

Council Highlights



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January 6, 2014

2014 Capital Assistance Grants – Council approved \$1,514,084 in capital assistance grants to go to 22 local non-profit recreation and cultural organizations. Approximately \$1,153,334 will be going towards major capital community grant projects (50K+), \$335,750 capital assistance grant (5-50K), and \$25,000 for 100th anniversary celebration grant projects for communities within the County of Grande Prairie.

Major Capital Community Grant (50K+) recipients are as follows:

- \$450,000 to be paid over two years (2013-2014) to Teepee Creek Stampede Association – to build indoor riding facility
- \$1,000,000 to be paid over three years (2014-2016) to La Glace Agricultural Society – to build an arena/events centre
- \$450,000 to be paid over two years (2013-2014) to Odyssey House – to help build long-term supportive housing
- \$200,000 to Clairmont Agricultural Society – to build adventure park
- \$100,000 to be paid over five years (2012-2016) to Compassion House Foundation
- \$75,000 to Five Mile Agricultural Society – to complete renovations on North side of Hall
- \$75,000 to Valhalla Playground Committee – to install new playground

Capital Assistance Grant (5K-50K) recipients are as follows:

- \$50,000 to Bezanson Agricultural Society – to repair and expand Bezanson Memorial Hall
- \$50,000 to Bezanson Volunteer Fire Department – to build Phase Three of community rink
- \$50,000 to Hythe & District Pioneer Homes Foundation – to replace exterior of the Old Hythe Hospital building
- \$46,500 to Kleskun Hill Museum Society – to repair facilities and for log restoration
- \$32,750 to South Peace Centennial Museum Society – to build shed to house equipment
- \$20,000 to Nitehawk Ski Area – to purchase emergency vehicles
- \$18,000 to Hythe Community Centre – to upgrade furnaces and office flooring
- \$15,500 to Homestead Hall Association – to repair water system
- \$15,000 to Hythe Athletic Association – to upgrade lighting in arena
- \$10,000 to Beaverlodge Boys & Girls Camp Society – to repair roof
- \$10,000 to Valhalla Archery Club – to purchase equipment

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- \$10,000 to West Country Lightning Football Association – lighting needs study
- \$5,000 to Valhalla Recreation Centre – to upgrade lighting in arena
- \$3,000 to Hythe Playschool Society – to install noise reduction baffles

100th Anniversary Celebration Grant

- \$25,000 to Bezanson Agricultural Society – to restore day-use area, build playground, and host 100th anniversary picnic

For more details, see news release, “**County hands out over \$1.5 million in grants.**”

RCMP Strategic Plan– RCMP Superintendent Ray Noble explained the RCMP’s strategic planning process for the region and encouraged Council and County residents to provide input.

Art Gallery of Grande Prairie – Executive Director Robert Steven of the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie presented the operations summary for 2013 to Council. To date, the County has contributed \$60,000 and will be contributing an additional \$50,000 to the Gallery’s operating budget in 2014.

ACFA Maple Syrup Festival – Council approved the contribution of \$500 to the Association Canadienne-Française de l’Alberta (AFCA) Grande Prairie for the 16th Annual Maple Syrup Festival. The Maple Syrup Festival will be taking place on Saturday, March 1, 2014 in Muskoseepi Park in Grande Prairie.

Broadway Live Broadway Ltd. – Ken Perry with Broadway Live Broadway Ltd. made a presentation to Council. Broadway Live Broadway Ltd. is a Grande Prairie based non-profit organization that puts on musical productions as well as provides performing arts training to amateur and aspiring musicians, actors/actresses, and dancers. Council suggested that the organization apply for a County recreation and culture grant in 2014.

Next regular Council Meeting is January 13, 2014. These meetings will be held in the EOC in the Community Services Building until further notice.

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