

Council Highlights



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April 7, 2014

2014 Final Budget – Council approved the motion to review the County of Grande Prairie final budget for 2014. The meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 10 a.m. in the EOC in the Community Services Building.

National Volunteer Week – Council declared April 6-12, 2014 as National Volunteer Week in the County of Grande Prairie. The following events are being held in the region to honour and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time and talents for the betterment of the community. Public and volunteers of the community are welcome to attend:

- Clairmont Community School Library, Dessert Evening, 7 p.m. on April 7.
- Beaverlodge Community Centre, Volunteer Appreciation and Civic Awards, 6:30 p.m. on April 9.
- Hythe Legion, Pancake Supper, 5-7 p.m. on April 9
- Sexsmith Civic Centre, Mayoral Just Desserts, 7:30 p.m. on April 9.
- Wembley Community Hall, Volunteer Appreciation and Community Award Banquet, 5:30 p.m. on April 8.
- Grande Prairie People's Church, Luncheon and Leaders of Tomorrow Awards, noon on April 24.

2014 Airphoto Project RFP – Council awarded the 2014 Airphoto Project RFP to AECOM in the amount not to exceed \$156,880.

2014 Local Road Improvements and Construction projects – Council awarded the tender for 2014 local road improvements to Wapiti Gravel Suppliers in the amount of \$4,367,891.52 plus GST for the following projects:

- Township Road 722 (Saskatoon Lake Hall Road)
- Township Road 710 (Halcourt Road)
- Willowdale Rehabilitation (Hamlet of Clairmont)
- Country View North Rehabilitation Phase 3 (Hamlet of Clairmont)

As well, Council awarded the tender to Wapiti Gravel Suppliers in the amount of \$8,273,924.09 plus GST for the following road projects:

- Overlay Aspen Ridge access
- Base and pave Range Road 62
- Base and pave Range Road 54
- Grade, base and pave Range Road 41
- Overlay Range Road 63
- Base and pave Township Road 704
- Base and pave Township Road 713A
- Grade, base and pave Township Road 732
- Base and pave Township Road 704A
- Repair Bear Creek Bridge

County Organizational Review – Administration brought forward recommendations to Council in regards to the County's organizational structure. Council approved the recommendation brought forward to merge the Assessment department, Finance & Systems department, and Legislative Services department, which will work in the newly created Corporate Services Division. The structure will have three other divisions: Planning & Development Services, Public Works, and Community Services. The revisions to the organization will ensure the County is positioned to meet current and future demands for service and the future vision and strategic objectives.

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Executive Women International – Jaclyn Crawley and Tiffany Clark of Executive Women International (EWI) made a presentation about the organization. EWI is a non-profit, premier business women’s organization with 60 chapters and 2,000 representatives in North America with a mission to bring together key professional individuals from diverse businesses with the purpose of empowering women, promoting their firms, enhancing professional development and leadership skills in women, advocating literacy and providing local scholarships for women. Council approved the contribution of \$2,000 to be a Literacy Sponsor for the 5th Annual Hot Heels Fashion Show that will be taking place on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the Crystal Centre.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing for bylaw 2680-14-023 to redesignate approximately 5.11 acres of land located adjacent to the City of Grande Prairie and adjacent to Hwy 670 and Rge Rd 55 from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR-5). Council gave the bylaw third and final reading.

Council held a public hearing for bylaw 2680-14-024 to redesignate approximately 10.8 acres of land located within the Hamlet of Clairmont and adjacent to Rge Rd 63 from Agricultural District (AG) to Highway Industrial District (RM-4) to allow for the subdivision of one industrial lot. Council gave the bylaw third and final reading.

Council held a public hearing for bylaw 2680-14-025 to redesignate approximately 9.88 acres of land located 6 ½ miles southwest of Rio Grande and adjacent to Twp Rd 704 and Rge Rd 131 from Agricultural District (AG) to Rural Industrial-Direct Control District (RM-DC) to allow for the subdivision of one industrial lot, Council gave the bylaw third and final reading.

Council held a public hearing for bylaw 2680-14-026 to redesignate 12.3 acres of land located approximately 4 miles north of the Town of Wembley and adjacent to Twp Rd 722 and Hwy 724 from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR-5) to allow for subdivision of one lot. Council gave the bylaw third and final reading.

Council held a public hearing for bylaw 3003 to amend an environmental reserve boundary to allow for drainage recourse. Council gave the bylaw third and final reading.

Council held a public hearing for bylaw 2680-14-030 to redesignate approximately 10.24 acres of land located east and adjacent of the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to and north of Hwy 43, and adjacent to and east of Rge Rd 53 from Country Residential District (CR-5) to Highway Industrial District (RM-4) to allow for industrial use. Council gave the bylaw third and final reading.

Council held a public hearing for bylaw 2680-14-006 to redesignate approximately 10 acres of land located ½ mile west of the Hamlet of Clairmont and adjacent to Twp Rd 722 and Rge Rd 64 from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR-5) for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third and final reading.

Council held a public hearing for bylaw 2680-14-021 to redesignate approximately 10 acres of land located ½ mile west of the Hamlet of Clairmont and adjacent to Twp Rd 722 and Rge Rd 64 from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR-5) for the subdivision of one lot. Council gave the bylaw third and final reading.

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Council held a public hearing for bylaw 2680-026 to redesignate approximately 10 acres of land located 5 ½ miles northwest of the Hamlet of Teepee Creek and adjacent to Twp Rd 744 and Rge Rd 41 from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR-5) for the subdivision of one lot. The bylaw did not receive third and final reading.

Council held a public hearing for bylaw 2680-027 to redesignate approximately 9.98 acres of land located 2 miles west of the Town of Sexsmith and adjacent to Twp Rd 734 and Rge Rd 64 from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR-5) for country residential use. Council gave the bylaw third and final reading.

Council held a public hearing bylaw 2680-029 to redesignate approximately 6.10 acres of land located 1 mile east of the City of Grande Prairie and adjacent to Rge Rd 53 from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR-2) for country residential use. Council gave the bylaw third and final reading.

Final Budget Meeting will be taking place April 23, 2014. Next regular Council Meeting is April 28, 2014. These meetings will be held in the EOC in the Community Services Building until further notice.

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