

Council Highlights



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February 24, 2014

Regional Enforcement Services Year-End Report – Superintendent of Regional Enforcement Services, Stuart Rempel; Sergeant Dave Campbell; Corporal Myles Peckham; and RCMP Staff Sergeant Kelly Kokesch presented Council the 2013 year-end reports for the County's Regional Enforcement Services, RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit, and RCMP Grande Prairie/Beaverlodge Rural Detachments.

Regional Enforcement Services Report – A total of 2,613 violation tickets were issued in 2013 of which 96 per cent were traffic safety related. Approximately 2,104 complaints were received and investigated.

Traffic safety and road/infrastructure protection, parking, unsightly premises, snow removal, animal control, community safety, special events coordination, and crime prevention will remain as Regional Enforcement Services main priorities.

RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit – A total of 672 traffic violation tickets were issued in 2013.

The unit will focus more on a number of infractions such as speeding, seatbelts, school zones, distracted driving, and intersection related infractions.

Grande Prairie Rural/Beaverlodge RCMP Detachments – Grande Prairie Rural and Beaverlodge members responded to 6,100 service calls.

All three sectors of Regional Enforcement Services remained active in delivering several crime prevention initiatives such as special events coordinating, various patrols, Checkstops, Rural Crime Watch, and Report-A Drug House; and traffic safety programs and presentations to

various groups and communities throughout the County such as Bike safety, Detachment Tours, Internet Safety, Bullying, and Cyberbullying.

ALERT – the local Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) brings together all Alberta's various integrated policing units to strategically disrupt and dismantle serious and organized crime. In 2013, 303 charges were laid resulting in 81 people being charged with various offenses. The total street value of drugs seized and taken off our streets in 2013 was %650,190.

Council swears in Fire Guardians ahead of start of Fire Season this weekend - Council swore in the Fire Guardians for the 2014 Fire Season. Fire Guardians are responsible for assisting the County with issuing fire permits during the fire season, as well as with educating and informing residents on safe burning practices. For a complete list, visit www.countygp.ab.ca.

New Playground Equipment for Kleskun Hill Park – Council awarded the contract to supply, deliver, prepare the site and install new playground equipment at Kleskun Hill Park to Blue Imp at a cost of \$69,865.

Passionate Hearts Award – Council congratulated Home Support Coordinator Molly Weleski for recently receiving the Exceptional Service award. The annual Passionate Heart Awards recognize outstanding contributions in the area of social services.

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Philip J Currie Dinosaur Museum Update – Brian Brake, executive director of the Pipestone Creek Dinosaur Initiative, updated Council on the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum project. A sponsorship update was provided, including \$200,000 confirmed from Alliance Pipeline to sponsor the Education Centre and upcoming contributions to be confirmed by Seven Generations Energy Ltd. and Encana. Hi Volt Safety has committed to providing a truck and 48-foot trailer to use for creating a Canada Day float. The shortfall for displays, furniture and fixtures is currently at \$4.55 million – a proposal was put forward to the County to request authority to spend confirmed sponsorship funds on priority items. A presentation was made on the results of an RFP that closed on Feb. 15 for cast-making for the museum. Council awarded phase one of the contract to Research Casting International for a total value of \$6,910. Two palaeoartists are confirmed to create live paintings on-site at the Amber Ball on August 9. Harley Davidson Grande Prairie has confirmed its desire to sponsor a 2014 motorbike to be converted into a 'Dino Bike' and rode by Dan Aykroyd in an inaugural fundraising ride from the Harley Davidson dealership to the Currie Dinosaur Museum site on August 9. Big Country Radio XX has confirmed donated advertising of a \$14,500 value. The Edmonton Airport Authority has requested a fossil display promoting the museum be put up in the Edmonton Airport. Discussions are underway with the Royal Tyrrell Museum regarding potential materials for the display.

Mandalay Estates – Council directed Administration to plan for a free flowing second access to Evergreen Park. A couple who reside in the subdivision outlined a number of concerns, including a second access, to Council. Administration, the homeowners and Evergreen Park representatives had already planned to meet on the issues.

Spruce Villa Estates Water – In support of the County residents that rely on a private company to supply water, Council passed a motion to provide a licensed operator should it be required until May at which time the company has stated it will have a fully certified operator on staff.

Trucks RFP – Council approved the purchase of three 2014 half-ton 4X4 trucks from Windsor Motors at a cost of \$91,924.

Sponsorships – Council approved a \$5,000 sponsorship of the 9th Annual Bezanson Fireman's Ball being held on April 12, 2014 and a silent auction item valued at \$150 for the 6th annual Rising Above banquet taking place March 22, 2014 at the Holiday Inn.

Next regular Council Meeting is March 10, 2014. These meetings will be held in the EOC in the Community Services Building until further notice.

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