

# Council Highlights



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**May 12, 2014**

**Parkland Bylaw Receives Third Reading** – County Council gave the new Parkland Conservation Bylaw third reading. The new legislation regulates the activity on County environmental and municipal reserves, campgrounds, parks, trails and outdoor spaces used for recreation and leisure. See news release, “**County Council Gives New Parkland Bylaw Third Reading**”.

**County Funds Emergency Repairs at Twilight Club of LaGlacé** – Council made a motion to provide a maximum of \$12,500 to cover the costs of repairing furnace and hot water tank at the recreation centre.

**County Enters Mutual Aid Agreement with TSR** – Council agreed to enter into a mutual aid agreement with the Grande Prairie chapter of Technical Search and Rescue (TSR).

**Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce Salutes County’s 20 Year Membership/Emphasizes Need for TFW Program** – Chamber representatives requested the County lobby federal and provincial politicians to highlight the needs for the Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) program in our region and the downward pressure that the suspension of the program is placing on sections of the business community. Chamber President Shawna Miller congratulated Council on their 20-year membership.

**County Approves Joint Bid with City to Host 2017 55+ Winter Games-** Council approved submitting a letter of intent to jointly host the 2017 55+ Winter Games with the City of Grande Prairie.

**Senior’s Week Proclamation** – Council proclaimed June 2-8, 2014 as Seniors’ Week. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Generations’ Luncheon will be held June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wellington Resource Centre. The County and Grande Spirit Foundation will host the 100 years of Pioneer Celebration at the Entrec Centre in Evergreen Park on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm. The free event features live music, wagon rides, light lunch and more. Bus shuttle service is available from Centre 2000 and the Pomeroy Hotel. Please RSVP by May 20<sup>th</sup> at your local senior centre. Visit the County’s event calendar at [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) for a list of events being held to celebrate Seniors’ Week.

**Public Hearings** – Council held a public hearing on bylaw 2680-14-031 to redesignate approximately 13.7 acres of land located 4.5 miles southwest of the Village of Hythe, adjacent to Rge Rd. 114 and Twp. Rd. 730 from agricultural to country residential (CR-5). This would facilitate the development of one lot for country residential use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing on bylaw 2680-14-032 to redesignate approximately 16.20 acres of land located two miles north of the Hamlet of Bezanson, adjacent to Twp. Rd. 724 and Hwy 733 from agricultural to country residential (CR-5). This would facilitate the development of one lot for country residential use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

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Council held a public hearing on bylaw 2680-14-028 to redesignate 13.02 acres of land located one mile east of the City of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Rge. Rd. 53. Part of the lot would be redesignated from country residential (CR-2) to country residential (CR-5) and the other lot from agricultural to country residential (CR-5). Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing on bylaw 2680-14-033 to redesignate approximately 19.97 acres of land located adjacent to the Hamlet of Bezanson, Twp. Rd. 31 and Hwy 43 from country residential (CR-5) to rural medium industrial (RM-2). This would facilitate the development of one new lot for industrial use. The bylaw did not receive first reading.

Council held a public hearing on bylaw 2680-14-034 to redesignate approximately 10.42 acres of land located 1.5 miles southwest of the City of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Rge. Rd. 63A and Twp. Rd. 710 from country residential (CR-5) to country industrial (CM). This would facilitate the expansion of a business on the parcel. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

**Bylaw Amendments** – Council gave first reading to a number of bylaw amendments including the Municipal Development Plan, Crossroads North Area Structure Plan and Balisky Hodges Area Structure Plan. Public hearings will be scheduled shortly.

**Development Permit** – Council renewed a development permit for a temporary (five year) work camp and silo located in the Crossroads South Industrial park. The permit is subject to several conditions.

**Staff Introduction** – County Council and staff welcomed all new and returning seasonal staff to the Parks & Recreation department. As well, Tyler Holdener was introduced as the new Compliance Officer in the Planning & Development Services department. The Public Works department welcomed three new staff members including Gravel Truck Operator, Jason Laderoute and Kelsey Rigler and Doug Holtby who join the County as Seasonal Equipment Operators.

**Next Council meeting is May 26, 2014. These meetings will be held in the EOC in the Community Services Building until further notice.**

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