

# Council Highlights



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**August 11, 2014**

**Public Libraries Provincial Funding Resolution** – Council drafted a resolution for submission to the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) Zone meeting supporting the use of current federal census figures when determining the funding formulas for population-based grants and funding for public libraries.

**FCSS Funding Resolution** – Council will submit a resolution to the AAMDC annual general meeting to increase funding to FCSS programs. There has not been an increase to provincial FCSS funding since April 2009. With the projected lack of increase for another 2 years, FCSS will be flat-lined for 8 years.

**Peace Library System Support** – Council will write a letter of support for the Peace Library System to increase municipal fees by 5% per year between 2016 and 2018.

**Hamlet Waste and Recycle Collection Survey** – The County sent a letter and survey to homeowners in Bezanson, La Glace, Teepee Creek and Valhalla to determine whether they are interested in receiving curbside waste and recycling services. Based on the survey results, Council directed Administration not to proceed with implementing the service.

**Summer Fire Patrol Officer** – Nadine MacLeod was introduced to Council in her new role as the Seasonal Fire Patrol Officer. Nadine is conducting fire hazard assessments in the Dunes area as well as campgrounds, parks, green spaces, trails and waterways to support the County's FireSmart program and Wildfire Mitigation strategy.

**Bezanson Seniors Funding** – Council approved up to \$2000 in emergency funding for the Golden Years Club. The funds will be used to complete a paving project.

**2015 Special Olympics Alberta Winter Games** – Council voted to contribute \$15,000 to the games. The event will be held February 20-22, 2015 at various locations in the County and City of Grande Prairie.

**Heart & Stroke Foundation Contribution** – County employees raised \$2589.50 at the annual Big Bike ride earlier this summer. Council passed a motion to match the funds raised for a total donation of \$5179.

**Sponsorships** – Council approved \$1000 for the Community Foundation Gala being held on Saturday, September 27, at the ENTREC Centre.

**Tire Supply** – Council approved entering into a two-year contract with Kal-Tire to supply tires and services.

**Development Permit** – Council approved a development permit for Veresen Energy Infrastructure Inc. to build an office northwest of the Hamlet of Lymburn. The permit is subject to several conditions.

**Bylaw** – Council gave third and final reading for Bylaw 2680-14-049 to redesignate approximately 11.86 acres of land located 6 miles south east of the Hamlet of Dimsdale, adjacent to Twp Rd. 704 and Rge Rd. 70 from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR-1) for the subdivision of four residential lots.

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