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November 24, 2014

Clairmont Transit Feasibility Study – Council approved the motion to explore options for providing public transit within the community of Clairmont and in connection with the City of Grande Prairie. The County will be applying for Alberta’s GreenTRIP grant program and discussing possible partnership strategies that can make the operation of public transit as efficient as possible.

AAMDC District 4 Scholarship – County Council presented County resident and post-secondary student Kristen LaValley with a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties. The scholarship is open to young, rural Albertans who are enrolled in post-secondary education and looking to further their education; involved in the community and demonstrate volunteerism; and consider rural careers and/or rural Alberta as a location for their career development.

Staff Introductions – County Council and staff welcomed Mike Shykora and Melissa Wideman to the County. Mike will be working for the Regional Fire Service as the captain for Platoon A; Melissa for the Family and Community Support Services department as an administrative assistant.

Recreation Advisory Committee – Council made a motion to form a recreation advisory committee for the County of Grande Prairie. The committee will include members of the Joint Recreation Committee.

Draft Trail Usage Policy – Council approved the draft policy for County trails. The Policy includes a standard operating procedure to fulfill objectives of the Developed Trail Survey Policy which will help quantify the number of trail usages; and determine what types of recreation is taking place on the trails; usage preference; the amount of users; infrastructure needs and potential trail expansion areas.

Dimsdale Area Structure Plan – Council held a public hearing for the Dimsdale Area Structure Plan (ASP)/Bylaw 3012. The Dimsdale ASP encompasses a total of 2,560 acres of land located in the Dimsdale community east by Rge Rd. 72 and to the west of Rge Rd. 74. The ASP will provide framework for the future land use, subdivision and development of the area. The area will accommodate a mix of light industrial, medium industrial, highway industrial and country residential developments. Council gave the ASP second reading. The ASP will return at a future Council meeting for third reading.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-14-048 to redesignate approx. 103.78 acres of land located 1 mile west of the City of Grande Prairie and adjacent to Rge Rd. 64 on Lot 15, Plan Flyings from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Estate (RE) District. Council gave the bylaw second reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-14-046 to redesignate approx. 103.78 acres of Lot 14, Plan Flyings located within the Intermunicipal Development Plan Area, from a Country Residential (CR-2) District to a Rural Estate (RE) District for the subdivision of rural estate use. Council gave the bylaw second reading.

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Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-14-068 to redesignate approx. 7.02 acres located in part of NE-32-70-6-W6M and in the long-term annexation area from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-2) District to allow for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-14-069 to redesignate approx. 31.78 acres of land located 3 miles east of the Hamlet of Clairmont and adjacent to Rge Rd. 51 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-14-070 to redesignate approx. 10 acres of land located 3 miles northwest of the Town of Wembley and adjacent to Twp Rd. 720 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-14-071 to redesignate approx. 19.99 acres of land located 10 miles south of the Hamlet of Bezanson and adjacent to Twp Rd. 713A from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-14-071 to redesignate approx. 20.76 acres of land located 2 miles northeast of the Hamlet of Clairmont and adjacent to Rge Rd. 52 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of two residential lots. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

County sponsorship – Council approved the sponsorship of covering the costs of meals for one day of the Grande Prairie Army Cadets' trip to Vimy Ridge in 2015.

Range Road 60/ Township Road 744 to Saddle Hills County Border speed limit change – Council approved the motion to increase the speed limit on Range Road 60 from Township Road 744 to the Saddle Hills County border from 60 km/hr to 80 km/hr.

Request for road surfacing – The County received a request from several residents for the surfacing of the internal roads in the Spruce Villa Estates subdivision. Spruce Villa Estates is a pre-1999 rural subdivision that is eligible to request the County pave the internal roads once the subdivision achieves 95 per cent occupancy. Council made a motion to defer this request to budget deliberations in December.

South Peace Regional Archives Funding – The 2015-2018 projected budget for South Peace Regional Archives as well as the funding request for \$41,600 was presented to Council. Council approved the motion to defer the request for funding to budget deliberations.

Wapiti Corridor Planning Society – Lauraine Howatt and Duane Stevenson from the Wapiti Corridor Planning Society made a presentation to Council outlining the society's budget for 2015 including a request for \$10,000 in funding and \$4,000 gift-in-kind of County Planning & Development Services work. This request has been deferred budget deliberations.

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Request for Proposals – Council awarded the Request for Proposal (RFP) for three new 2015 articulated group 4 motor graders that will be replacing three existing units being retired from service to Brandt for \$1,020,000.

Council awarded the RFP for four new 2015 articulated group 4 or 5 motor graders that will be replacing four existing units being retired from service to Strongco for \$1,523,200.

Next Council meeting is Monday, December 1, 2014.
2015 Preliminary budget deliberations will be taking place on December 3 and 4, 2014.

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