

Council Highlights



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January 20, 2014

County and GP Rugby to sign agreement for club's new home at County Sportsplex – Council reviewed a draft agreement to lease lands to the Grande Prairie Centaurs Rugby Club to construct a clubhouse to facilitate their move to the Sportsplex. Council authorized administration to finalize the agreement and bring back for final approval; and to continue negotiating the terms of the agreement with Nustadia Recreation Inc. regarding their management of the outside fields.

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. The project was included by Azure magazine in a Top 10 list of innovative architecture projects to watch internationally in 2014. This led to media interest, including the Edmonton Journal and CBC radio. A sponsorship update was provided including a partnership with Seventh Generations Energy Ltd. Reich + Petch Design International held a display development briefing on January 9 for Council, sponsors and other stakeholders. Over 500 seats have been sold to the Amber Ball – the event celebrating the museum building's completion. The fourth annual fundraising event for the Currie Museum, the Amber Ball will take place August 9 at the ENTREC Centre. The Dan Aykroyd family will attend in their role as International Ambassadors for the museum. Internationally-acclaimed group The Tenors will perform, and a list of celebrity guests is being confirmed.

Recent table sponsorships include \$50,000 from Alliance Pipeline, \$35,000 from Roy Borstad and family and \$25,000 from Tim Powell.

STARS Update – Glenda Farnden, Major Gifts Manager of STARS, stated that to date, STARS has flown 322 missions in the County. The County has contributed more than \$1 million to STARS air ambulance since 2007.

Installation of Stop Sign – Council approved the installation of a stop sign for southbound traffic at the intersection of 69 Ave. and 92 St. in the Hamlet of Clairmont.

Bridge Maintenance Tender – Council approved a recommendation to award the tender for the 2014 bridge maintenance program to Mid-Knight Contracting Ltd. in the amount of \$484,190.

Staff Introductions – Larry Schrem works in the Public Works department as a Mechanic and Jackie Robertson was hired recently in that department as well as an Administrative Assistant.

Next regular Council Meeting is February 3, 2014. These meetings will be held in the EOC in the Community Services Building until further notice.

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