented that they are really appreciative and thanked the Councillors that came out. The event raised \$52,000.

Councillor Bulford attended the CPAA Planning Conference.

Councillor Bulford attended the meeting with MP Chris Warkentin.

Councillor Bulford attended the FCSS Advisory Board meeting.

Councillor Bulford attended the Final Budget 2014 meeting.

Councillor Bulford attended an ICS 300 course and noted that the

teacher praised the County and area for the GPREP program.

Councillor Harris attended the Municipal Affairs Conflict Resolution Styles session.

Councillor Harris attended the meeting with MP Chris Warkentin.

Councillor Harris attended the Beaverlodge Health Facility Session.

Councillor Harris attended the Final Budget 2014 meeting.

Councillor Marshall attended the Strategic Planning session in Hinton.

Councillor Marshall attended the Municipal Affairs Conflict Resolution Styles session.

Councillor Marshall attended the FCSS Spring Conference in Peace River.

Councillor Marshall attended the Dinosaur Museum meeting.

Councillor Marshall attended the meeting with MP Chris Warkentin.

Councillor Marshall attended the Final Budget 2014 meeting.

Councillor Marshall attended the Leaders of Tomorrow banquet.

Councillor Marshall attended the Swan Festival with Councillor Sutherland.

Reeve Beaupre attended the CPAA Planning Conference.

Reeve Beaupre attended the meeting with MP Chris Warkentin. She noted that she is unimpressed that the stipulations for Gas Tax and Building Canada Funding keep changing.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Community Futures monthly meeting.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Home Builders Breakfast and noted that Chris King, EDO, was the head speaker and he commented on the Clairmont Heights ASP and other upcoming developments in the County.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Leaders of Tomorrow banquet that was hosted by the Volunteer Services Bureau.

Reeve Beaupre attended a meeting with Councillor Sutherland, Mayor Turnmire, and Mayor Given to discuss the Keys to the Region event for the Ackroyds. Regional Mayors and Reeves will be invited to the event at City Hall. The Dinosaur Initiative will contact Communications about the invitation.

Reeve Beaupre attended the SDAB Appeal Hearing for Keith Janzen that was recessed from April 8th till April 25, 2014. Unofficially, the SDAB upheld the MPC and put a condition to have the property cleaned up within 90 days of the decision letter.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Lymburn Community Hall Grand Opening and noted that it was well attended.

Reeve Beaupre noted that she has received comments from ratepayers inquiring when the trails will be cleaned as there is lots of brush, gravel, and sand. Mr. Miller responded that Parks and Recreation have a plan to address the clean-up on parks and trails. Mr. Pfau commented that the street sweeper is going out today or tomorrow to clean roads.

CAO, Bill Rogan attended the Strategic Planning session in Hinton.

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that Grant Thornton was up last week and started the interview process for the funding model for the Regional Landfill.

Mr. Pfau noted that Red Willow bridge will be going down to one lane soon and that they will start the main gravel haul next week.

Mr. Pfau noted that Public Works will be switching from steaming to grading now.

Mr. Pfau attended the Strategic Planning session in Hinton.

Mr. Pfau commented on the downed signs and that he will speak to Alberta Transportation about addressing that issue.

Councillor Bulford attended the Nitehawk Board Meeting.

Councillor Bulford commented on the structure fire that occurred near the City of Grande Prairie. He commented that the firefighters were unable to get into the dugouts to get water so they had to go back to fire hall to fill the trucks. Mr. Pfau commented that Mr Miller is budgeting for more water access and that Mr. Dorscheid has allowed them to put one new dugout on his property for use by the Regional Fire Services.

Resolution #CM20140428.1030

MOVED BY B. SMITH that Administration write a letter to the City of

Grande Prairie requesting information on their land consumption as was committed to in the Intermunicipal Development Plan.

CARRIED

Reeve Beaupre commented that she received a phone call in regards to water issues at Five Mile Hall.

Mr. Miller commented that County Enforcement worked with the CAO from Saddle Hills County in regards to addressing unsightly premises. A County Bylaw Officer will attend the open house and then see if they want to engage in a contract with County Enforcement for more assistance.

Mr. Miller commented on the CSB storage building approved at Final Budget 2014 and whether Council would like to form a Committee to discuss the options.

Resolution #CM20140428.1031

MOVED BY R. HARPE that a Building Committee be formed with Councillors Smith, Harris, Marshall, Harpe, and Beeston and County staff for the CSB and Parks and Recreation storage building.

CARRIED

**HUMAN
RESOURCES ITEM**

(IN CAMERA)
(Issue #20140328005)

Resolution #CM20140428.1032

MOVED by B. MARSHALL that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 3:59 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 Human Resources item.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140428.1033

MOVED by C. BECK that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140428.1034

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Option 1 be approved for the Personnel item discussed In Camera.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140428.1035

MOVED BY R. HARPE that Administration write a letter to the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce requesting their consideration to invite the

County of Grande Prairie to future meetings for municipal representation when MLA's, Ministers, and other political representative are in attendance.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20140428.1036

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the meeting adjourn at 4:23 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes approved the _____ day of _____ 2014.

Reference # _____

REEVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR