

# Council Highlights



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**June 23, 2014**

**AMHSA Safety Award** – Council congratulated County of Grande Prairie staff for receiving the Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association (AMHSA) safety award for their outstanding commitment to ensuring employees have received appropriate occupational health and safety training. The County is one of eight municipalities in Alberta to have received this award. AMHSA provides essential health and safety training to its municipal partners as well as provides certification in the safety Certificate of Recognition Program as a partner to WCB and Alberta Human Services.

**Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum Update** – Brian Brake, Executive Director for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum provided Council with an update on the Museum including the construction update, Museum funding and sponsorship opportunities, and events including the Amber Ball which will be taking place on August 9, 2014 at the Entrec Centre. More information is available at [www.curriemuseum.ca](http://www.curriemuseum.ca).

**Rio Grande Bridge** – Council made a motion to defer to budget the decision to set aside funding to construct a new bridge over the Red Willow River to accommodate vehicles with higher height and wider width needing to cross the River.

**Speed reduction efforts** – Council and administration have received concerns from the public about excessive speeding within residential areas of the County. In an attempt to reduce speeding, removable speed bumps installed on roads within various County subdivisions were suggested by Public Works. Council approved the motion for

Public Works to run a pilot program and have speed bumps installed in one identified area of the County in the amount of \$2,002 and then bring back the results to determine the success of the program.

**Hamlet Waste and Recycle Collection Survey** – Council made a motion to send a letter and survey to homeowners in Bezanson, La Glace, Teepee Creek and Valhalla to determine whether they are interested in receiving curbside waste and recycling services for an additional cost added to their bi-monthly water and sewer bill. The survey will be distributed to homeowners this summer. Once the survey is completed, the results will be brought back to Council for a final decision.

**Divisional Road Construction Program** – Council made a motion to increase the miles in the Divisional Road Construction Program to the equivalent of two miles of paving/four miles of gravel road upgrade for each division bi-annually and make this change in the Divisional Program Funding Policy. Previously, 1.5 miles of paving/three miles of gravel roads was allocated for each division bi-annually. The Divisional Road Construction Program is just one of several County road programs.

**Agricultural Fairs** – Council directed Administration to develop a policy on sponsoring agricultural fairs held by communities in the County. The policy is expected to be reviewed in July this year.

**Aquatera Letter of Support** – Council will write a letter of support to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting to update the Municipal Government Act and the related Control of Corporations Regulation to

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allow Aquatera to be able to adopt provincial regulations and receive similar treatment to EPCOR and Enmax that increase shareholder value in generating revenues outside shareholder municipalities through both geographically and through acquisitions without requiring approval from the Minister

**Bylaws** – Council gave bylaw 2680-14-037 third and final reading to redesignate 12.2 acres of land located in the Hamlet of Clairmont on Pt. NW-25-72-6-W6M from Rural Residential (RR-4) District to Medium Density Residential (MDR) District for the subdivision of Medium Density Residential use.

Council gave bylaw 2680-14-039 third and final reading. This will allow for the redesignation of approx. 16.65 acres of land located 3 miles southwest of the Hamlet of Bezanson and adjacent to Rge Rd. 34 and Hwy 670 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of one residential lot.

### **Employee Personal Protective Equipment Allowance Policy –**

Council approved revisions to the County's Employee Personal Protective Equipment Allowance Policy. Revisions include allowing permanent staff to apply for reimbursement for equipment that is not explicitly Canadian Standards Approved but required for safe work practices. In addition, Step Students terminology will be replaced with seasonal workers.

**Next Council meeting is July 14, 2014. These meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at the County Administration Building.**

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