



MINUTES

County Council
Regular Meeting

County of Grande Prairie No. 1

January 13, 2014 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, January 13, 2014

Start time : 10:00 AM

Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Community Services Building

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Present were:

2. Deputy Reeve

- Ross Sutherland

3. Council

- Corey Beck
- Daryl Beeston
- Harold Bulford
- Peter Harris
- Bob Marshall
- Brock Smith

4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Herb Pfau
- Noreen Vavrek

6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Oravec
- Sherry Green

8. Media

- Big Country - Ashley Lewis
- Free FM - Jenny Oatway
- Daily Herald Tribune - Jocelyn Turner

Absent:

1. Reeve

- Leanne Beaupre

2. Council

- Richard Harpe

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

**INTRODUCTION
OF BAILY NAGY -
PLANNER**

(PRESENTATIONS AND
INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20140106001)

Nick Lapp, Manager of Planning, introduced Baily Nagy as the newest Planner to the Planning and Development Department. Ms. Nagy is originally from Saskatchewan. She had worked for the City of Grande Prairie as a summer student last year, and she has family living in the County. Council welcomed Ms. Nagy to the County.

Mr. Lapp also re-introduced Cate Porterfield, Planner, who has recently returned from maternity leave.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Resolution #CM20140113.1001

MOVED by B. SMITH that the agenda for the January 13, 2014 Council Meeting (2014/01/13) be approved with the addition as presented.

Councillor Smith added an In Camera item.

CARRIED

**MINUTES
APPROVAL**

Resolution #CM20140113.1002

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the minutes for January 6, 2014 Council Meeting (2014/01/06) be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**PT.
NE-08-74-04-W6M
- AG TO CR-5
BEAIRSTO,
LEHNERS,
KETHUM/
WILSON (FILE
PLLUB20130733)
BYLAW
2680-14-003**

(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20140106002)

Resolution #CM20140113.1003

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. NE-08-74-04-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *10:04 a.m.*

CARRIED

Matt Konowalchuk, Intermediate Planner, noted that the purpose of this application is to allow for country residential development, and would facilitate the development of 1 new lot for this use. This lot would be the second parcel subdivided from the quarter section and the Farmland Assessment Rating given to the site is 45%; as such indicative of better

agricultural soil. Several country residential uses exist in the surrounding area; as such no land use conflicts have been identified with the proposed application and land uses in the vicinity. In the context of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), the policies set forth in Section 6 (Rural Development) are most applicable. The application is consistent with the MDP. There were no comments received from adjacent landowners.

Bruce Beairsto and Cate Porterfield were present. Mr. Beairsto commented that the land in discussion is Mrs. Porterfield's parents land and the family wants to build a new house there. There was no one else from the audience to speak to the application.

Resolution #CM20140113.1004

MOVED BY B. SMITH that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at 10:07 a.m..

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1005

MOVED BY C. BECK that Bylaw 2680-14-003 to re-designate PT. NE-08-74-04-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) district to be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1006

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 2680-14-003 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1007

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2680-14-003 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1008

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 2680-14-003 to re-designate PT. NE-08-74-04-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**PT.
SW-06-75-02-W6M
- AG TO CR-5 -
BEAIRSTO,
LEHNERS,
KETCHUM/
BOUCHER (FILE
PLLUB20130709)**

Resolution #CM20140113.1009

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. SW-06-75-02-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District. The Public Hearing commenced at 10:09 a.m.

CARRIED

BYLAW

2680-14-004

(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20140106003)

Mr. Konowalchuk noted that the purpose of this application is to allow for country residential development by redesignating approximately 5.16 hectares (12.75 acres), and would facilitate the development of 1 new lot for this use. This lot would be the second parcel subdivided from the quarter section. The site has been given a Farmland Assessment Rating of 38% and characteristic of flat open field with some brush. An existing farm site is located within the proposed boundaries, as such the application would not change the nature of the area and no land use conflicts have been identified. In the context of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), the policies set forth in Section 6 (Rural Development) are most applicable. The application is consistent with the MDP. There were no comments received from adjacent landowners. Mr. Konowalchuk noted that the well site located in the parcel in discussion has been abandoned.

ATCO ELECTRIC commented that "ATCO will require 8m easement for the powerline as per the attached map".

ATCO GAS commented that the "...existing Right-of-Way or other land rights shall be carried forward and registered on any newly created lots."

ALBERTA HEATH SERVICES commented that the "Current pumpout system does not meet setback distance requirements."

CEQUENCE ENERGY LIMITED commented that they have no concerns or issues.

Mr. Beirsto was present to answer any questions in regards to the application. There was no one from the audience to speak to the application. Mr. Beirsto noted that and issues in regards to the powerline easement, water, and sewer will be addressed at the subdivision stage if the rezoning is approved today.

Resolution #CM20140113.1010

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at 10:13 a.m.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1011

MOVED BY C. BECK that Bylaw 2680-14-004 to re-designate PT. SW-06-75-02-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District to be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1012

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-14-004 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1013

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 2680-14-004 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1014

MOVED BY B. SMITH that Bylaw 2680-14-004 to re-designate PT. SW-06-75-02-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**PT.
SW-01-72-09-W6M
- AG TO CM -
BEAIRSTO,
LEHNERS,
KETCHUM/
KREISER (FILE
PLLUB20130727)
BYLAW
2680-14-005**

**(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20140106005)**

Resolution #CM20140113.1015

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. SW-01-72-09-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Industrial (CM) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *10:14 a.m.*

CARRIED

Mr. Konowalchuk noted that the purpose of this application is to allow for country industrial development by redesignating approximately 6.11 hectares (15.10 acres), and would facilitate rezoning for this use. Four country residential lots exist on the quarter section; while the application proposes the first country industrial use. Approximately half the proposed site has been given a Farmland Assessment Rating of 54% and located within an existing farm site. While, the other half of the site is located in a forest area where no Farmland Assessment Rating has been given. Within the broader context of the environment, the majority of the quarter section consists of forest areas where no Farmland Assessment Rating has been given.

In the context of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), it is essential that a balance of policies is maintained between residential (Section 7) and industrial (Section 8) to allow this application to be consistent with the MDP. In general, criteria within Section 7.3 and 8.3 of the MDP is fulfilled when evaluating requirements for site suitability. Further, a cautious approach should be considered when evaluating applications with various land uses to avoid potential conflicts; in this instance, preventing land use conflicts between existing country residential uses and the proposed country industrial use.

An industrial business has been in operation within the proposed site which exceeds a traditional farm-based business. This rezoning application would allow the current development to be in compliance with the County Land Use Bylaw No. 2680 (2003). If the application is approved then further industrial development would be controlled through the Land Use Bylaw (Section 20). Given the proposed site's location: the forest cover will minimize land use conflicts between the proposed site and the existing

country residential lots, the application would not remove functional farmland (mentioned above) therefore, it is considered the site would be suitable for the proposed country industrial use. Furthermore, rezoning would not drastically change the nature as a residence and various accessory buildings exist within the proposed site.

Comments were received from:

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES noted that the "Current sewage disposal system(s) do not meet required set back distances. Ensure all existing and proposed sewage systems meet the requirements under the Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice".

CNRL noted that there is "a sour oil pipeline on this quarter as well as a sweet fuel gas line. The sour line is 2% H₂S, and the EPZ is 50 meters. This is a level 1 pipeline".

A letter from an adjacent landowner, Tim Dodd, was received on Friday, January 10th, 2014 and was distributed to Councillors.

Mr. Beairsto commented that Mr. Kreiser was asked by the County to apply for the proper zoning for the operations on his property. He originally had a permit for the barn but he then began to use the building for business operations. Bearisto, Lehnert, Ketchum (BLK) has drafted plans to include the building in the drawings and also address the septic system. The rest of the quarter will be residential and some land is not developable due to setbacks because of the pipeline located there. He further noted that the current traffic is largely related to the CNRL facility and the Encana facility and that Mr. Kreiser's parcel would have approximately 6-8 units per day for traffic. Mrs. Kreiser was also present at the meeting to address and questions.

Adjacent landowner, Grant Taylor, was present and noted that his main question is why Mr. Kreiser did not have the proper zoning done in the first place. The business owner should know the proper way to proceed with permits and Mr. Taylor inquired if Mr. Kreiser had been paying residential or industrial taxes. Mrs. Kreiser responded that they have been paying the industrial taxes since the date of purchase. Mr. Taylor inquired why the zoning wasn't changed if the taxes were correct. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that the Assessment Department does their assessments separate from Planning and Development and if they see a business is in operation they will tax appropriately. Taxation does not always wait for the zoning. If the zoning is approved the applicant will need to come back to subdivision to address the particular details (traffic count, number of employees, hours of operation, etc). Mr. Taylor inquired if the zoning change what will prevent the applicant from expanding the business any further. Councillor Sutherland responded that if the zoning is changed the County will have direct control of the area.

Mr. Taylor inquired about the issue that occurred on the property with the gas line. Councillor Sutherland noted that Council was not aware of

any gas line issue. Mrs. Keiser spoke to the issue and noted that the gas line was not a large one, it was a residential one that runs up to their shop. She noted that someone was moving dirt in their yard and accidentally touched the line. She further noted that their home uses propane and not natural gas and that they called the fire department as a precautionary measure.

Councillor Smith noted that the letter mentions the trees located on the property and inquired if the landowner would be removing the trees. Mrs. Kreiser responded that the trees will remain where they are if possible and that they purchased additional 12 foot spruce trees to have a more natural look.

Councillor Marshall commented that the pump-out is located outside the boundary and inquired if it will have to be moved inside the lot. Mr. Beirsto responded that the sewage system will have to be brought up to standards and it will be one of the conditions of subdivision.

Resolution #CM20140113.1016

MOVED BY B. SMITH that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at 10:35 a.m.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1017

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2680-14-005 to re-designate PT. SW-01-72-09-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Industrial (CM) district to be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1018

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-14-005 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1019

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 2680-14-005 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1020

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 2680-14-005 to re-designate PT. SW-01-72-09-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a County Industrial (CM) District be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**PT.
SE-01-74-10-W6M**

Due to an error in the advertisement, Administration is requesting to defer. Administration will re-advertise and present the application at the next

**- AG TO CR-5 &
LOT 1, PLAN 002
4779; PT
SE-01-74-10-W6M
- CR-5 TO AG -
BEAIRSTO,
LEHNERS,
KETCHUM/
ARNET (FILE
PLLUB20130711)
BYLAW
2680-14-001**

(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20140107002)

**PT.
NE-02-74-11-W6M
- AG TO CR-5 -
BEAIRSTO,
LEHNERS,
KETCHUM/
DAYLIGHT
LEASE
MAINTENANCE
INC. (FILE
PLLUB20130704)
BYLAW
2680-14-002**

(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20140107003)

**LOT 2, BLOCK 1,
PLAN 072 8497;
PT.
NE-11-72-03-W6M
- AG TO RM-4 -
BEAIRSTO,
LEHNERS,
KETCHUM /
HOWARTH (FILE
PLLUB2013064)
BYLAW
2680-13-042 -
THIRD READING**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20131217005)

Public Hearing scheduled for February 10, 2014.

Due to an error in the advertisement, Administration is requesting to defer. Administration will re-advertise and present the application at the next Public Hearing scheduled for February 10, 2014.

Resolution #CM20140113.1021

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that the Public Hearings for PT. NE-02-74-11-W6M and PT. SE-01-74-10-W6M be deferred until the next Public Hearing date.

CARRIED

Bylaw 2680-13-042 for Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 072 8497; PT. NE-11-72-03-W6M - AG to RM-4 was given first and second reading on December 16, 2013. The bylaw is back for third and final reading.

Councillor Marshall inquired if the issues discussed at the previous Public Hearing had been addressed. CAO, Bill Rogan noted that many of the issues will be answered at subdivision (size of lots, etc). Councillor Bulford commented that he had spoke to the applicant shortly after the meeting and he reported that he had worked out all of the issues that the landowners had raised during the Public Hearing. Councillor Sutherland commented that he had voted against it because he was not in favour of removing the trees as they would help eliminate noise and dust. CAO, Bill responded that keeping the trees can be a condition imposed at subdivision.

Resolution #CM20140113.1022

MOVED BY B. SMITH that Bylaw 2680-13-042 to re-designate Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 072 8497; PT. NE-11-72-03-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Highway Industrial (RM-4) District be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

**BYLAW 2997 &
2998 TO AMEND
BYLAWS 2977 &
2975 (LOCAL
IMPROVEMENT
TAX &
BORROWING
BYLAWS)**

(BYLAWS)

(Issue #20140107004)

Noreen Vavrek, Director of Finance commented that there have been subdivisions of lands affecting the benefiting parcels in respect to the local improvement tax for the extension of municipal water service at 112 Street, south of the subdivision known as Sunrise Estates (SW 34-70-6-W6M), and the estimated costs of the project have now increased to \$198,264.00, making it necessary to amend Local Improvement Tax Bylaw 2977 and Borrowing Bylaw 2975. The County passed Bylaw 2977 (a bylaw to impose a local improvement tax on benefiting properties) and Bylaw 2975 (a bylaw to incur an indebtedness) relating to the local improvement project.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that the buyers were well aware of the costs so this is more of a housekeeping item.

Resolution #CM20140113.1023

MOVED BY B. SMITH that Bylaw 2997 to amend Local Improvement Tax Bylaw 2977 be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1024

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 2997 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1025

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2997 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1026

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 2997 to amend Local Improvement Tax Bylaw 2977 be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1027

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 2998 to amend Borrowing Bylaw 2975 to be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1028

MOVED BY B. SMITH that Bylaw 2998 be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1029

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2998 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1030

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 2998 to amend Borrowing Bylaw 2975 be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

2013 ELECTION REVIEW

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20131114002)

After each election administration provides to Council an update on the election in the effort to address any questions or concerns with respect to the election process. Council had asked administration on October 21st, 2013, to bring back information on the 2013 Municipal Elections and to find a way to engage aged and infirmed residents that would allow them to vote.

Sheryle Runhart, Manager of Legislative Services, noted that the County does not have nursing homes or hospitals, therefore are not able to accommodate a resolution that would allow institutional voting.

- But, there is "Special Ballots" that would allow residents that are physically incapable or absent from the municipality to vote in advance of election day. There are however, rules and conditions that must be abided by in order to do so (she referred to the Local Authorities Election Act).
- One of the limitations is that the eligible voter must register with the Returning Officer their intent to vote by Special Ballot by a due date that is determined by the Returning Officer, prior to the election date.
- Special ballots to this municipality is a new concept and more research into logistics and timelines is needed. A resolution is all that is required and then once administration has a resolution of Council, then it is sent for ministerial approval. But, the resolution must be specific.
- The City of Grande Prairie had special ballots for the 2013 Election. There were only 24 residents that utilized Special Ballots, all of which were residents that were going to be away during the advanced polls and on election day.
- Mrs. Runhart recommends implementing Special Ballots but that Council wait until 6-8 months before the next election to pass the resolution.

Advance Polls were very successful. In 2010, the County had 20 voters and at the 2013 advance poll there were greater than 100 County residents at the advance polling stations. Resident comments were a) going away for winter b) will be in fields on election day c) polling stations on paved highways much appreciated d) will be working in the oil patch/ forestry on election day. It appeared that weekend advanced polling stations worked well for the oilfield, forestry, and agricultural workers and population as they are quite busy during the work week and election day

falls on a Monday. It is recommended that we do the Advanced Polls again and add more dates. Council, by resolution, may provide for holding an advanced vote held in an election in accordance with Local Authorities Election Act 73(1).

Voter turnout overall and by division: In 2010 there were 6 polling stations and in 2013 there were 20 polling stations and 42 election workers and a tremendous amount of advertising. The voter turnout decreased in 2013 to 25.02% in comparison to 2010 when total voter turn out was 27.92%. In 2010, there were 3 divisions having elections and in 2013 there were 7 divisions having elections. During preliminary budget on December 5th 2013, Council had asked how many County residents are over 18 years of age. There are approximately 13,290 County residents over the age 18. Voter turn out was 3,326.

Cost: Total cost of the 2013 Elections for the County of Grande Prairie was approximately \$67,047.86 (This included a substantial amount for Voter ID requirements that had to be advertised in accordance with the LAEA due to changes made to the Act). Total cost of 2010 Elections was \$12,457.98. After the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officers speaking with some residents and election workers, it appeared that most residents responded to radio spots, facebook and the County Website for their information on elections and polling station locations and dates. It was interesting that most of who we talked to do not subscribe to the Daily Herald Tribune and that rural residents rely on their smaller local papers that come in the mail.

Recommendations:

1. Proceed with further research and bring back the wording for a Special Ballots resolution which would then go for ministerial approval;
2. Rescind Bylaw 2385 that states " that the returning officer be authorized to designate more than one voting station in each voting subdivision" and create bylaw limiting each division to a maximum of three polling stations. This will also promote equality between the divisions;
3. Allow for the Returning Officer to hold two advance polls on two different dates, each of those dates (on a weekend day) having two different locations. This may be done by way of resolution (no bylaw or ministerial order is required) .There is no specific time line in which this must be done but the resolution must be made well enough in advance to allow for the required advertising mandated in the Act. Administration would recommend the 6 month time line as this is the mandated time line for bylaws in the Act and allow time for Council to decide on location and times for advance polling stations and to prepare and submit for advertising.
4. Limit advertising in Daily Herald Tribune to what is required in accordance with the Local Authority Election Act and maintain the level

of advertising in the local papers for the 2017 elections.

Councillor Smith inquired how the number for people over 18 was found. Mrs. Runhart responded that Administration worked with GIS and referred to our County census therefore it is a rough number based on statistics. Councillor Smith agrees that the advertising in the DHT should be reduced as only 35 people in Hythe actually subscribe to the DHT. He also commented on rescinding Bylaw 2385 and that the people in his Division really like having access to a polling station close by.

CAO, Bill Rogan recommended accepting this as information now and having it brought back for review closer to the next election.

There was discussion in regards to the process for implementing Special Ballots, advertising, Advanced Polls, and other forms of voting.

Councillor Sutherland commented that because there is no local newspaper in his area, he would like to see more effort put into the County Connections and advertising done in there. Mrs. Runhart commented that the County Connections is released quarterly and we can be proactive and have the information provided in the County Connections 6-8 months prior the elections.

INFORMATION

Resolution #CM20140113.1031

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Council accept the 2013 Election Review as information.

CARRIED

FARM FAMILY 2014 SELECTION (UNFINISHED BUSINESS) (Issue #20140109003)

Jill Henry, Rural Extension Officer, noted that each year the County of Grande Prairie selects a Farm Family. Council had recommended a family in a previous In-camera meeting, and a motion is required to award the honour to Council's choice of Family. Four very worthy nominations were received this year for the Farm Family of 2014. Council has recommended the Farm Family of 2014 award be presented to the Harry and Emily Schudlo Family of Sexsmith.

Resolution #CM20140113.1032

MOVED BY C. BECK to accept Council's recommendation of the Schudlo Family for the Farm Family 2014 Award.

Mrs. Henry commented that the award will be presented at the 2014 Peace County Classic.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW

Mr. Lapp noted that the Land Use Bylaw established the office of the Development Officer. Development Officers are given authority to issue

**KONOWALCHUK
AS A
DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20140106004)

permits and orders and undertake a number of duties required under the Land Use Bylaw. Development Officers are appointed by a resolution of Council. With the retirement of John Simpson, the County requires an additional Development Officer. At present Mr. Lapp, and Cate Porterfield share the duties under this office. It is recommended that Matthew Konowalchuk be appointed as a Development Officer to bring our coverage back to full capacity. Mr. Konowalchuk has conducted himself extremely well in his time with the Planning Department and will be most capable to carry out the duties associated with the new title.

Resolution #CM20140113.1033

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Matthew Konowalchuk be appointed as a Development Officer for the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

CARRIED

**ALBERTA PARKS
AND THE
FRIENDS OF
SASKATOON
ISLAND
ASSOCIATION**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20140107001)

A letter was received from Alberta Parks and the Friends of Saskatoon Island Association inviting the Reeve and Council to attend the 16th Annual Swan Festival on April 26th at 6:30 p.m. It is also requested that the Reeve bring welcoming remarks. We are a sponsor and it has been budgeted for.

Councillor Sutherland commented that he has attended this event for the last three years and it is very interesting. He also noted that we usually donate a silent auction item.

Resolution #CM20140113.1034

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Council supply a silent action item to the 16th Annual Swan Festival.

CARRIED

**AAMDC MEMBER
BULLETIN - MGA
REVIEW
SESSIONS**

(WORKSHOPS,
CONFERENCES AND
SEMINARS)
(Issue #20140108003)

AAMDC has contracted Brownlee LLP to conduct a review of the current Municipal Government Act Workshops for each of the AAMDC districts. District 4 MGA Review workshop will be held in Grande Prairie on February 7th at the Evergreen Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The regular District 4 meeting will be held on February 14th in Rycroft. Tom Burton will be sending out further information shortly. These dates will be added to Council Calendars for RSVP.

Resolution #CM20140113.1035

MOVED BY B. SMITH to proceed with Councillor, Committee, and Department reports prior the In Camera discussion.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR,

**COMMITTEE AND
DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Councillor Marshall attended a meeting with Grande Prairie Tourism about promoting the Dinosaur Museum. He noted that the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum has been noted in an architecture magazine as one of the top 10 buildings in the world to watch in 2014. They would like to arrange a meeting with Councillor Sutherland and EDO Chris King.

Councillor Marshall attended the meeting with Reich + Petch.

Councillor Harris had nothing additional to report.

Councillor Bulford commented on Elevation Rock and that new people have purchased the land and they will not allow the lady who usually paints it on their property. He asked if Public Works could contact the new landowner.

Councillor Smith inquired if the Horse Lake Meeting had been confirmed. Mr. Pfau responded that it has been confirmed and that he has spoke to Darwin Eckstrom about the agenda.

Councillor Smith commented on problems with the millwork for the Building Expansion Committee. He noted that the Council members on the BEC should have a meeting tomorrow after MPC to decide on what to do.

Councillor Sutherland inquired if Councillor Smith had any further information on the FCC in Slave Lake that he discussed at the last Council meeting. Councillor Smith responded that he had only heard rumors of why the four doctors in Slave Lake resigned. CAO, Bill Rogan commented that this issue will likely be discussed at the AAMDC Zone meeting in February in Spirit River.

Councillor Beeston received positive comments about Public Works grader operators and asked that Mr. Pfau pass on the comments.

Councillor Beck attended the Reich + Petch Dinosaur Museum meeting.

Councillor Sutherland commented that he and Councillor Beeston attended a meeting with Evergreen Park about Biomass.

Councillor Sutherland attended John Simpson's Retirement Party at the County Sportsplex.

Mr. Pfau commented that all of the hamlets and County roads have been done once and they are starting on their second rotation now. Public Works is a little worried about the upcoming melt but we should be OK.

Mr. Miller had nothing additional to report.

Mr. Lapp, acting Director of Planning, commented that Planning & Development will have good coverage with the new staff hired and the staff returning. He and Mr. Konowalchuk are focusing on outstanding ASP's.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that Mr. Simpson's Retirement event was very good. He further noted that Shannon Baird has sent an email to Councillors in regards to changes to the Environmental Committee meeting date. The meeting has been moved to March as there are not any pressing issues to address, but Council will need to have the discussion on whether the committee should remain active.

Resolution #CM20140113.1036

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the meeting be recessed at 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED

The meeting was reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

**NEGOTIATION
FOR SERVICES**

(IN CAMERA)
(Issue #20140113003)

Resolution #CM20140113.1037

MOVED by H. BULFORD that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 11:27 a.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 Negotiation for Services.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140113.1038

MOVED by B. SMITH that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 11:34 a.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20140113.1039

MOVED by B. MARSHALL that the meeting adjourn at 11:34 a.m.

CARRIED

These minutes approved the _____ day of _____ 2014.

Reference # _____

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR