



MINUTES

County Council
Regular Meeting

County of Grande Prairie No. 1

January 6, 2014 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, January 06, 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
- John Simpson

6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Oravec
- Sherry Green

8. Media

- Big Country - Justin Pahroll and Ashley Lewis
- Daily Herald Tribune - Jocelyn Turner
- FREE FM - Jenny Oatway

Absent:

1. Reeve

- Leanne Beaupre

3. Council

- Richard Harpe

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution #CM20140106.1001

MOVED by H. BULFORD that the agenda for the January 6, 2014 Council Meeting (2014/01/06) be approved as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES APPROVAL

Resolution #CM20140106.1002

MOVED by B. SMITH that the minutes for December 4, 2013 Council Preliminary Budget Meeting (2013/12/04) be approved with the noted corrections as presented.

Councillor Sutherland commented on the dates for the Council Budget meetings as it lists December 4, 2014 as the end date. He also commented that on page 10 in regards to the elevation model for GIS should it should note from 100cm from 50 cm.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140106.1003

MOVED by H. BULFORD that the minutes for December 5, 2013 Council Preliminary Budget Meeting (2013/12/05) be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140106.1004

MOVED by D. BEESTON that the minutes for December 16, 2013 Council Meeting (2013/12/16) be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**10:15 A.M.
BROADWAY LIVE
BROADWAY LTD.**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20131217004)

Ken Perry with Broadway Live Broadway Ltd. (BLB) is seeking financial assistance to continue to provide training and family oriented entertainment at a professional level in the local community. Mr. Perry thanked Council for allowing him to come and make a presentation today. He noted that there are no theater schools in the Grande Prairie region and they are trying to develop skills and an appreciation for the arts, as well as provide families with the opportunity to watch G-rated plays.

Mr. Perry discussed the budget. BLB is seeking a grant or sponsorship from the County as they have \$60,000 allocated for Community Grants and cash sponsorships on their budget. CAO, Bill Rogan commented that the County has supported the Grande Prairie Little Theatre for a major production in the past and it was funded through the Community Assistance Grants. BLB did a show last year that was well attended.

Councillor Smith inquired about the \$62,800 in the budget for cast fees. Mr. Perry responded that the mentors will be getting wages for the shows and that BLB pays for the accommodations for the mentors as well (hotel, car rentals, etc). BLB is a non-profit company and most of the people who are assisting in the play are volunteers and they have done productions for last 17 years.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that Council can defer the decision to Spring budget instead of deciding immediately on sponsorship.

Resolution #CM20140106.1005

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL to defer the ask for Broadway Live Broadway Ltd. to 2014 Spring budget deliberations.

Councillor Marshall commented that he can table the motion until more information can be received about the amount they are asking for. Mr. Perry commented that there is no set amount in mind and Council can choose sponsor any amount or gift in kind.

Councillor Marshall withdrew this motion.

WITHDRAWN

Councillor Beeston inquired if BLB can apply for a grant in the spring. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that they will qualify for a Recreation & Culture Grant.

Councillor Beck inquired about the level of sponsorship that was provided for the Grande Prairie Little Theatre. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that he is not sure of the amount but believes it was around \$10,000.

Resolution #CM20140106.1006

MOVED BY B. SMITH to direct Broadway Live Broadway Ltd. to apply for the Recreation Grants in the spring 2014.

CARRIED

Mr. Perry thanked Council for their time at the meeting today and concluded at 10:18 a.m.

**10:30 - RCMP
INTRODUCTIONS**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20131203001)

Arlen Miller introduced Superintendent Ray Noble and noted that Inspector Andy Seidemann would not present at the meeting today. Superintendent Noble provided details regarding the 12 year strategic planning process the detachment is undertaking and is asking for input from the County into the process.

Superintendent Noble noted that Inspector Seidemann will be retiring and gave his two weeks notice today. In regards to the strategic planning, they would like to address the Grande Prairie Municipal, Grande Prairie Rural and Beaverlodge detachments: there are 109 regular member positions for Grande Prairie/Beaverlodge and 84 of them have been assigned to municipal functions. The County of Grande Prairie is a fast growing area and the RCMP are finding it more difficult to catch up with the growth. In May 2013, they had requested to add four additional members to the Municipal RCMP detachment and only recently received the approval by the government. We need to anticipate what is going to happen in the future so they have engaged a consulting firm to do a long term strategic plan. The plan will address the following:

- 1) what the priorities are for people in this area;
- 2) service delivery models: how they are going to address the priorities, for example zone policing, differential call response, and a collision reporting centre;
- Superintendent Stu Rempel entered at 10:25 a.m.
- 3) benchmarks: currently there is a minimum of 18 months to approve staffing requests and have someone hired; they also need to anticipate the growth in infrastructure as well (vehicles and office space).
- 4) staff wellness: helps to retain and recruit more staff.

The strategic planning process will include individual interviews with key stakeholders, focus groups, web-based survey, and a telephone survey. The RCMP would like to obtain input and cooperation from everyone and they are asking for support from Council to encourage residents to complete the surveys.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that the RCMP were approached in regards to moving the Grande Prairie Rural Detachment into the CSB prior to its construction, and at that point in time the building in the City was under-utilized so they remained there. He noted that we can extend the invitation to house the RCMP at the Community Services Building (CSB) again. Councillor Sutherland commented that he would like to see the Grande Prairie Rural Detachment located in the same building as Regional Fire Services and Regional Enforcement Services, and inquired if there would be any cost savings to have them housed in the CSB. Superintendent Noble responded that he

was not sure about the cost savings but that, as per the IDP, there will be an increase in the population of 2.5% each year so they will require more members to service the area properly. Furthermore, the existing building in Grande Prairie will not be large enough for the amount of staff in 5-7 years so they need to look for other options now to plan for the future.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented on when the County engaged the Province in regards to the Sheriffs Detachment moving to the CSB. Superintendent Noble noted that the Sheriffs are more of a integrated traffic unit not a detachment function, the RCMP and Sheriffs see each other on a daily basis, share info, work together, and the two units compliment each other. Mr. Miller noted that there is a meeting arranged with the Commanding Officer for K Division on February 5, 2014 and that will give another opportunity to discuss housing the RCMP. Councillor Beeston commented that ratepayers would like to see a more visible RCMP presence in the County and having them housed in the CSB would accomplish that. Superintendent Noble responded that in the past year, when looking at statistics, serious crimes are occurring outside the municipal boundaries of the City so they have been focusing their resources there.

Councillor Marshall inquired if the RCMP had ever considered having smaller detachments or stationing officers in the smaller locations (Sexsmith, Teepee, Creek, etc). Superintendent Noble responded that the goal of the consultations for the strategic planning is to draw input from everyone to achieve a consistent delivery of service for the ratepayers, and also identify the main priorities. CAO, Bill Rogan inquired if there is an anticipated increase to the rural detachments in the future. Superintendent Noble responded that the Horse Lake Enhanced position has been terminated effective January 1, 2014 so that member will be moved into a municipal position instead. The RCMP has also engaged with the MD of Greenview and other areas in the south for additional coverage.

Council thanked Mr. Miller and Superintendent Noble who left the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

**11:15 A.M. ART
GALLERY OF
GRANDE PRAIRIE
(AKA GRANDE
PRAIRIE ART
GALLERY)**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20131206008)

Robert Steven, Executive Director/Curator of the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie (AGGP) presented an update to Council on operations for 2013. The Art Gallery of Grande Prairie receives a Community Assistance Grant from the County of Grande Prairie in the amount of \$50,000 for the years 2013, 2014, 2015. CAO, Bill Rogan provided some background on the Art Gallery and on past support from the County. Mr. Steven thanked Council for having him at the Council meeting today.

History of the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie: in 1987 they began creating and circulating art shows with the Travelling Exhibitions

Program. In 2013 there were 120 presentations of 11 exhibitions in 33 communities. They are one of the 85 Art Galleries in Canada to have the Travelling Exhibitions Program. In 2012 the expansion of the Art Gallery was completed.

Recent County Support: \$50,000 Operating Grants in 2013, and scheduled for 2014. The AGGP is the largest arts and cultural location north of Edmonton, and it is the second largest public Art Gallery in Alberta by space.

Current Activities:

- 185,339 visits to the Travelling Exhibitions;
- 32,828 visits to the website;
- 83 volunteers donated 2,458 hours;
- 11,063 visited the art gallery;
- 2,150 school children and others participated in gallery programs (down 15%).

Service to the County:

- at least 258 works from the County in the collection;
- in 2013 there were 10 Travelling Exhibitions in County venues: two at Beaverlodge Elementary, six at Beaverlodge Highschool, and two at the Hythe Public Library;
- 8 programs were held for 190 County students;
- free admission to the gallery.

Operating Revenues:

- \$8000 from the Federal Government;
- \$303,000 from the Provincial Government;
- the City of Grande Prairie has supplied \$216,000 in cash and in kind, and \$288,000 for utilities, custodial, plant maintenance, and security;
- \$243,600 from fundraising;
- \$50,000 grant from the County;
- total of \$820,600;
- the City also provides the premises at no cost valued at \$659,354;
- the MD of Greenview has endorsed \$20,000/year for upcoming years.

Mr. Steven commented that the County logo and recognition for sponsorship is on the galleries website as well as in the gallery itself. AGGP has been discussing a partnership with the McNaught Preservation Society which could produce a book as well as a symposium. There is also a partnership with the South Peace Regional Archives. Mr. Steven also commented on other exhibitions and local artists (Robert Guest and the Winter on the Wapiti exhibit).

Councillor Bulford inquired how they decide on the venues for the

Travelling Exhibitions. Mr. Steven responded that the AGGP sends the booking catalog to all venues they are aware of, as well as other potential venues, in May-June and it is competitive, first-come-first-serve selection. The teachers are the primary volunteers so they make the calls and engage with the gallery very quickly. They are usually 100% booked for the Travelling Exhibitions and they sometimes extend the shows and do informal shows as well. He would like to see the number of Travelling Exhibitions that are held in the County as well as in the MD of Greenview increase. He also noted that the AGGP is currently holding some of the County artwork from front reception and Council Chambers while the renovations are being completed.

Mr. Steven noted that he will provide copies of the presentation and the Financial Statements to CAO, Bill Rogan. He concluded the presentation at 10:57 a.m.

COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARTIES FEEDBACK

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20131216002)

The County of Grande Prairie provided \$13,000 this year for the annual staff Christmas Party at Evergreen Park, and a new Christmas event, a Family Christmas Party at Troyer Town in Evergreen Park. HR had estimated 40 children for the Family Party, and had an overwhelming response of 72 children registered. Troyer Town was an excellent venue and John Simpson made a wonderful Santa. Letters were attached thanking Council for the sponsorship.

Evergreen Park also hosted another wonderful Staff Christmas Party, and the concerns about double-booking with the MMA event were mute.

INFORMATION

Resolution #CM20140106.1007

MOVED BY H. BULFORD to accept the County Christmas Parties Feedback as information.

CARRIED

SPECIAL NEEDS SNOW PLOWING SE-14-71-5W6M

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20131217003)

Kathleen Turner, Director of FCSS, noted that Council hears requests from County residents who are experiencing health issues and/or special needs and are unable to keep their driveways cleared of snow. This ensures those residents are able to get out to access health services and in addition emergency services can reach them if needed. The father of this family (57) is undergoing health issues (waiting for lung transplant) and is not able to clear their driveway. A doctors note confirming information is on file. Public Works has advised that the driveway is accessible.

Resolution #CM20140106.1008

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL to approve the special needs snow plowing request for SE-14-71-5 W6M.

CARRIED

**SPECIAL NEEDS
SNOWPLOWING
75044 TWP RD 715A**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20131220001)

This individual is a 53 year old single male residing in the Saskatoon Lake area. He has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is undergoing chemo treatment at the present time. He lives alone, does not own equipment and is physically not able to clear snow at this time. Public works has viewed the property and although it will be a tight fit they advise it is doable. A doctor's Certificate is on file.

Resolution #CM20140106.1009

MOVED BY P. HARRIS to approve the special needs snow plowing request for 75044 Township Road 715A.

Renewal will be required for next winter season. Mrs. Turner commented that all of the people who receive this service are very happy and thankful.

CARRIED

**2013 RECREATION &
CULTURE GRANTS -
UPDATE ON
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF COMPLIANCE**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20131126005)

Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, and Rikki Christie, Administrative Assistant, provided an update on the 2013 Recreation & Culture Grants.

As per section 2J of the Conditional Grant Agreement, grant recipients were to submit an Acknowledgement of Compliance by December 31, 2013.

As of December 31, 2013 the following groups have submitted an Acknowledgement of Compliance:

- Bezanson Agricultural Society
- Bezanson Volunteer Fire Department
- Beaverlodge Agricultural Society
- Beaverlodge & District Curling Club
- Beaverlodge Boys & Girls Camp Society
- Beaverlodge Senior Citizens Association
- Clairmont Community School
- Clairmont Participarent
- Hythe & District Agricultural Society
- Hythe Athletic Association
- Hythe Public Library
- Goodfare Community Hall
- Grande Prairie Performing Arts Guild
- Hythe Curling Club
- Peace Wapiti Speed Skating Club
- Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society

Special Requests:

- Lymburn Community Hall- Requesting an extension on the building project: construction did not begin until October. Councillor Smith commented that there is not much more work that still needs to be done on the building.
- South Peace Centennial Museum - Requesting an extension on grain elevator project (\$5000).

No response/continuing follow up:

- Clairmont & District Agricultural Society
- Grande Prairie Ski Club
- West Country Lightning Football Association
- Wembley Agricultural Society
- Mountview Curling Rink
- Valhalla Archery Club
- Teepee Creek Museum
- Sexsmith Agricultural Society
- Glen Leslie Preservation Society
- Hythe Legion
- Five Mile Hall

Other:

- Hythe Golden Age Craft Centre - Request for extension approved on Oct 28, 2013.
- Rio Grande Sports Association - never returned signed Conditional Grant Agreement and therefore grant funding was not released. Administration contacted the association on several occasions and never received a response. Councillor Harris noted that he will speak to them and see why they have not signed the agreement.

Resolution #CM20140106.1010

MOVED BY B. SMITH to permit Lymburn Community Hall to carry over funds for the building project.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140106.1011

MOVED BY H. BULFORD to permit South Peace Centennial Museum to carry over funds the grain elevator project.

CARRIED

Councillor Harris commented that we shouldn't have to chase after groups to give them grant money. Councillors Smith and Beeston commented that the community groups are mainly volunteers and they do not all know about the grant process.

2014 RECREATION

The Recreation & Culture Grant Committee met on November 7 and 8, 2013. In total, there were 16 Capital Grant applications requesting

**AND CULTURE
GRANT
RECOMMENDATIONS**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20131126006)

\$558,444.00, two major capital grant applications requesting \$325,000.00 and one 100th anniversary grant application requesting \$25,000.00. Below is the recommendations from the Recreation & Culture Grant Committee. We do not issue more grant money until the groups have sent the Acknowledgement of Compliance on pervious grants disbursements to us.

2014 Capital Assistance Grant

- Bezanson Volunteer Fire Department, Phase 3 of Community Rink Project - \$50,000.00
- Kleskun Hill Museum Society, Repair Facilities, Log Restoration - \$46,500.00
- Bezanson Agricultural Society, Repair and expand facilities - \$50,000.00
- Five Mile Community Agricultural Society, Complete North side renovation - \$75,000.00
- Nitehawk Ski Area, purchase emergency rescue vehicles - \$20,000.00
- West Country Lightning Football, Lighting needs study - \$10,000
- Beaverlodge Boys & Girls Camp Society, Upgrade Roofing - \$10,000.00
- South Peace Centennial Museum, Build shed to store equipment - \$32,750.00
- Hythe Playschool Society, Noise reduction baffling - \$3,000 (Councillor Smith commented that they would only need \$3000 not \$5000).
- Hythe Community Centre, Purchase new furnaces, new flooring - \$18,000.00
- Hythe & District Pioneer Homes Foundation, New exterior on old hospital building - \$50,000.00
- Hythe Athletic Association, Lighting replacement - \$15,000.00
- Valhalla Archery Club, Purchase equipment - \$10,000.00
- Homestead Hall Association, Repairs facility - \$15,500.00
- Valhalla Recreation Centre, Replace lighting - \$5,000.00

Total : \$410,750.00

2014 Major Capital Grants:

- Valhalla Playground Committee, New Playground - \$75,000.00
- Clairmont Agricultural Society, Build an adventure park - \$200,000.00

Total : \$275,000.00

100th Anniversary Grant:

- Bezanson Agricultural Society, upgrade day-use, build playground, host 100th anniversary picnic - \$25,000.00 (letters of support from Bezanson provided).

Total: \$25,000.00

Total Funds Distributed: \$710,750.00

Resolution #CM20140106.1012

MOVED BY C. BECK to approve the recommendations submitted by the Recreation and Culture Grant Committee and direct administration to distribute the allocated funds.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR
SPONSORSHIP -
ACFA MAPLE SYRUP
FESTIVAL**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20131127001)

The French Canadian Association of Grande Prairie is hosting it's 16th annual Maple Syrup Festival and is seeking sponsorship from the County of Grande Prairie.

Event Info: Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Muskosepi Park, Grande Prairie.

Sponsorship Opportunities :

Gold - \$1,000

Silver - \$500

Bronze - \$250

Festival Partner - \$100

Funds raised go towards this event and the operating costs of the ACFA.

Past Support: The County has not supported this event in the past. The sponsorship would come from the Community Assistance Line.

Resolution #CM20140106.1013

MOVED BY B. SMITH that the County supply a silent auction item up to \$150 for the ACFA Maple Syrup Festival.

Ms. Schur responded that a silent auction item is not an option for sponsorship.

Councillor Smith withdrew his motion.

WITHDRAWN

Resolution #CM20140106.1014

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the County sponsor the ACFA Maple Syrup Festival as a Silver partner in the amount of \$500.00.

CARRIED

**BEC MEETING
MINUTES NOVEMBER**

The approved minutes of the November 27th Building Expansion

27, 2013

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20131216001)

Committee meeting were attached to the agenda package for review.

INFORMATION

**LETTER FROM
MINISTER RIC
MCIVER**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20131231001)

A letter dated December 5th, 2013 from Minister Ric McIver regarding the condition of secondary Highway #723 was attached to the agenda package for review.

INFORMATION

**MONTHLY
STATEMENT FOR
OCT. 31, 2013**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20131230001)

A report of monthly cash flows, investments and accounts paid for October 2013 was attached to the agenda package. The report is submitted monthly for Council's information.

INFORMATION

ACTION LIST

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20131231003)

The Action List up to and including December 2, 2013 was attached to the agenda package.

INFORMATION

Resolution #CM20140106.1015

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the information items: BEC Meeting Minutes November 27, 2013, Letter from Minister Ric McIver, Monthly Statement for Oct. 31, 2013, and Action List (items 9.1 - 9.4) be accepted as information.

CARRIED

**COUNCILLOR,
COMMITTEE AND
DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Councillor Beck commented that he received lots of calls in regards to snowplowing but his ratepayers were happy with the progress made to tackle the snow. He also noted that he was on the County Facebook page responding to complaints and inquiries about the snow removal. CAO, Bill Rogan commented that a lot of Public Works staff worked on New Years day to combat the snowfall.

Councillor Beeston also commented on calls related to snow removal and special calls for snow removal. He and his ratepayers are very thankful to Public Works for the snow removal done. He is still working with Mr. Simpson on the lighting issue in Clairmont as it is an ongoing project.

Councillor Smith commented that his ratepayers were very appreciative for the snow removal that was done on New Years day. He also noted that it is a very good idea to have the news reports on the radio noting how many graders the County has running and what was being done.

Councillor Smith noted that the Horse Lake Road Committee is scheduling a meeting for January 15, 2014 at the Horse Lake

Reserve.

Councillor Smith noted that the Dr. Recruitment Committee meeting will also be held on January 15, 2014 and referred to an article in the Edmonton Journal in regards to the four doctors that resigned from the Family Care Clinic in Slave Lake that was written on December 19, 2013.

Councillor Smith inquired if any information for the Dinosaur Museum has been provided to Grande Prairie Tourism yet as they have tried to engage with Brian Brake with no response. Mr. Simpson responded that Mr. Brake has been pursuing the Travel Alberta contact to see if they want to rent space at the Dinosaur Museum, Travel Alberta has now responded that they will stay in Centre 2000 and not relocate. Grande Prairie Tourism is looking for a better understanding of the timelines for the opening of the Dinosaur Museum because they are going to provincial trade shows and conferences and they want to promote the museum there. Council has asked Chris King, Economic Development Officer, to open dialogue with Ainsley at Grande Prairie Tourism and also have him investigate the potential for a Dinosaur Trail in Alberta. Councillor Marshall noted that he will be attending a meeting with Grande Prairie Tourism this Thursday, January 9, 2014. Mr. Simpson noted that we cannot give concrete timelines so it is difficult to give the info to Grande Prairie Tourism.

Councillor Bulford inquired if the snow removal rotation could be reduced to 3-4 days instead of 5 days, and how much new staff PW would need to address that level of service. Mr. Pfau responded that PW complete the rotation in 4-5 days with extended hours, running 18 graders and the spare. In order to have the rotation reduced to 3 days they would require 1/4 more staff and machinery or dedicate hired equipment by contract. Councillor Bulford commented that the current level of service is awesome but because of the increased Special Needs Snowplow requests and other requests he is worried that PW will not be able to accomplish their normal day-to-day operations and the increased workload could potentially impact the health and wellness of the staff. Mr. Pfau responded that he will be having a meeting in 2-3 weeks with the foremen and the discussion will be brought back to Council for the spring budget. Councillor Smith inquired if they could use a Challenger or other smaller equipment instead of the graders. Mr. Pfau responded that currently they are not getting their regular day job done because of the emergency situations, and that in the future, they can discuss with Agriculture about using the tractors or Challengers. There was also discussion in regards to the snow removal rotation for the hamlets and subdivisions, when the new snow blower would be arriving, and what will need to be done for ditch drainage in the spring.

Councillor Harris commented that he received both compliments and complaints in regards to snow removal. He posed a question in

regards to the blading of County roads and whether a ratepayer would get in trouble if he did his road with his own equipment. Mr. Pfau responded that ratepayers cannot deposit snow on the County roads, but Public Works does encourage any help where they can get it in situations where there is a massive snowfall.

Councillor Marshall commented that he received some calls and emails in regards to snow removal. He commented on the lack of snow removal in the City of Camrose while visiting there.

Councillor Sutherland commented that he received both positive and negative calls in regards to snow removal. He also commented that the radio and news releases are very good because ratepayers get to hear how much is really being done. Mr. Pfau commented on the clearing the ditches, the lack of visibility with all of the snow clearing, and that it is sometimes hard to avoid pushing the snow in people's driveways if they live on the main roads.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that Public Work's has been very busy and it seems as though the news releases are helping a lot.

Mr. Pfau thanked Trudy Peterson and all of the staff who handle the phone calls from ratepayers. He further noted that the Horse Lake Meeting for January 15, 2014 is still tentative as he has been trying to get all of the necessary confirmations for attendance. Public Works would like to get the roads smoother and the snow pushed back further to increase visibility.

Mr. Miller commented that Councillors can direct ratepayers to call Enforcement Services if the snow is being pushed across the roads. He further noted that his staff have only heard positive comments in regards to snow removal.

Mr. Simpson received an email in regards to the Preliminary Annexation Hearing as the County has now received information from the City in regards to the updated populations and other studies. The County had asked the Municipal Government Board for more time to assess the studies and the impact from annexation but the City was opposed giving more time to review. The Hearing will take place on January 27, 2014 and ratepayers are encouraged to attend as well as comment that they support the County asking for more time for review. Mr. Simpson noted that he will continue to work on the annexation application even though he is retiring, he will be contracting back and working from home. Today is his last Council meeting and he thanked the Councillors for everything.

Council thanked Mr. Simpson for his hard work and dedication to the County and wished him a happy retirement.

Resolution #CM20140106.1016

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the meeting be recessed for a 5 minute break.

CARRIED

The meeting was reconvened at 12:07 p.m.

LAND REQUISITION

(IN CAMERA)
(Issue #20131231002)

Resolution #CM20140106.1017

MOVED by H. BULFORD that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 12:07 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 Land Negotiations.

CARRIED

Resolution #CM20140106.1018

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 12:46 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20140106.1019

MOVED by B. SMITH that the meeting adjourn at 12:46 p.m.

CARRIED

These minutes approved the _____ day of _____ 2014.

Reference # _____

REEVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR