



# MINUTES

County Council  
Regular Meeting

## County of Grande Prairie No. 1

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### February 3, 2014 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, February 03, 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
- Peter Harris
- Brock Smith

#### 4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

#### 5. Directors

- Stu Rempel (Acting Director of Community Services)
- Dale Van Volkingburgh (Acting Superintendent of Public Works)
- Nick Lapp (Acting Manager of Planning)

#### 6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

#### 7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Oravec
- Sherry Green

**8. Media**

- Big Country - Ashley Lewis
- Free FM - Jeff Hensen
- Daily Herald Tribune - Jesse Thomas

Absent:

**3. Council**

- Bob Marshall
- Richard Harpe

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution #CM20140203.1001**

**MOVED by D. BEESTON** that the agenda for the February 3, 2014 Council Meeting (2014/02/03) be approved with the addition as presented.

Reeve Beaupre added an In Camera item on Land to the Council agenda.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Resolution #CM20140203.1002**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the minutes for January 20, 2014 Council Meeting (2014/01/20) be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**PROCEDURAL BYLAW 2978**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20140123004)

Council proceeded with the New Business items as the 10:15 a.m. appointment was not present.

During the course of conferences, seminars and current training by Kevin Feehan, LLP with Denton Law Firm and Gord McIntosh with Local Government Leadership Institute, that Council and administration have attended, it has become apparent that the County's Procedural Bylaw requires updating. Legislative Services is currently researching other municipal procedural and organizational bylaws and consulting with different associations and Municipal Affairs to update our Procedural Bylaw in a way that would be all-inclusive, meet legislation and give clear direction to the reader, word-smithed in a way that is understandable to the reader and enforceable. When the new bylaw is drafted there will be a consultation period for administration and Council to review and

provide feedback and recommendations. After amendments are made to the draft bylaw, the new bylaw will be brought to Council for consideration and any final feedback or recommendations.

Municipal Affairs effectively uses a Code of Conduct for the Municipal Government Board, Provincial Assessment Review Board as well as others, therefore endorsing a Code of Conduct (also known as a Code of Ethics). In the recent past, Gord MacIntosh and Kevin Feehan, LLP, who have completed training with Council and staff have also recommended a Code of Conduct for the County. A Code of Conduct has not been drafted nor has it been researched and would need to be a direction of Council if they would now like to consider a Code of Conduct. In 2011, Council approved the implementation of a Procedural Bylaw. Around the same time Council was asked to consider a Code of Conduct. At that time Council made a motion of "no action" on the Code of Conduct. Both the Procedural Bylaw and the Code of Conduct apply to Council and administration and improve the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of local government.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that Administration is looking for direction from Council in regards to the Code of Conduct.

Sheryle Runhart, Manager of Legislative Services, commented that the amendments to the Procedural Bylaw will be brought back to Council before the Code of Conduct is implemented. Councillor Smith inquired about sanctions. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that sanctions will be included within the Code of Conduct for Council's review and approval.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1003**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** that Legislative Services draft a Code of Conduct and review the Procedural Bylaw to be brought back to Council for approval.

**CARRIED**

**VEHICLE WEIGHT**

**ORDER 1401**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20140128007)

Public Works requires County Council approval for the Road Ban Order #1401 that was attached to the agenda package. Staff are presently updating Bylaw 2424 to include the current requirements and will present the new Bylaw at a future meeting for Council's consideration. CAO, Bill Rogan commented that there will be another Road Ban Order coming soon and it will allow Administration to issue the Road Bans with Council notification. Superintendent of Regional Enforcement Services, Stu Rempel, commented that the Road Ban Order is linked to the Traffic Safety Act as well as other Acts.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1004**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that County Council approve Vehicle

Weight Order 1401 as presented by Public Works.

**CARRIED**

**MINISTER OF  
HUMAN SERVICES  
LETTER**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20140128014)

With the Royal Assent of Building Families and Communities Act it allows for the establishment of the Family and Community Engagement Councils (FCECs). The Minister of Human Services is now accepting applications for membership on the FCECs. Reeve Beaupre commented that this letter will be passed to Kathleen Turner, FCSS Director.

**REQUEST TO  
WRITE OFF AR  
ACCOUNT**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20140115001)

As per Policy C13, any requests for cancellation of receivables greater than \$300.00 are submitted to Council for approval. Several attempts have been made to collect for 3 residential building permits. The Director of Planning has recommended that we write off this amount and send to collection agency.

There was discussion on the lands, the building permits, and whether the amount owing could be applied to the landowners tax roll. CAO, Bill Rogan re-iterated that the amount owing will be going to collections and will likely be collectable through the tax sale process if it reached that point.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1005**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** to approve Option 1 to write off the amount owing on AR 54877, \$7,230.28, and send to the Collection agency.

**CARRIED**

**10:15 A.M.  
GRANDE PRAIRIE  
SPORT COUNCIL**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20140120002)

The Grande Prairie Sport Council is present to introduce County Council to the newly hired Executive Director, Karna Gemsheid. They are also requesting that a Council member be appointed to their Board of Directors. County Council passed a motion to support the GPSC with a \$30,000.00 Gift in Kind for office space at the County Sportsplex and to provide them a \$25,000.00 operating grant per year for 2014-2017. In exchange for this support County Council will have a voting position on the Board of Directors.

Councillor Smith inquired what the Sport Council does. Ms. Gemshield responded that the Sport Council will:

- increase communication between sports teams and the public;
- promote sport activities in the community;
- help increase sport tourism;
- help increase economic development;
- assist in the coordination of activities (tournaments, clubs, etc.).

Councillor Sutherland inquired why the County and City Hall are both being used for the meetings. Chris Luthala responded that the City of

Grande Prairie has a delegation on the Board and both communities provide support for the Sport Council so they will hold the meetings in both communities.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1006**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to accept Option 1 and appoint Councillor Beeston as the representative for the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 on the Grande Prairie Sport Council Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

**REQUEST FOR  
SPONSORSHIP -  
MISS TEEPEE  
CREEK STAMPEDE  
DIAMOND DINNER**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20140123001)

The Miss Teepee Creek Stampede Committee is seeking sponsorship from the County of Grande Prairie for their 4th annual "Teepee Creek Ladies Night Diamond Dinner".

**Event Info:**

Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Teepee Creek Hall

**Sponsorship Opportunities:**

The Miss Teepee Creek Stampede Committee is asking for \$100.00 and a silent auction item. The proceeds from the event will go towards the Miss Teepee Creek Stampede Queen Scholarship Endowment Fund and towards expenses for Miss Teepee Creek to travel to various community events.

**Past Support:**

The County sponsored this event for \$100.00 in 2013 and provided a silent auction item.

**Community Assistance Fund:**

As of January 23, 2014, there is \$31,860.00 available in the Community Assistance Fund.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1007**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** that the County sponsor \$100 for the Endowment fund and provide a silent auction item up to \$150.00 for the Miss Teepee Creek Stampede Diamond Dinner event.

**CARRIED**

**REQUEST FOR  
SPONSORSHIP -  
CLAIRMONT  
MINOR HOCKEY**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20140128006)

Clairmont Minor Hockey Association is seeking sponsorship from the County of Grande Prairie for their Initiation Tournament at the Sportsplex.

**Event Info:**

Feb 8, 2014 at the County Sportsplex

**Sponsorship Opportunities:**

- Trophy Sponsor - \$400.00
- Meal Sponsor - \$250.00
- Game Sponsor - \$100.00
- Cash Donation
- Merchandise Donation
- Hockey Memorabilia Donation

Funds received will go towards tournament costs - ice rental, raffle items, and children's gifts.

**Past Support:** The County has supported the Clairmont Minor Hockey Association in the past:

2008 - Operating Grant

2006 - Operating Grant

2005 - Minor Hockey Tournament (\$25.00), Operating Grant

2003 - Minor Hockey Tournament (\$200.00)

2001 - Minor Hockey Tournament (\$200.00)

**Community Assistance:**

As of January 28, 2014 there is \$31,860.00 remaining in Community Assistance.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that we have donated a silent auction item in the past but this year they are seeking an auction item and a donation. Reeve Beaupre commented that the County should have a policy in place for sponsorship requests for cash and silent auction items.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1008**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** that the County sponsor the Clairmont Minor Hockey event as a Meal Sponsor in the amount of \$250.00.

Councillor Harris commented on the timeframe of the request and that it was received very late.

Councillor's Beeston and Smith commented that they support the Meal Sponsorship as the events are run by volunteer groups and they should get support from the County regardless of the timeframe of the request.

**CARRIED**

**CANADIAN HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION - GP AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE GALA**

(WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS)  
(Issue #20140116005)

**Event Info:**

Feb 15, 2014 at the Pomeroy Hotel & Conference Centre

**Sponsorship Opportunities:**

- \$5,000 - Presenting Sponsor
- \$2,500 - Home Builder of the Year Award
- \$2,000 - Wine Sponsor, Welcome Sponsor
- \$1,500 - Single Family Home Design Sponsor, Multi Family Home Sponsor, Estate Home Design Sponsor, Distinguished Trade-Certified Sponsor, Service Excellence Sponsor, Outstanding Supplier, Safety Award Sponsor, Award of Honour Sponsor
- \$600 - Promotional Sponsor
- Auction Items

**Community Assistance:**

As of January 17, 2014 there is \$32,860 left in the 2014 Community Assistance Fund.

**Past Support:** This event has not been sponsored in the past.

Ms. Schur noted that this event is to celebrate the home builders industry. If Council is interested in sponsoring the event or attending, it will come from different budget lines. Reeve Beaupre commented that they have requested that a member of Council be part of the Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA) and that there have been two tickets already supplied to the County free of charge. Mr. Lapp stated they have asked us to join and we have never been a member before. Councillor Smith commented that he does not support joining the CHBA.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1009**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** for No Action on the request from the Canadian Home Builders Association for the Awards of Excellence Gala.

**CARRIED**

**SUBDIVISION TIME  
EXTENSION  
REQUEST -  
NW-34-72-6-W6M -  
PLSUB20120706**  
(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20140122002)

Approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:

File No: PLSUB20120706, BLK file: BLK12489

Legal: NW-34-72-6-W6M

Name: Beairsto, Lehnerns & Ketchum for Beverly Moylan

Division: 2

Date Approval Extended to: February 8, 2015

Recommend: **First Time Extension Approval**

The applicant is requesting the subdivision endorsement time extension in order to fulfill the conditions of approval that applies to this subdivision application.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1010**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** that the subdivision endorsement time extension request be approved for NW-34-72-6-W6M.

**CARRIED**

**SUBDIVISION TIME  
EXTENSION  
REQUEST - LOT 2,  
BLOCK 1, PLAN  
962 2668, WITHIN  
SW-10-71-6-W6M -  
10GP82**  
(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20140122001)

Approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:

File No: 10GP82, BLK file: BLK10180

Legal: Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 962 2668, within SW-10-71-6-W6M

Name: Beairsto, Lehnerns & Ketchum for Hugo Bertozzi Professional Corporation

Division: 3

Date Approval Extended to: February 9, 2015

Recommend: **Third and Final Time Extension Approval**

The applicant is requesting the subdivision endorsement time extension in order to fulfill the conditions of approval that applies to this subdivision application.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1011**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** that the subdivision endorsement time extension request be approved for Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 962 2668, within SW-10-71-6-W6M.

**CARRIED**

**SCHOOL LIAISON  
FUNDING**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20140127005)

The School Liaison Program serves students and families attending Peace Wapiti Schools within the County boundaries and Valhalla School. Peace Wapiti has been a joint partner since the programs inception 25 years ago. This past year, the County made funding proposals to both Peace Wapiti and Valhalla School Boards. Peace Wapiti has given notice they will increase their funding from \$50,470 in 2013 to \$75,470 in 2014 and finally \$100,470 for 2015. They have also invited us to make application for further increases for the 2016 budget when it is reviewed in the spring of 2015. We have also been notified by Valhalla School Foundation that they are also able to provide some funding to the program in 2014 and have budgeted \$1375.

Councillor Sutherland inquired how much funding the County is contributing to the Valhalla School Board Foundation. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that Mrs. Turner would have to provide the specific details and was not present at the meeting.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1012**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that the County write thank you letters to the Peace Wapiti School Board and Valhalla School Board Foundation for their commitment to an increased funding contribution for the School Liaison program.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20140203.1013**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** to send a thank you letter to Kathleen Turner for all the work done to obtain additional School Liaison funding from Peace Wapiti and Valhalla School.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL  
SCHEDULE  
CONFLICT**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20140123002)

The CPAA Conference has released their dates of the conference and it has come to administrations attention that there will be a conflict in Council calendars. CPAA will be held from April 14th starting at 9:00 a.m. with the education session and at 1:30 p.m. for the conference and ending April 16th at noon. There is a Council meeting scheduled for April 14th which is also a Public Hearing day.

Council approves the County of Grande Prairie No.1 Council meeting calendar on a yearly basis based on the best information available to administration at the time on upcoming conferences, meeting, etc. From time to time associations change their conference dates and Council, in



turn, may consider amending Council dates to accommodate provided it does not interfere with the business of Council.

Reeve Beaupre provided background on the content presented at the CPAA Conference and that it will be very beneficial for the newly elected Councillors.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1014**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to approve Option 1 to cancel the Council Meeting on April 14th and move the Public Hearing date to April 7th.

**CARRIED**

**2014 LEADING THE NORTH CONFERENCE**

(WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS)  
(Issue #20140115002)

The Leading the North Conference is being held in Fort McMurray at the Sawridge Hotel & Conference Center from May 26-28, 2014. This conference could conflict with Annexation Merit Hearings tentatively scheduled for May 26-June 6, 2014. Also, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference is on May 30 to June 2, 2014.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1015**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** to approve Alternative 1 that any Councillor that wishes to attend may attend the 2014 Leading the North Conference and it be added to Council calendars.

**CARRIED**

**CLEAR HILLS COUNTY ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE SHOW**

(WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS)  
(Issue #20140123003)

The Clear Hills County Annual Agricultural Trade Show is being held on Saturday, April 12, 2014 in Hines Creek, AB. Because this event lies outside of the boundaries of the County of Grande Prairie, a motion is required to attend. This event has not been include in Council budget.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1016**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** that No Action be taken for the Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show.

**CARRIED**

**RMRF - 19TH ANNUAL NORTHERN MUNICIPAL LAW SEMINAR**

(WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS)  
(Issue #20140127004)

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer have provided dates for their Annual Municipal Law Seminars:

- Friday, February 21, 2014 at the Edmonton Petroleum Club;
- Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, Grande Prairie.

The date scheduled for Grande Prairie conflicts with two conferences: The Alberta CARE Recycling Conference (February 26-28 in High River) and Rural Alberta Community Physician Attraction Retention Conference (Feb. 26-28 in Edmonton). Council has attended this seminar in the past. There is no cost for this seminar, however registration is mandatory. The

deadline to register is Wednesday, February 5, 2014. The information presented at these seminars is very beneficial for Councillors.

A motion is required for members of Council to attend the seminar in Edmonton.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1017**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** that any Council that wish to attend may attend the RMRF Municipal Law Seminar in Edmonton on February 21, 2014.

**CARRIED**

**10:45 A.M.  
SWEARING IN THE  
NEW FIRE  
GUARDIANS**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20131114003)

The Swearing In for the new Fire Guardians was deferred to the next Council meeting as Fire Chief Everett Cooke was unable to attend the meeting.

**11:00 A.M.  
ALBERTA ENERGY  
REGULATOR  
UPDATE**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20131202010)

Leanne Chartrand, Community & Aboriginal Relations Advisor, noted that the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) is a new regulatory body, combining the legacy Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) functions with the oil and gas functions that Alberta Sustainable Resource Development had jurisdiction over. The AER's mandate is to provide for the efficient, safe, orderly, and environmentally responsible development of Alberta's energy resources and are responsible for regulating the life cycle of oil, oil sands, natural gas, and coal projects in Alberta from application and construction to production, abandonment, and reclamation.

Ms. Chartrand noted that the AER was created in June 2013 when they took over the ERCB tasks with Public Lands and the Water Act. The AER has a three Phase implementation approach with ensures operational certainty during transition:

- Phase 1: re-opening of the field office (name and logo change), new governance model and structure, and new public information;
- Phase 2: Geophysical, Public Lands Act, Landowner Registry, and enhanced participation;
- Phase 3: Water Act, Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA) functions, and full integration into AER.

Phase 2 changes include implementing the Integrated Resource Management System which outlines the following:

- the Government of Alberta focusing on policy development;
- an Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting Agency focusing on information and knowledge;
- AER focusing on policy implementation and assurance;
- an Aboriginal Consultation Office focusing on First Nations

- consultation;
- and the Project Management Office focusing on policy coordination and identifying gaps in legislation.

Councillor Sutherland inquired whether the First Nations consultations are done on Crown land. Ms. Chartrand responded that the AER has no jurisdiction on traditional land so they only focus on the Crown land.

#### Governance:

Mrs. Chartrand noted that the Chair of the Board of Directors (Gerry Protti) and the CEO (Jim Ellis) were both appointed by the Lieutenant Governor General and the Board. The Chair focuses on Corporate and strategic planning and the CEO focuses on day-to-day operations at the AER. The local representative on the Board of Directors is Fred Estlin. There are also Hearing Commissioners who are responsible for the AER's adjudicative functions, acting as the decision makers on major applications and conducting hearings. The commissioners are also involved in developing the organization's hearing procedures and rules.

Mrs. Chartrand spoke to the public notice of application as AER will now be posting applications received for oil and gas wells, pipelines, coal mines, oil sands projects, and public lands on their website so the general public will have access. She further noted that some applications are expedited because they are routine applications with no public impact, applications that fall under the Public Lands Act, and any applications on administrative matters. Other application will wait 30 days to allow for filing of statement of concern prior to a decision. There was considerable discussion in regards to whether the AER covers applications for water wells for fracing.

The AER uses Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to address outstanding concerns and encourage the facilitation or mediation by staff or Hearing Commissioners who will try and settle the disputes between landowners and the oil and gas industry. If there is a cash compensation portion decided during the mediation it is not enforced by the AER. When a decision on an application is made, direct notice is provided to the applicant and anyone who files a statement of concern.

Regulatory Appeals: a request for regulatory appeal can be submitted if a hearing has not been held on the application, or the person requesting the appeal is defined as eligible under the Responsible Energy Development Act (REDA). Appeals must be submitted in writing 30 days after the notice of decision has been provided.

It was noted that the Private Surface Agreements Registry (PSAR) allows landowner to register private surface agreements with the AER. The registry is only eligible for people who own and occupy land where activity related to energy development is occurring, and on agreements

after November 2013. The information on the registry can be FOIP'd and removes First Nation groups and adjoining landowners on the applications. A Section 64 form is used to issue the compliance and there are 13,000 inspections done annually by the AER. They have also developed an enforcement investigation process to monitor the applicants and their lands.

Public Lands Act: the AER oversees authorization and dispositions for energy-related activities on public land. AER will issue mineral surface leases, pipeline licenses, approve road construction, and regulate other uses of public land related to energy development projects. Mrs. Chartrand referred to Part 8 of the Mines and Minerals Act which relates to seismic exploration. Landowner and seismic contracts are confidential and are not registered.

Ms. Chartrand noted that by spring 2014, all environmental and water will be transferred to the AER and all the final regulatory functions will create the single regulator for all energy development in Alberta. Councillor Smith requested that Ms. Chartrand forward him the legislation regarding potable water. Ms. Chartrand will forward the information to Mrs. Runhart to disperse to Council.

#### **INFORMATION**

#### **Resolution #CM20140203.1018**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** that the meeting be recessed at 11:31 a.m. for a short break.

#### **CARRIED**

The meeting was reconvened at 11:38 a.m.

**11:30 A.M.  
HONOURABLE  
WAYNE  
DRYSDALE,  
MINISTER OF  
TRANSPORTATION**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20131217002)

Honourable Wayne Drysdale, Minister of Transportation, was welcomed by Council. Minister Drysdale thanked Council and noted that he would be providing a quick update and will then answer any questions. He commented that the Provincial finances in Alberta are starting to look better as the main issue was the flooding in Southern Alberta. The third quarter report will be released by the end of February by the Finance Minister. Minister Drysdale commented on the Building Alberta Plan and the eight new school projects that will be undertaken in the Grande Prairie area. He also commented that the new hospital being built in the City of Grande Prairie is on schedule and on budget. He spoke about the Beaverlodge Health Complex and commented that pre-planning is in progress. The main focus has been on promoting education, and building schools and hospitals. The Highway #43 twinning was partially completed last summer and the final piece near Sturgeon Lake should be completed this year. Work will then commence on Highway #43 from Beaverlodge to the BC border. They will also be investigating the future bypass. Minister Drysdale concluded his update and inquired if Council had any questions.

Councillor Beeston thanked Minister Drysdale for his attendance and update. He inquired if there was any update available on the lights in Clairmont. Minister Drysdale responded that unfortunately that project is not in the budget for this year but they hope to have the lights installed for next year. He thanked Councillor Beeston for all of the work that he has done to obtain the community support for the lights in Clairmont.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the Beaverlodge Health Complex. Minister Drysdale responded that this is a very unique project that has never been done before in the Province of Alberta. They are waiting for the needs assessment to come back and then it can be shared with the community. He noted that he has spoke to Minister Horne and they will speak to the Minister of Infrastructure in regards to the health complex. The Ministers want to ensure that the process and procedures will be open and transparent to the County and it's residents; they are just waiting for Alberta Health to release the needs assessment. Councillor Smith inquired whether any public meetings have been held in regards to what is going to be built in Beaverlodge. Minister Drysdale responded that the plans are done but they have not been shared with the committee yet, they might need to get final approval from Infrastructure.

Councillor Harris inquired when the plans for Highway #43 from Beaverlodge to the BC border will be done as the residents do not know what is going on and they are worried it is holding up development. Minister Drysdale responded that once the highway through Sturgeon is complete they will finish the areas around Grande Prairie then start on Highway #43 from Beaverlodge to the BC border. He further noted that they have done a survey for the bypass around town, they have purchased some of the land, and will start moving forward once Highway #43 in other areas is complete. Reeve Beaupre inquired how much notice is given to the landowners of the land leased back to owners. Minister Drysdale responded that the timeframe is included in the contracts and the land will not need to be vacated this year.

Councillor Bulford inquired about the Township Road #733 and Highway #43 intersection as the previous Minister of Transportation had noted an RFP was being done for a flyover. Minister Drysdale responded that he will check on this issue and advise Council of the status. Councillor Bulford also inquired about repairing the four-lane highway to Bezanson as the heaves between Bezanson and Grande Prairie are really bad. Minister Drysdale responded that the Department of Transportation has been trying to find a way to address the issues both east and west on Highway #43 and they hope to get started on those improvements at some point this year.

Councillor Sutherland inquired about the timing of bypass. Minister Drysdale responded that the bypass is not in the budget for this year but hopes it will be in the next three year plan.

Councillor Sutherland inquired about Water for Life and whether there will

be increased funding as there are regional waterlines that need to be assessed. Minister Drysdale responded that the budget was cut down to \$75 million and he is not sure of where any new funding will be allocated and he cannot promise anything right now.

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that at the Annexation Merit Hearing on January 27, 2014 there was discussion in regards to the bypass and whether the land has already been acquired. Minister Drysdale responded that he will need to confirm but was told that they have sent two parcels of land for expropriation. Reeve Beaupre noted that the traffic count for 116th Street is over 6000 which warrants twinning and that there is a major problem with road maintenance because of the large truck traffic. Councillor Smith commented that the Bear Creek Road is becoming a safety issue because it cannot sustain both the truck and regular vehicle traffic. Minister Drysdale responded that the bypass will alleviate some of the problems but there are also other options that can be investigated.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if there was an opportunity for right-in right-out access from the bypass to the County Sportsplex as it would service both the recreational and industrial users of the area. Minister Drysdale responded that he would support that access.

Reeve Beaupre thanked Minister Drysdale for his presentation to Council today.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1019**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that the meeting be recessed at 12:05 p.m. for lunch.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was reconvened at 1:47 p.m.

**DEPUTY MINISTER  
OF HEALTH  
LETTER**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20140121001)

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that the letter from Deputy Minister Janet Davidson was a response to the letter the County sent in regards to the FCC in Clairmont and the Council motion made to address the perceived lack of mental health practitioners in the County.

**MINISTER OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
LETTER**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20140128013)

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that prior to last election Councillor Eckstrom had commented that trucks were stopping at the store as an ad hoc rest station. A motion was made send a letter and request a provincial rest stop. The response letter from the Minister of Transportation noted that that the Province will not build a rest stop in Teepee Creek. Reeve Beaupre commented that the landowner of the store can look at getting a road-side transportation permit to construct their own rest stop.

**ACTION LIST**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20140127001)

CAO, Bill Rogan commented on the action to provide a letter of support for Councillor Harpe for the FCM Standing Issues Committee. Councillor Harpe is to update Council if this letter is still required. The action will be left on the list until Councillor Harpe returns.

**2014 OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20140127006)

The 2014 Operating Assistance Grant Program is now open. Applications can be downloaded on the County website at [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) and will be available at the following locations in early February:

**County of Grande Prairie Offices**

Community Services Building  
10808-100 Ave, Clairmont

Administration Building  
10001-84 Avenue, Clairmont

**Town Offices**

Town of Beaverlodge  
1016-4th Avenue, Beaverlodge

Town of Wembley  
9940 - 101 Street, Wembley

Village of Hythe Office  
10011 - 100 Street, Hythe

Town of Sexsmith  
9927 – 100 Street, Sexsmith

Application deadline is 4:00 p.m., April 1, 2014.

Recreation Board meetings are scheduled between mid-April to mid-May to approve applications.

Ms. Schur noted that this is an information item to let Council know that the Operating Assistance Grants are now open. After the application deadline on April 1st, they then set the Recreation Board meetings for their divisions. CAO, Bill Rogan commented that it takes a couple weeks to review the grant applications. Councillors should try and schedule a Recreation Board meeting date in the middle of April for review. Parks and Recreation will provide a report Recreation Board members in their areas and they can set up the meetings.

There was discussion in regards to the grant applications located on the County external website and the advertisements in the newspapers and on the website.

**PROPOSAL/OFFER**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20140127007)

**Resolution #CM20140203.1020**

**MOVED by H. BULFORD** that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 1:56 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 Proposal/Offer and Land.

**CARRIED**

**LAND**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20140203016)

**Resolution #CM20140203.1021**

**MOVED by H. BULFORD** that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 3:31 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #CM20140203.1022**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** to approach Alberta Transportation to co-fund, in the amount of \$900,000 of the estimated \$1,000,000, to undertake a location study to identify routing to connect Highway #40 south of the City of Grande Prairie to Highway #43 east of the City of Grande Prairie, and identify that the County will contribute \$100,000 and be the project lead.

**CARRIED**

**PROPOSAL/OFFER**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20140127007)

**Resolution #CM20140203.1023**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to assign a fee of \$100,000 annually to the "Naming Rights" for the "County Sportsplex".

**CARRIED**

**COUNCILLOR,  
COMMITTEE AND  
DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Councillor Harris attended Assessment Review Board training in Edmonton with Councillor Beck.

Councillor Harris attended the Preliminary Merit Hearing for the Annexation with the MGB.

Councillor Harris attended the Farmtech Conference in Edmonton.

Councillor Harris attended the Alberta Seed Cleaning Plant AGM in Edmonton. He commented on the various courses and seminars and the keynote speakers.

Councillor Bulford attended the Nitehawk Board of Directors meeting. He noted that they did not have a quorum so there was just general discussion.

Councillor Bulford attended the Roberts Rules of Order training at the CSB.

Councillor Bulford attended the meeting with the Peace Wapiti School Board that was held in the Public Works/IT Building.



Councillor Bulford attended the ASB Conference and noted that there were good speakers.

Councillor Smith noted that the BEC has approved the signage for the new PW/IT Building. The Millwork has showed up and he is impressed with how Council Chambers is coming along. The reception area millwork has not arrived yet. He received an email from John Keating, Workun Garrick, noting that Phase 1 of the Administration Building renovations will be completed by late February-early March and Phase 2 will be completed by late March-early April 2014.

Councillor Smith attended a reception for the medical residency program. They met with medical students who will be interviewed for their two year residency. 120 students have applied and they will be hiring six. A doctor has to agree to take them on for the two years or they cannot get their residency.

Councillor Smith attended the Physician Recruitment meeting and noted that the Town of Sexsmith did not attend. He noted that the committee is going to be getting more aggressive with the locums as there will be four coming to practice between Hythe and Beaverlodge. Councillor Smith commented on potential gifts for the students.

**Resolution #CM20140203.1024**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** that four Recreation passes to the facility of the locum's choice be supplied to the Physician Recruitment Committee, and the costs to come from the Physician Recruitment and Retention funding line.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Smith commented on software that was purchased by Dr. Dressler when he was in Hythe. He had asked the Committee to cover the \$30,000 cost of the software. Mrs. Runhart commented that most doctor's offices have to be on the software in order to receive reports and input the patients medical information and the cost is not fully covered by AHS.

Councillor Smith attended the ASB Conference and commented on cattle producers.

Councillor Beeston attended the ASB Conference.

Councillor Beeston and Councillor Beck attended the Library Board meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 24th.

Councillor Beeston attended the Canadian Tire Chamber ball.

Councillor Beck attended the Assessment Review Board training in Edmonton.

Councillor Beck attended the ASB Conference and noted that he flew in a day early because he was on Provincial Board and they reviewed past resolutions and met with the Minister of Agriculture.

Councillor Beck attended the Grande Spirit Foundation meeting on behalf of Councillor Harpe. It was noted that they are on budget and one issue addressed was the power outages and the back-up generators. This will be discussed at the next GRPEP meeting.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Roberts Rules of Order training at the CSB.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Evergreen Park Board meeting and commented that the usage of the park is up from last year.

Councillor Sutherland noted that there was no Dinosaur Museum Building Committee meeting because they did not have quorum.

Councillor Sutherland attended the meeting with Peace Wapiti School Board at the PW/IT Building.

Councillor Sutherland attended the Chinese New Year celebrations in the City of Grande Prairie.

Councillor Sutherland attended the ASB Conference and noted that it was the best ASB Conference he has attended since he has been on Council. They discussed how wild game is affecting farmers and that the Province used to supply posts and wire to protect feed but don't do that any more.

Councillor Sutherland received a phone call from the Leader of the Opposition's office noting that they are in Grande Prairie today, tomorrow and Wednesday and inquired if the County would like to arrange a meeting. It was noted that any Council wishing to attend could attend a meeting, Shannon Baird, Executive Assistant, will put the event into Council calendars.

Councillor Sutherland has received lots of good comments from ratepayers in regards to Public Works and road clearing.

Reeve Beaupre also received positive comments from her ratepayers about snow clearing and ice removal.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Annexation Hearing and noted that June 1st is the cutoff for submissions for the hearing starting October 27th.

Reeve Beaupre met with Mayor Leona Hanson from Beaverlodge and discussed various items of mutual interest to our communities.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Roberts Rules of Order training at the CSB.

Reeve Beaupre attended the Evergreen Park Board meeting.

Reeve Beaupre noted that the Watson's Photo Contest event is tomorrow night and Council is invited to attend. The winners have been picked and will be announced at the event.

Reeve Beaupre attended a meeting for the Operational Contract for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum. They reviewed several museum agreements and a draft agreement was supplied by Michele Hoerner, Accountant. The next meeting will be in two weeks.

Reeve Beaupre commented that Community Futures has been working on their strategic planning and they are a very actively engaged group.

Reeve Beaupre attended a conference call for CPAA as there will be a representative from the County to speak about the Train Derailment in Sexsmith and how the emergency plans have been working.

Reeve Beaupre attended the announcement at Teepee Creek School as they have asked for two portables and the modernization of the bathrooms and have received funding.

Reeve Beaupre met with CAO, Bill Rogan and the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) representative and reviewed the priority list for Northern Alberta. They have now added a few more priorities and have the ability to help with the Physician Attraction Recruitment and Retention program.

Councillor Smith noted that the Hythe Fire Department has received their new truck that the County provided funds for. He noted that the truck has already been at a motor vehicle accident in Hythe.

Councillor Beeston commented that FCSS Director, Kathleen Turner, volunteered for GPREP and offered to go to Spirit River if needed during the power outage.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented on FCM and that there will no longer be a conflict as the Annexation hearing dates have moved. If Council wants to attend FCM the rooms have been booked and they will need to contact

Mrs. Baird for any travel arrangements.

CAO, Bill Rogan received a request from the French Canadian Association of Grande Prairie in regards to the flag raising on March 7th at 1pm in the City of Grande Prairie. This event is done annually and they are requesting that the Reeve or alternate present a short speech. The Councillors declined the invitation as no one was available.

CAO, Bill Rogan attended a meeting with the separate school division Administration in regards to a school site in Whispering Ridge.

Mr. Van Volkingburgh, Acting Superintendent of Public Works, noted that he will pass along the positive comments about the roads to Public Works staff.

Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that there was a delay in proceeding with the shop floor in the expansion but it has dried out and they will be doing prep work this week.

Mr. Van Volkingburgh commented on the calcium and gravel programs which will be starting up again shortly. Public Works requires input from the area Councillors so they can do up the maps.

Mr. Stuart Rempel, Superintendent of Regional Enforcement Services, attended the meeting on behalf of Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services. Superintendent Rempel noted that they have struck a committee and discussed the space needs for all of the departments at the CSB. He also noted that Parks & Recreation will be posting and advertising their seasonal positions soon. The Poundkeeper position closed on Wednesday and they will be reviewing the resumes shortly. He also noted that the negotiations for the SPCA pound contract are going smoothly and the County will be meeting with the City of Grande Prairie tomorrow on the contract.

Nick Lapp, Acting Manager of Planning, commented on a news release in regards to the Province bringing in the New Home Warranty Plan. The new plan affects issuing the permits because the home builder needs to provide the warranty coverage before the development permit can be issued. He commented that there was an influx in permits before Friday as the new plan was implemented January 31, 2014.

Mr. Lapp also commented on the Wedgewood subdivision application and Clairmont Heights application. He is currently completing proposed amendments to the Land-Use Bylaw and once completed they will be brought back to Council for First Reading.

Mr. Lapp attended the Annexation meeting and noted that the County was granted an extension until March 15th. The hearing will be held at

the end of October.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #CM20140203.1025**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the meeting adjourn at 4:24 p.m.

**CARRIED**

These minutes approved the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

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REEVE

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR