



# MINUTES

County Council  
Regular Meeting

## County of Grande Prairie No. 1

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### November 3, 2014 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, November 03, 2014

Start time : 11:00 AM

Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Administration Building

### Minutes

#### ATTENDANCE

Present were:

##### 1. Reeve

- Leanne Beaupre

##### 2. Deputy Reeve

- Ross Sutherland

##### 3. Council

- Corey Beck
- Daryl Beeston
- Harold Bulford
- Richard Harpe
- Peter Harris
- Bob Marshall
- Brock Smith

##### 5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Dale Van Volkingburgh
- Dawn Sauve

##### 6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

##### 7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Oravec
- Tatiana Catana

Absent:

**5. Directors**

- Nick Lapp

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution #CM20141103.1001**

**MOVED by C. BECK** that the agenda for the November 3, 2014 Council Meeting (2014/11/03) be approved with the additions as presented.

- Councillor Beck added a Notice of Motion to New Business (item 10.7);
- Reeve Beaupre added the AAMDC Convention Workshops, Conferences, Seminars (item 11.1). She commented on the EMS Tour and Sorrentino's Compassion House tour.

**Carried**

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Resolution #CM20141103.1002**

**MOVED by H. BULFORD** that the minutes for October 20, 2014 Council Meeting (2014/10/20) be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**11:00 a.m. - Future Changes to Medical Co-Response Program**

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20141023003)

Everett Cooke, Fire Chief, noted that since the early to-mid 2000's fire services across the region have taken the opportunity and participated in a Medical Co-Response program assisting local Ambulance Service providers in providing critical care to those in need. Today, four of five County of Grande Prairie Stations actively participate in providing medical services in addition to the Towns of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, Wembley and the Village of Hythe.

Alberta Health Services has been working on changes to the MCR program announcing that in the near future the newly dubbed Medical First Response (MFR) program would have new protocols for responders including mandatory registration with the Alberta College of Paramedics (ACP) for EMR's and a continuing education component. All existing agencies that are participants in the current MCR program have been invited to participate in the new MFR program. Those agencies who desire to join this new program have been provided an option to participate as first aiders if they choose not to register with ACP. Persons responding at the First Aid level will not be permitted to assist with ASA (Asprin) or Nitro Glycerin spray, check blood glucose levels, take O2 saturation levels or even provide oxygen to a person who is oxygen deficient.

Since the conception of the MCR program participants were required to

successfully complete an average of 96 hours of training achieving their Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification, EMR was the minimum level of training required to participate in the program. The majority of the training was provided by GPREMS (prior to AHS) and other education institutes including Portage College and St. Johns Ambulance. Once completed the newly trained EMR was required to pass a written test as well as successfully complete a practical scenario. Once ready the EMR then had the option to register with the Alberta College of Paramedics (ACP); this was not a mandatory step as under the direction of Dr. Lewis (local medical director for this program) it was not a requirement to be a MCR.

The Alberta College of Paramedics is a recognized body that all Emergency Medical Paramedics and Technicians are required to be registered with as well as select Emergency Medical Responders. Registration for EMR's may be required by their place of employment and those wanting to further their education to the level of EMT or EMP. When registering with ACP the individual is required to travel to either Edmonton or Red Deer to complete the process which may last up to three days. The process includes a written exam and a practical scenario. Costs associated with registering include travel, accommodations, fee's for the examination process, registration fees and the individuals time. In 2009 County Fire Chief Peter Ensor confirmed that members of our Bezanson station who participate in this program will be registered with ACP. At this time primary medical responses were being provided by the City of Grande Prairie Fire Department and Chief Ensor wanted to ensure that there was 100% transparency between the members of Bezanson and those from the city that were registered with ACP. This position is supported today by fire administration. Fire Chief Cooke introduced members from the Bezanson station that are involved with the Medical Co-Response.

The County of Grande Prairie Fire Service currently has an estimated 35 members registered with ACP and another 27 that are not. Collectively across the region it is estimated that nearly 80 responders are trained to the EMR level who are not registered with ACP. Alberta Health Services has announced that with the coming changes all EMR staff that want to continue to participate in the MFR program will be required to be registered with ACP. When asked, a specific start date was not provided other than the spring or summer of 2015. In addition to the mandatory registration, additional steps will be required by all MFR members. Each participant will be required to complete annual continuing education credits (120) and pay annual registration fees consuming additional hours annually beyond regular scheduled training. There are discussions about getting the training done in the County so people won't have to go to Edmonton or Red Deer.

As of today's date over 411 Medical Co-Response calls have been responded to by all participating departments in our region with 11 being first responses. A first response can be defined as when the fire service is called to respond on behalf of the ambulance service as no ambulances

are available at the time of the call. Chief Cooke referred to the letter submitted from a member of the Bezanson Station in regards to the program.

Councillor Beck inquired why the changes are occurring now. Fire Chief Cooke responded that there are changes to the Medical Professionals Act that will be enforced soon, so these changes are being made in accordance with the changes to the Act.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if there has been any advocacy to AHS asking for a delay so we can assure the rural and remote areas with MCR will be able to get the training online. Fire Chief Cooke responded that the fire offices are engaging AHS and trying to get the courses in-house so the credits can be obtained. Reeve Beaupre expressed her concerns that MCR have to arrive before EMS so this program can mean the difference between life and death for many ratepayers. EMS has had some issues responding to accidents in a timely manner. Fire Chief Cooke responded that in areas like Bezanson there are delays with EMS arriving; and they accept the MCR will arrive first. He also noted that we need to keep our rural stations on-call and have the ability to provide oxygen to keep people calm enough until EMS does arrive to treat them.

Councillor Bulford thanked Fire Chief Cooke for the presentation as he asked them to present to Council before Council attends the upcoming AAMDC Conference. He commented on the issues associated with the costs and ability to register in the program. There are ongoing Issues with AHS and the ability to dispatch ambulances.

Councillor Harpe commented on the seriousness of the situation because there are two very critical areas in the County (East to the Smoky and West to the BC border) which require a lot of attention. He noted that we need to organize and have our MLA's and Ministers lobby for this because it is a valuable service for all ratepayers. Councillor Bulford commented that the credits that need to be obtained cause a real problem for the Northern Region because the training is only offered in Southern Alberta. It was suggested that Reeve Beaupre take our concerns to the Reeve's meeting at the AAMDC Conference.

**11:20 a.m. -  
Updated Quality  
Management  
Plan &  
Supporting  
Policy**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20141023002)

This past December the County of Grande Prairie Fire Service participated in an audit of our safety codes administration. The audit was conducted by Denis Cunninghame who visited the Clairmont Station while the concluding report was prepared and submitted to the County in July of this year by Gerald Baron, Director of Operations with the Safety Codes Council.

After the audit report was received County Fire Administration met to review the suggestions and recommendations and recognized the need for a supporting policy with respect to safety codes services and a desired level of training. This new policy would be designed to meet the obligations

of our Quality Management Plan. Policy H7, Fire Prevention (Safety Codes Services) was then drafted outlining these levels of training. The policy was presented, reviewed and approved by Directors this past October. Fire Administration believes that together with the updated QMP these two documents will meet or exceed the suggestions and recommendations identified in the recent audit and that they will continue to provide the County of Grande Prairie a clear and concise direction with respect to Safety Codes Services. Reeve Beaupre commented that any further changes to Policy H7 will need to be highlighted in red so Council can track the changes.

**Resolution #CM20141103.1003**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** that Council approve Policy H7 - Fire Prevention Safety Codes Services and the updated Quality Management Plan for the fire discipline as presented, meeting the recommendations and suggestions of the Safety Codes Council Audit.

**Carried**

**11:40 a.m. -  
Alberta 2017 55+  
Summer Games  
Bid**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20141021005)

Karna Gemsheid, Executive Director of the Grande Prairie Sport Council, Jim Hammond, Chair of the Bid Committee, and Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation presented on behalf of the Grande Prairie Sport Council and the Bid Committee. Ms. Gemshied distributed additional documentation to Council.

In 1980, the Alberta Senior Games were initiated. Since then, the Summer Games have occurred every two years, with the winter version starting in 2005. In total, our zone which covers from Fox Creek to the Territories Border for the western half of the Province, has sent over 100 seniors to each of the 23 55+ games. During that time, the games have been hosted twice by Zone 8. With the majority of Zone 8 participants residing in either the County or City of Grande Prairie, the Grande Prairie Sport Council would like the County and City to consider submitting a bid to jointly host the 2017 Alberta 55+ Summer Games.

Earlier this year, the Grande Prairie Sport Council received verbal support from both the City and County Councils to make a joint bid to host the Alberta 55+ 2017 Winter Games. Sport Alberta, the Provincial Organization which oversees the games, requested the Grande Prairie Sport Council to pursue the 2017 Alberta 55+ Summer Games, rather than the winter games. In response, the Grande Prairie Sport Council agreed to the change, but in the process found they needed a new bid chair person. Megan Schur, the County representative on the Grande Prairie Sport Council, asked Jim Hammond to chair the bid committee. Mr. Hammond agreed to do so, and chaired the first meeting of the Alberta 55+ 2017 Summer Games Bid Committee on October 10, 2014. Mr. Hammond and the Grande Prairie Sport Council will be working with the County of Grande Prairie, the the City of Grande Prairie, and then assuming both organizations are supportive of a bid, Grande Prairie Regional College as the bid process moves forward.

Ms. Gemsheid noted that the Summer Games will work well with the festivals and the other economic development opportunities in our region. It was noted that the Sport Bid Committee is supported through the Grande Prairie Sport Council and use a Steering Committee (need 15 positions on the Board). She noted the responsibilities of the Host Community and that the Bid Committee used a specific model in their analysis and they ensure that the Summer Games will be economically feasible. Ms. Schur noted that from an internal perspective, we can also create and strengthen our partnerships with neighbouring municipalities with the Summer Games.

There was considerable discussion in regards to:

- the "Host Community" and whether the City has been approached for joint funding (\$200,000) as well;
- the Pursuit of Excellence and funds for volunteerism;
- provincial funding: two Casinos and another event totaling at least \$150,000;
- where the events will be held (facilities in the City and County);
- the distance that athletes would need to travel to compete in the events;
- the benefits of sponsoring the event; and
- encouraging events that promote gender equality and equal participation.

Ms. Gemsheid noted that the ask from the Grande Prairie Sport Council is for a letter of intent to bid on the Alberta 2017 55+ Summer Games.

Councillor Harris inquired if there are any more details on the budget for the event. Ms. Schur responded that, should Council want to bid, the bid package will arrive in December and then we will have to submit it by March 2015. She noted that Council can defer the financial ask to Budget Deliberations and it would give Ms. Gemsheid and Mr. Hammond enough time to speak to the City.

**Resolution #CM20141103.1004**

**MOVED BY B. MARSHALL** to send a letter of support to co-host the Alberta 2017 55+ Summer Games with the City of Grande Prairie to the Sport Council Bid Committee for the initial phase of the bid process with no financial obligations from the County at this time.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20141103.1005**

**MOVED BY B. MARSHALL** that the meeting be recessed at 12:15 p.m. to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

**Carried**

The meeting was reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

**1:00 p.m. -  
Grande Prairie**

Ross Mather presented to Council on behalf of the Grande Prairie High School Rodeo Finals Committee and requested financial support from the County for the Provincial High School Rodeo Finals being held June 4-7, 2015. The request is for a \$30,000 sponsorship per year, for the next two

**High School  
Rodeo Finals  
Committee**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20141008001)

years, which would help with the costs for the provincial finals. This is a four day event which will attract approximately 200 High School cowboys and cowgirls from across Alberta as well as their parents to the Grande Prairie region.

Mr. Mather commented on the business plan and noted that the budget is not confirmed because there are still some items missing (mainly feed and hay costs). Grande Prairie is a member of the National High School Rodeo Association and will be hosting the Provincial High School Rodeo Finals for the next 2 years. He noted that the top 4 finishers in each of the 14 events can go onto the National Finals in White Rock, Wyoming where they can compete against all competitors in North America. Winners compete for a National Championship and the opportunity to compete in front of various Rodeo Schools in the US which can provide them with scholarships. He noted examples of people from the Grande Prairie area that received the scholarships and commented that there are many youth who rely on these events to gain exposure. The Committee wants to provide a venue with the best possible first aid, best judging, and the best in stock because of the caliber of the people who will be attending.

Councillor Beck asked Mr. Mather to comment on the importance of the High School Rodeo Finals. Mr. Mather responded that many of the amateur rodeo associations are now gone, so this acts as the training grounds for the high school kids and there is a Junior program as well. High School students cannot enter the program without getting permission from their school and there are restrictions on their behaviour (no alcohol or tobacco). He noted that many pro-rodeo people got their start in high school rodeos, and this allows the younger generation to receive help and guidance from mentors like Dusty LaValley of Bezanson.

Councillor Sutherland inquired about the use of Evergreen Park as the venue and whether other municipal neighbours were approached for funding. Mr. Mather responded that all of the events will be at Evergreen Park except the marksmanship which will be done at the Wapiti Shooters Club. The public speaking portion of the Queen Contest will be at a hotel in Grande Prairie. Councillor Sutherland inquired if Mr. Mather had approached any other municipal neighbours. Mr. Mather responded that he will be approaching the MD of Greenview and the City of Grande Prairie as well.

**Resolution #CM20141103.1006**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to direct the request for sponsorship, for \$30,000 per year for the next 2 years, of the Grande Prairie High School Rodeo Finals to preliminary budget deliberations in December.

**Carried**

**1:20 p.m. -  
Delegation -  
ATCO Electric**

Representatives from ATCO Electric, Clyde Blackburn, Customer Service Supervisor, and Wayne Tonsi, Manager of Grande Prairie District, provided an update on their current practice with respect to servicing of subdivision

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20140825003)

and development activity in the County of Grande Prairie and provided information with respect to safety practices and standards and agricultural operations.

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that the County Planning & Development Department has been working with ATCO on subdivision servicing, moving high loads, and moving farm equipment; Mr. Lapp will bring back information at later date or at MPC on land use questions.

Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Tonsi commented on the following:

- lines have been the same height since 1950's. Need to deal with the much higher loads. The Alberta Electric Utility Code is what ATCO follows for the line heights;
- standard: 20ft or 6m since 1950; there were times when the height was higher/lower depending on the specific location. Average has been the 6m and there are none that are below that. 4015 km of line in the County of Grande Prairie alone.
- today line clearances are different: 6m on roadside; 7.1 m across roads; 6.5m across approaches to field entrances. Sometimes approaches are added after the lines were built so not every approach will be 6.5m, some will still be 6m. The code outlines that it is not necessary to modify existing lines when the Code changes; but they will use the new standard as they build new lines or replace old ones.

Changes:

- line clearance standards have changed;
- education and public engagement (media);
- assistance for farmers - farm high load move planning and escorts.

Public Awareness:

- newspaper and radio ads seasonally;
- posters, brochures in public places and dealers;
- open houses;
- AG show presentations (on the transportation of high loads);
- been invited to put information in the County Connections and they are working with Lesley Nielsen-Bjerke on this;
- also online: Twitter, ATCOelectric.com; Facebook; and they provide a direct link to the incentive program;
- Reeve Beaupre inquired if the County can place video links to the ATCO website on the County website. Mrs. Nielsen-Bjerke responded that Communications can update the website with links to ATCO.

Farm High Load Credit Incentive

- farmers moving their own equipment: call ATCO (48 hrs notice) and they will assist in planning route and moving/raising power lines. They offer up to 4 hours of labour free;
- there are 31 participating farmers so far in the Grande Prairie area since 2010.

Councillor Harpe inquired how many credits a farmer is allowed before they see a bill from ATCO. Mr. Tonsi noted that farmers can obtain multiple high load credits as long as each service call is done under the 4 hour limit

noted.

Councillor Sutherland thanked Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Tonsi for attending a meeting and updating Council. He commented on a problem area where two ratepayers have hit the same line in the same place, and inquired how they assess their clearances. Mr. Tonsi responded that each year they assess the lines and measure the road clearances; if they don't meet standard they are put into a plan for fixing. Councillor Sutherland inquired is there any wish that the County approach the Province collectively in order to lobby for funding to get all the lines raised to the new Code. Mr. Tonsi responded that it would be favourable, and that ATCO are happy to move and replace the lines as long as they can get some financial assistance from the Province. Mr. Blackburn commented that there are processes in place to raise some lines even if they are not due for replacement because they are on the high load corridors. Councillor Sutherland commented on ratepayers being charged for the downed lines getting fixed. Mr. Tonsi responded that the job could have taken longer than the 4 hour credit, so that why they would be charged.

Councillor Bulford requested that ATCO's information on High Load credits be linked on the County external website and in the County Connections Newsletter. Councillor Beck commented that the Farm High Load Credits are not highly advertised because there have only been 31 over the last 4 years.

Mr. Van Volkingburgh requested that ATCO share their maintenance schedule with Public Works so they can arrange and collaborate on new road construction and if there are ATCO workers in the area the Public Works staff can be aware.

Councillor Smith inquired about the completion of the Webster Hall Power Pole. Mr. Tonsi responded that the power pole change is complete.

Councillor Harpe expressed his concerns that the Code is changing but the practices have not changed to keep up; farm equipment is larger now and ATCO is not upgrading their lines to match. Reeve Beaupre commented that through attrition and replacement schedules, everything will be up to Code. Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Tonsi were thanked for their presentation. The presentation concluded at 1:50 p.m.

**1:40 p.m. -  
Aquatera  
Funding Request**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20141027005)

At the October 20th, 2014 Council meeting, Bernd Manz, CEO for Aquatera Utilities advised Council of potential plans to construct a new lift station in Clairmont and provided funding options to Council. Council directed administration to provide funding sources at a future Council meeting.

In a review of possible funding sources, two reserve funds have been identified as potential sources for the \$4 million potential contribution by the County. The investment into this project would generate guaranteed 5% dividends after 2 years from the issuance of the shares. The reserve funds are the Water Debt Repayment Reserve (\$1.5 million), and Clairmont Landfill Capital Reserve (\$2.5 million). If these reserve funds were utilized, a sufficient balance would remain in the Water Debt

Repayment Reserve to make debt payments on water lines, and in the Clairmont Landfill Reserve to fund future landfill improvements. Under the USA (Unanimous Shareholder's Agreement), the Partners in Aquatera may transfer water and sewer assets or cash for projects into Aquatera Utilities Inc. for common and preferred shares.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that the County will see a return investment, and over 20 years everything should be paid back. The discretionary dividend of \$200,000 per year we will receive from Aquatera can be used; and in the future Aquatera wants to double the dividend to total 10%. He recommended approving the funding come from the Water Dept Payment Reserve and the Clairmont Landfill Capital Reserve.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the investment of \$700,000 for the Seniors housing in Clairmont, and whether we will receive dividends. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that we do not because it is a County project, and County projects get Class B shares. We anticipate that people will connect to that over the years and we would achieve full cost recovery through connection fees.

Councillor Harpe inquired about the percentage of shares the County would receive. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that we were at 17% of the total shares of Aquatera at one point; the City has also recently committed the same amount. Both the City and the County will gain on Sexsmith if the City puts money towards a trunk line.

**Resolution #CM20141103.1007**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to invest \$4 million in the Aquatera Clairmont Lift Station project using \$1.5 million from the Water Debt Repayment Reserve and \$2.5 million from the Clairmont Landfill Capital Reserve.

Councillor Smith spoke in favour of the motion.

**Carried**

**2:00 p.m. -  
Aquatera  
Customer Survey  
Results**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20141027009)

Tim Conrad, Communications Manager for Aquatera, presented the most recent Customer Survey to Council. Aquatera regularly surveys customers to gain insight on satisfaction with services and thoughts on programs. The survey of residential and commercial customers was completed this summer by Leger on Aquatera's behalf.

Councillor Bulford requested that he be excused for rest of meeting to catch a flight to Edmonton for the Synergy Conference. He left the meeting at 2:02 pm.

In summary for residential services:

- customers are very satisfied overall with the residential services provided;
- satisfaction is driven by water quality (taste, odour, and clarity) and waste collection services;
- the ratings for residential satisfaction with wastewater and solid waste are very good (89-91%);
- overall support and use of the blue bag recycling (78%);
- overall satisfied with the Eco Centre (85%);

- overall satisfied with the Communications provided (83%); and
- not as much agreement when it comes to perceptions of cost.

In summary for commercial services:

- customers are very satisfied overall with the commercial services;
- satisfaction is driven by taste, clarity, and safety; and
- 64% of those surveyed still provide staff or customers with bottled or filtered water.

Overall, 2014 saw record high satisfaction from the users of their services. Councillor Harpe requested that he be excused for the rest of the meeting to catch a flight. He left the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

The presentation concluded at 2:16 p.m.

### **Procedural Bylaw 3001**

(BYLAWS)  
(Issue #20141022007)

The Procedural Bylaw was introduced to County Council on July 2, 2014 for Council review. On August 11, 2014 Procedural Bylaw 3001 was read a first time. Since that date the Procedural Bylaw has been amended to reflect Council's recommendations. Administration is recommending that Council give Bylaw 3001 second and third readings.

#### **Resolution #CM20141103.1008**

**MOVED BY B. MARSHALL** that Bylaw 3001 be read a second time.

**Carried**

#### **Resolution #CM20141103.1009**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** that Bylaw 3001 be read a third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

### **Application to the Alberta Community Partnership Grant**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20141025001)

Administration is seeking a motion of council to apply to the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant program to fund a Regional Recreation Master Plan. Completing a Recreation Master Plan was identified by Council in the 2014/2015 Strategic Priorities as Level II priority. During the October 20, 2014 regular Council meeting, the City of Grande Prairie Council passed a motion to partner with the County of Grande Prairie to apply to the ACP grant program to fund the Regional Recreation Master Plan. This was in response to a motion of the County/City Joint Recreation Committee to pursue funding through the ACP to fund a joint recreation master plan that was made at the March 21 JRC meeting.

The ACP grant closes November 30, 2014. Applicants can apply for a maximum of \$350,000.00. If applications are received this year there is no obligation for the applying organization to provide matching funds. If we wait to apply in 2015, we will need to supply matching dollars. Due to the master plan being formally recognized in our Strategic Priorities, the County will be the managing partner in the grant application.

The administration from the County and the City released an Expression of Interest that closed October 10 seeking to pre-qualify potential bidders for the Request for Proposals. We received four acceptable submissions and one that was returned unopened because it didn't arrive by the closing

time. As a portion of the EOI, we asked the companies to submit a rough estimate to deliver the product, and submissions ranged from \$169,000.00 to \$295,000.00. Administration will be interviewing the 4 companies to confirm the sincerity of the submission and to gain further insight into their expertise, after which we will determine the companies that we want to invite to submit a proposal in the RFP portion. Mr. Miller commented on the application.

**Resolution #CM20141103.1010**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** that the County apply to the Alberta Community Partnership Grant to fund the Regional Recreation Master Plan.

**Carried**

**SW 14-72-6-W6M  
- Tax Reduction  
Request**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20141027002)

The owner of the balance of SW 14-72-6-W6M is requesting an adjustment to have the entire parcel assessed as farmland rather than having a vacant un-subdivided three acre parcel being assessed at commercial and the balance at farmland.

The owner of the balance of SW 14-72-6-W6 containing approximately 107 acres, had owned the S 1/2 14-72-6-W6 until selling the east half to a developer. The developer subsequently developed the SE for commercial / industrial purposes. It was this development that brought utility services to the property line of the balance of SW-14 and now, according to regulation, we are required to assess the minimum three acre parcel as commercial/ industrial. We assess the three acre parcel at that class as the ASP covering the lands identifies it as such. It should be noted the Crosslinks County Sportsplex was partially located on the SW-14 through agreement with the owner of SW-14 and the developer of SE-14.

The combined Municipal Reserve owing on both parcels was aggregated to the single site. Additional water services were installed on the balance of SW-14 as the County "looped" the water line to the Sportsplex to ensure redundancy and pressure once the Sportsplex was developed.

The owner of SW-14 has put the lands in an Agriculture Land Trust and has indicated no interest in selling for further development in her lifetime. Several items of information relating to the request were attached to the agenda package for Council's review.

**Resolution #CM20141103.1011**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to direct Administration to tax the land as farmland in its entirety.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented on the repercussions if we were to be audited by Municipal Affairs.

**Carried**

**2015 Gravel  
Crushing and  
Stockpiling**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20141027004)

Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that the tenders were opened for the 2015 Crushing and Stockpiling in County Pits #3 & #5 on Thursday, October 23, 2014. The bids were attached to the agenda package.

There is an approximate increase of five percent on the unit price this year compared to 2014. The estimated cost for the 2015 Gravel Crushing

Program including contingency and engineering is \$749,186.25. These costs are included in our 2015 proposed operating budget. Administration recommends awarding the low bid to Westridge Rock Ventures Ltd. in the amount of \$639,595.00.

**Resolution #CM20141103.1012**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to accept the low bid received from Westridge Rock Ventures Ltd. in the amount of \$639,595.00.

**Carried**

**Subdivision  
Endorsement  
Time Extension  
Request -  
Winfield Farms  
Ltd. -  
SW-26-73-6-W6M**  
(Issue #20141027007)

Approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:

**File No.:** PLSUB20120578 (BLK File No. 12047)

**Legal:** SW-26-73-6-W6M

**Name:** Winfield Farms Ltd.

**Division:** 2

**Date Approval Extended to:** October 19, 2015

The applicant is requesting the subdivision endorsement time extension in order to fulfill the conditions of approval that applies to this subdivision application. Administration recommends approval.

**Resolution #CM20141103.1013**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** that the second subdivision endorsement time extension request be approved for SW-26-73-6-W6M.

**Carried**

**Remembrance  
Day Ceremonies  
- November 11,  
2014**  
(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20141028002)

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that arrangements for laying of wreaths for the November 11th Remembrance day Ceremonies have been made with Beaverlodge, Hythe, Sexsmith, Grande Prairie (Revolution Place, formerly Crystal Centre) and the Army & Navy Veterans (Grande Prairie Cenotaph). Last year a member of County Council attended a ceremony in Wembley. Administration does not have contact information so at present arrangements have not been made for Wembley. Members of Council are asked to attend these ceremonies and lay the wreath on behalf of the County of Grande Prairie.

Reeve Beaupre commented that she will not be attending a Ceremony because she will not be in Grande Prairie.

Councillor Marshall noted that he will attend the ceremony in Beaverlodge. Between Councillor Beck and Councillor Bulford, one Councillor will attend the Sexsmith Ceremony, and one will do the second ceremony in the City.

**Proclamation  
Request -  
National Child  
Day**  
(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20141028003)

November 20th marks National Child Day in Canada. It has been celebrated across Canada since 1993, to recognize the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, a document formally adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1989.

In honor of National Child Day, the SPARKED Coalition has developed the Northwest Alberta Children's Charter. This Charter has been endorsed by every Early Childhood Development Coalition across Northwest Alberta. Together with SPARKED, it is hoped that they pursue further endorsement.

Furthermore, it is hoped that the Charter will be adopted by local municipalities and that they will proclaim November 20th as National Child Day.

**Resolution #CM20141103.1014**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** to adopt the Northwest Children's Charter and proclaim November 20th as National Child Day in the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

**Carried**

**Notice of Motion**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20141103001)

The Notice of Motion was added to the November 3, 2014 Council agenda by Councillor Beck at the Adoption of the Agenda. He noted that some ratepayers have approached him about changing the speed limit from 60 km/h to 80 km/h on Range Road #60 from Township Road #744 north to the Saddle Hills County border.

**Resolution #CM20141103.1015**

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** that Administration bring back information on the speed limit request on Range Road #60 from Township Road #744 north to the Saddle Hills County border to the November 24th Council agenda.

**Carried**

**AAMDC  
Convention**

(WORKSHOPS,  
CONFERENCES,  
SEMINARS)  
(Issue #20141103002)

The item on the AAMDC Convention was added to the November 3, 2014 Council agenda by Reeve Beaupre at the Adoption of the Agenda. She inquired if there were any resolutions supplied that should be discussed.

- Invasive Aquatic Species - will be submitted by joint municipalities.
- Library resolution - one municipality will bring it forward to the floor and the County will be the seconder.
- MGA review Resolution - well written and will be presented by the MD of Bonnyville and Barrhead.

Reeve Beaupre also noted that there is a tour arranged (Monday November 17th) of Sorrentino's Compassion House because we have a room named after the County. There are also courses that day as well and the reception that night. CAO, Bill Rogan noted that once there is a confirmed time it will be put into Council calendars. There are also tours of the Emergency Response Dispatch available. Reeve Beaupre read the dates and times and noted that the tour is for 5 people and transportation is included.

**Monthly  
Statement - July  
31, 2014**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20141027001)

Report includes year to date financial operations & capital, monthly cash flows, investments and accounts paid for July 2014. The report is submitted monthly for Council's information.

**Resolution #CM20141103.1016**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** that Council accept the Monthly Statement - July 31, 2014 report as information.

**Carried**

**Action List up to  
and including  
October 6, 2014**  
(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20141028005)

Action List up to and including October 6th, 2014.  
CAO, Bill Rogan commented that we have not heard back from Minister Drysdale about the requested meetings. Administration has not received any further information from Municipal Affairs in regards to the Regional Collaboration Program (Alberta Community Partnership) grant.

**COUNCILLOR,  
COMMITTEE  
AND  
DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Councillor Beck:

- elected as Zone representative for the Regional ASB Provincial Committee. The resolution about the ASB Chairs meeting was passed so the ASB Chairs will now meet in conjunction with the AAAF meetings.
- the building portion of the AG Events Centre in Teepee Creek is underway. They have hired a BC contractor and are having some issues with weather. They are experiencing some issues with the lifts being used.

Councillor Sutherland:

- Pat Jacobs Memorial
- ARPA Conference in Jasper;
- naming rights presentation for the Crosslink County Sportsplex;
- Annexation Hearings at the Stonebridge Hotel.

Councillor Smith:

- asked CAO, Bill Rogan for a list of the \$6 million machinery work proposed for purchase;
- the old hospital in Hythe has been moved and a contractor from Crooked Creek is working on it;
- Library Executive Meeting in Fairview: there are currently 27 letters in support of the request for an increase to the yearly fees. Alberta-wide Borrowing is now in effect as long as people have their TAL card. They have appointed BDO as the new auditor. There is a surplus of \$53,000 from 2014 that will go into reserves (computers and software are the largest expenses). The 2015 budget is now balanced.

Councillor Beeston:

- Lucille Partington, Chair of the Peace Health Advisory Council, is to arrange a meeting with Minister Mandell in regards to the Clairmont / Bezanson and then contact Councillor Beeston so he can attend the meeting.
- currently working with Councillor Harpe and the landowners on the Grande Spirit land in Clairmont;
- Volunteer Appreciation evening in Bezanson;
- commented on the upcoming Vital Signs survey and that they are trying to get results from people under 25 years old.
- ARPA Conference in Jasper.
- County Library Board meeting - they adopted the policy manual and approved the budget. Looking to make use of County GIS and Systems for the Libraries; potentially get them to go to an area one day a month and have ratepayers come in and teach them how to

use their equipment (phones, computers, etc). There was discussion on the learning sessions and that they will only occur if staff feel they can do that with their current workloads.

- West County Regional Landfill meeting;
- Spooktacular Lunch with County staff and the United Way;
- opening of the Grande Prairie Multi-Modal Logistics Park;
- the traffic lights are up in Clairmont and speeds are in effect (but there are still accidents happening);
- checked on Township Road #744 and Range Road #60 that Councillor Beck had commented on earlier.

Councillor Harris

- Regional ASB Conference;
- South Peace Regional Archives fundraiser;
- naming rights presentation for the Crosslink County Sportsplex;
- Ferus natural gas plant opening;
- West County Regional Landfill meeting - budgets were presented, operational costs are going up and the partners in attendance noted they can manage the increases;
- Dinosaur Museum Building Committee meeting - the building will be turned over to the owners on November 30th;
- opening of the Grande Prairie Multi-Modal Logistics Park;
- Reeve Beaupre inquired about the timelines for handing over the museum. Councillor Harris responded that it was supposed to occur November 15th, but there are no displays in the museum yet. He toured the building and is substantially complete. Reeve Beaupre inquired if there can be another tour for Council arranged after Christmas. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that there is a meeting next week and he will ask if another tour can be arranged.

Councillor Marshall:

- noted that there is a delay at the Dinosaur Museum because of the fire pump flaw in the casing. They are waiting for the housing and will need the fire pump repaired prior handing over the building.
- Volunteer Appreciation event in Bezanson;
- Crosslink County Sportsplex naming rights presentation;
- meeting with Encana, residents to the South, and Leanne Chartrand from AER. He noted that Encana will be covering the costs of sending a County resident to attend the Synergy Conference;
- commented on trucks on bonded roads and that they are using them when they shouldn't be;
- Ferus natural gas plant grand opening;
- Annexation Hearings at the Stonebridge Hotel;
- Dinosaur Building Committee Meeting - may have one more meeting left before handing the building over;
- Spooktacular lunch with County staff and United Way- thanked staff for the opportunity to attend and judge the lunch. He commented positively on the amount of staff involvement and creativity;
- grand opening of the Grande Prairie Multi-Modal Logistics Park at Four Mile Corner.

Reeve Beaupre:

- conference calls for AAMDC Resolutions Committee, one received from the Regional ASB;
- ALES (Agriculture, Life, and Environmental Sciences) 100 Opening Celebration at U of A;
- Regional ASB Conference;
- Business Excellence Awards Gala (8 of 12 recipients were members or past members of Community Futures);
- Grande Spirit Fall Harvest event - raised about \$22,000;
- Crosslink County Sportsplex naming event;
- Ferus Grand Opening;
- United Way Day - October 30th; was a lot of contributions from other organizations where their profits went to the United Way;
- Spooktacular lunch with County staff and United Way;
- Family Violence Prevention Month Proclamation;
- grand opening of the Grande Prairie Multi-Modal Logistics Park at Four Mile Corner;
- Annexation hearings at the Stonebridge Hotel. John Simpson was not treated as an authority in Economic Development. She noted that there have been several people from the County who have spoken and the public will get an opportunity to speak tonight and tomorrow night.

CAO, Bill Rogan:

- Annexation Hearings at the Stonebridge Hotel;
- Ben Boettcher passed away last night, he was the former AAMDC Zone rep. He will let Council know about services.
- Reeve Beaupre inquired about the "In Memorium" for the Fall AAMDC Zone Meeting and whether the names from the County had been sent in. Mrs. Runhart noted that the names have already been forwarded to AAMDC.

Mr. Van Volkingburgh:

- spot construction is at a stand still, and Public Works will not get to Councillor Smith's area unless the weather changes;
- graders trying to fix roads on the frost;
- Township Road #704A paving and the street in Clairmont will be carried over to next year; Township Road #704A will be graveled this year;
- all inspections and deficiencies dealt with or will be dealt with in early 2015;
- Range Road #80 emergency bridge culvert replacement will be finalized by the end of this week;
- Reeve Beaupre received comments from a concerned ratepayer on Range Road #61 where the asphalt is left. She inquired if Mr. Van Volkingburgh could take a look at the balance of the road. Mr. Van Volkingburgh responded that he will check on that area as it might be on deficiency list.
- Councillor Beeston inquired who signs off on curb and gutter when subdivisions are built. Mr. Van Volkingburgh responded that the County will approve the design, then it is inspected alongside the engineering firm. There are also interim inspections that occur.

Councillor Beeston commented on cracked curbs/sidewalks that may have already been signed off on. Mr. Van Volkingburgh responded that everything should have at least a one year warranty and he will follow up.

Reeve Beaupre commented on an invitation she received to the Meals on Wheels luncheon. She cannot attend and she will forward the information to Mrs. Runhart so a staff member can attend.

Mrs. Sauv :

- replacement unit detail for 2015 will be on the next Council agenda.

Mr. Miller:

- new employees: Bylaw Officer and POC Firefighter and the new Fire Captain that will be introduced at the next Council meeting;
- holding Enforcement interviews to replace Lindsey MacDougall, Peace Officer, on limited duty as she is pregnant;
- Horse Lake Firefighter training agreement signing is tomorrow;
- the sewer line, gas, and power are all installed for the CSB storage building. They have called Goodon to see if it can be done before February.
- next Council meeting the review of the Transit Feasibility Study for Clairmont will be coming forward. They have seen favourable results.

**In Camera - Land**

(IN CAMERA)

(Issue #20141024001)

**Resolution #CM20141103.1017**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 3:22 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 In Camera - Land, Legal, and Personnel.

**Carried**

**In Camera -  
Personnel**

(IN CAMERA)

(Issue #20141028004)

**Resolution #CM20141103.1018**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 4:06 p.m.

**Carried**

**In Camera - Land**

(IN CAMERA)

(Issue #20141024001)

**Resolution #CM20141103.1019**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to advise Evergreen Park that there are \$20,000 in consultant's costs associated in obtaining the leased land requested, and ask that they cover 50% through cash or gift in kind.

**Carried**

**In Camera - Legal**

(IN CAMERA)

(Issue #20141024006)

**Resolution #CM20141103.1020**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to direct Administration to pursue recovery of third-party bills for Fire Suppression services as per Bylaw 2924.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20141103.1021**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** to amend the invoice to CN Rail as recommended by Administration from \$345,000 to \$317,000 to recover the

lower cost to fight the fire.

**Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #CM20141103.1022**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the meeting adjourn at 4:08 p.m.

**Carried**

These minutes approved the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2014.

Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR