



MINUTES

County Council
Regular Meeting

County of Grande Prairie No. 1

December 1, 2014 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, December 01, 2014

Start time : 10:00 AM

Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Administration 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
- Brock Smith
- Bob Marshall

5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Dale Van Volkingburgh
- Dawn Sauv 
- Nick Lapp

7. Recording Secretary

- Tatiana Catana

Absent:

6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

**CALL TO ORDER
AND QUORUM**

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

**Introduction of
Toni Glowaski -
Temporary
Records Clerk**

(RECOGNITIONS AND
INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20141113007)

Dawn Sauvé, Director of Corporate Services, introduced Toni Glowaski who is working with the Legislative Services team as a Temporary Records Clerk entering various files into the current Electronic Document Records Management System (TRIM). She started working with the County on November 3, 2014 and is expected to be with us until December 19, 2014. Council welcomed Ms. Glowaski to the County.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Resolution #CM20141201.1001

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the agenda for the December 1, 2014 Council Meeting (2014/12/01) be approved as presented.

Carried

**Beaverlodge
Airport
Commission
Committee**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20141116001)

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that after the Organizational Meeting on November 3, 2014, Administration sent out letters to the various organizations that Council members sit on to update them of the appointments and members. Administration received a response from the Town of Beaverlodge letting the County be aware that there is no longer a Beaverlodge Airport Commission for Councillor Harris to be appointed to.

Administration respectfully requests that a motion be made to dissolve the Beaverlodge Airport Commission from County Councils Boards and Committees appointments.

Resolution #CM20141201.1002

MOVED BY P. HARRIS to dissolve the Beaverlodge Airport Commission from County Council's Boards and Committee's appointments.

Carried

ATTENDANCE

Councillor Marshall entered the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

**Amended Policy
F1 - Council
Honoraria and
Travel Expenses**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20141125007)

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that the Policy F1 - Council Honoraria and Travel Expenses has been amended with 2015 rates (3% COLA increase) as per Council's discussion and subsequent offer to staff via the SNLC committee. The changes have been tracked for Council's review.

Each year Policy F1 - Council Honoraria and Travel Expenses is updated with next year's rates based on any cost of living adjustment granted to staff salary and wages.

Resolution #CM20141201.1003

MOVED BY R. HARPE to accept Policy F1 - Council Honoraria and Travel Expenses as presented.

Carried

**Amended Policy
F5 - Board
Compensation
Policy**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20141125008)

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that Policy F5 - Board Compensation has been amended with 2015 rates (3% COLA increase) as per Council's discussion and subsequent offer to staff via the SNLC committee. The changes have been tracked for Council's review.

Each year Policy F5 - Board Compensation Policy is updated with next year's rates based on any cost of living adjustment granted to staff salary and wages.

Resolution #CM20141201.1004

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to accept Policy F5 - Board Compensation as presented.

Carried

**Replacement of
Sexsmith Fire
Hall**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20141125004)

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that the Town of Sexsmith has identified that their Fire Hall needs replacement due to deterioration of the existing structure. Deputy Chief Dan Verdun with the County's Fire Services is the administrative Fire Chief for Sexsmith, and he recommended the replacement of the building. The Town has sent a letter requesting Council's participation in a review and discussion of the factors involved in replacement consideration.

A current agreement exists between the Town of Sexsmith and the County of Grande Prairie.

Resolution #CM20141201.1005

MOVED BY H. BULFORD to establish a committee of County representatives to meet with the Town representatives to discuss the issue of replacement of the Fire Hall. Committee membership would be Area Councillor - Councillor Beck, Reeve Beaupre and Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services with CAO, Bill Rogan as alternate.

Carried

**Agricultural
Service Board
Provincial
Conference -
January 19-23,
2015**

(WORKSHOPS,
CONFERENCES,
SEMINARS)
(Issue #20141113008)

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that the 2015 Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference will be held January 19-23, 2015 at the Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton. To date this conference does not conflict with any other conferences.

In the past, members of Council have attended the Agricultural Service Board Provincial Conference.

Resolution #CM20141201.1006

MOVED by C. BECK that Council that wish to attend may attend and to be added to Council calendars with the agenda for the Conference.

Carried

**Growing the
North Conference
- February 17-19,
2015**

(WORKSHOPS,
CONFERENCES,
SEMINARS)

(Issue #20141117002)

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that Growing the North Conference will be held February 18 & 19, 2015 at the Entrec Centre, Evergreen Park. "A Taste of the Peace" will be held Tuesday, February 17, 2015 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre. Details are being finalized and a draft agenda is attached for Council review. Once more information is available it will be forwarded to Council.

There are no Council calendar conflicts as of today's date.

In the past, members of Council have attended the Growing the North Conference.

**COUNCIL
REPORTS**

Councillor Smith inquired about the 2015 Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan (RPAP) Community Conference. Administration to provide more information on the next Council Meeting.

Councillor Harpe had nothing to report. He commented on the snow removal process.

Councillor Beck attended the Weyerhaeuser Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting. Councillor Beck commented on Enforcement working on patrolling the gravel roads and issuing a lot of tickets.

Councillor Sutherland attended:

- the Governance Workshop for the West Corridor Potable Water Transmission Line in Wembley;
- the Meeting with Regional County Enforcement.

**10:30 a.m.
Enforcement 3rd
Quarter Report**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20141023008)

Supt. Stuart Rempel, Manager of Regional Enforcement Services, expressed his regrets for cancelling the introduction of the new RCMP member.

Mr. Rempel and Peace Officer, Sergeant Stuart Fry, presented Council with Enforcement 2014 Third Quarter Report including:

- County Regional Enforcement Services Department Report;
- County RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit Report;
- Regional Animal Pound/Grande Prairie and District SPCA Report;
- Park Patrol Project Study.

Mr. Rempel noted that the Enforcement Department currently is working on:

- updating several bylaws;
- budget for the upcoming year;
- renewal of several service contracts coming due as well as the discussion of one new one;
- updating business plans and new initiatives to follow strategic priorities and correspond to budget.

Mr. Rempel noted that the Statistics Reports are attached for Council information.

Council thanked Regional Enforcement Services for the Quarterly Report and for the great level of service provided.

**10:50 a.m.
Evergreen Park
Update**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20141028006)

Rob Clayton, President of the Board of Directors, Bridget Hennigar, Vice President and Dan Gorman, General Manager, presented Council with the yearly update on Evergreen Park, including:

- financial status of the facility;
- list of annual events with long term agreements;
- designation of Evergreen Park as an Emergency Evacuation Centre;
- consolidation of the evacuation plan and grant applications to help purchase generators;
- creating more parking space and additional exit in case of an emergency.

Councillor Harpe inquired if the 2015 budget is available.

Ms. Hennigar responded that the 2015 budget is in working progress for the next 2 months and it will be available by the end of the year or early next year.

Reeve Beaupre mentioned that the County of Grande Prairie can provide Evergreen Park with a letter of support for grant applications.

There was general discussion on:

- capacity of the facility;
- user groups;
- future land acquisition;
- emergency exit.

Council thanked Evergreen Park's management team for the presentation.

Resolution #CM20141201.1007

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that the meeting be recessed at 11:35 a.m. for a short break and to reconvene at 11:45 a.m.

Carried

The meeting was reconvened at 11:43 a.m.

**11:20 a.m.
SPARKED -
Thank You
Presentation**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20141028007)

Tanis Harms, South Peace Area Rural Kids Early Development (SPARKED) Administrator, Dale Bond, Vice Chair of the Board and Wendy Lavasseur, West County Children's Committee (WCCC) representative did a "Thank You" presentation of a framed Northwest Children's Charter to the County of Grande Prairie Council as well as verbal Thank You for the funding provided for the Grande Prairie Region Resource Guide books. The guide will be distributed to public in January 2015. A photo was taken with Council and the SPARKED and WCCC representatives.

**11:40 am
Economic
Development
Report**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20141028009)

Chris King, Economic Development Officer updated Council with the Economic Development Report. Since the last presentation to Council in the spring of 2014 the Economic Development Department has been very busy with a number of projects and activities. The department is continuing with their set priorities of:

- Water allocation from the Peace River;
- Multimodal site development;
- Economic diversification;
- Growing the North Conference;

- Improved marketing presence;
- Regional collaboration and partnerships.

Resolution #CM20141201.1008

MOVED by B. MARSHALL to approve in principle the map presented for the Tour of Alberta.

Carried

Resolution #CM20141201.1009

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the meeting be recessed at 12:17 p.m. for lunch and to reconvene at 1 p.m.

Carried

1:00 p.m. Medical Services Report

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20141112003)

The meeting was reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Fire Chief Everett Cooke noted that the intent of this Medical Services Report is to provide a picture of the services that are being provided by the County of Grande Prairie to County's rate payers as well as to present an understanding of the challenges faced by fire departments across the region as they work to meet changing expectations and procedures within the Medical Co-Response (MCR) program field.

The County was notified that in the near future a new medical protocol was about to be announced for agencies that do not desire to register with the Alberta College of Paramedics (ACP) but wish to deliver the highest level of service possible. This new protocol, called Medical First Responder (MFR), delivers nearly the identical services that our current Emergency Medical Responders (EMR's) do today with the only reduction in care being the removal of a Nasopharyngeal Airway (NPA) and three Obstetric procedures. The levels of service identified by the County of Grande Prairie are that of an EMR and in the event the County decides to make changes to the existing levels of service to reflect the new protocols of MFR we will be reducing, however only slightly, the services for which we provide to our rate payers today.

Fire Service Administration is seeking direction from Council with respect to registering members of the County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service in efforts to maintain Emergency Medical Responder level of care for County's residents.

There was general discussion on:

- non-registered vs. registered;
- cost of registration and the possibility of reducing it;
- dispatch process;
- level of EMR service.

Resolution #CM20141201.1010

MOVED BY H. BULFORD to register all qualified Medical Co-Responders from County of Grande Prairie Rural Stations to the Emergency Medical Responder level of care with the Alberta College of Paramedics. Re-register all current full time staff with the County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service that currently hold registration with the Alberta

College of Paramedics and register or re-register an adequate number of Paid on Call staff serving in the Clairmont and Dunes response area.

Carried

1:20 p.m. Big Hearts for Big Kids

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20141119001)

Megan Schur introduced Monique Nadkrynechny and Tanya Wald of Big Hearts for Big Kids.

Ms. Nadkrynechny and Ms. Wald presented Council with an update on the Big Hearts for Big Kids Fundraiser as well as asked for an increase in sponsorship funding.

The Big Hearts for Big Kids event is a formal concert fundraiser for Sunrise House/Grande Prairie Youth Emergency Shelter Society. The County of Grande Prairie has sponsored this event for \$2,500 in the past year. The group proposed to Council the opportunity to become a Songwriter Circle Sponsor for \$5,000.00. The event will be held on February 14, 2015.

Council thanked Ms. Nadkrynechny and Ms. Wald for the presentation.

Resolution #CM20141201.1011

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL to defer the request for an increase in sponsorship funding from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00 to budget deliberation meeting.

Carried

Councillor Marshall exited the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

1:40 p.m. Bear Creek Folk Festival

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20141113006)

Megan Schur introduced Sarah Card, Executive Director of the Bear Creek Folk Festival.

Ms. Card presented Council with the business case for hosting a folk music festival in the City of Grande Prairie in the summer of 2015 and a request for sponsorship from the County.

The organization is attempting to secure \$250,000.00 by January 1, 2015 and is seeking \$34,000.00 from the County to match the \$34,000.00 requested from the City. If funds cannot be secured then the festival will be deferred to 2016.

County's Parks & Recreation Department is keen to assist with this project by providing preferred camping space for attendees and performers at County's campgrounds if logistically possible.

There was general discussion on:

- benefits of the Festival for the County;
- cost of the tickets;
- other sponsors of the event.

Council thanked Ms. Card for the presentation.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor Harris attended:

- the Governance Workshop for the West Corridor Potable Water Transmission Line in Wembley;
- Elmworth Library Meeting.

Councillor Bulford had nothing to report.

Councillor Beeston attended:

- Elmworth Library Meeting;
- Public Health meeting;
- Carolyn Gaunt, Town of Sexsmith CAO retirement party.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Governance Workshop for the West Corridor Potable Water Transmission Line in Wembley. Reeve Beaupre commented on the CTV series show "W5" aired on November 29, 2014 about Phil Currie - "King of the Dinosaurs".

Reeve Beaupre mentioned that the PREDA Transportation Sub-Committee was canceled.

Resolution #CM20141201.1012

MOVED by P. HARRIS to send a letter of concern to Minister of Transportation confirming their intent to implement the recommendations made in the Access Management Study or undertake twinning of the highway.

Carried

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS**

CAO, Bill Rogan attended Carolyn Gaunt, Town of Sexsmith CAO retirement party.

Mr. Dale Van Volkingburgh noted that the crews are busy with snow removal.

Mr. Nick Lapp had nothing to report.

Mrs. Sauvé had nothing to report.

Mr. Arlen Miller mentioned that the Crosslink sign is up on the County's Sportplex. Mr. Miller attended the Community Meeting in Valhalla discussing enforcement items.

Resolution #CM20141201.1013

MOVED by B. SMITH that the Council hear the presentation from Kleskun Hills Museum Society for the grant application.

Carried

In Camera - Land
(IN CAMERA)
(Issue #20141124001)

Resolution #CM20141201.1014

MOVED by R. SUTHERLAND that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 2:31 p.m., pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, 2000,

Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter F-25 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to the In Camera - Land.

Carried

Resolution #CM20141201.1015

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the meeting come out of In Camera at 3:22 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #CM20141201.1016

MOVED by D. BEESTON to direct administration to identify the source of funding for the acquisition of the land as discussed In Camera.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20141201.1017

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the meeting adjourn at 3:24 p.m.

Carried

These minutes approved the _____ day of _____ 2014.

Reference # _____

REEVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR