

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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April 20, 2015

**Economic Developers Alberta Award of Excellence** – Council congratulated the Economic Development department for receiving the Economic Developers Alberta Award of Excellence for Best Business and Investment Attraction strategy in the small community/region category for the Middle of Everywhere economic development campaign. The EDA Awards of Excellence program recognizes the province’s best economic development marketing materials, programs, partnerships and professionals that have made significant contributions to the profession. For more information, see news release “**County of Grande Prairie receives Economic Developers Alberta Award of Excellence**” <http://www.countygp.ab.ca/EN/meta/whats-new/latest-news.html>

**County Residential Satisfaction Survey** – Jamie Duncan, Ipsos Reid Vice President presented Council with the results for the residential satisfaction survey they conducted on behalf of the County over 2014. Results show that residents are happy to live in the County, feel the quality of life is high, and overall, are satisfied with their municipal government’s performance. This is the second Citizen Satisfaction survey conducted by the County with the first survey was conducted in 2011.

Overall, perceptions of quality of life remained virtually unchanged since 2011, with 95 per cent of residents rating the County’s quality of life as very good (42 per cent) or good (53 per cent). Optimism about the future of the County among residents has increased: 97 per cent of residents agree that the County has a vibrant local economy, 95 per cent agree that the County is a great place to raise a family and 94 per cent agree that the County has a bright future. For more information, see news

release “**Survey finds 95 per cent of County Residents Satisfied with their Quality of Life**” at <http://www.countygp.ab.ca/EN/meta/whats-new/latest-news.html>

**Funding Requests** – Developers of the Balderston Area Structure Plan requested assistance in funding construction of a pressurized water line from within the Hamlet of Clairmont to their development site east of Clairmont along Hwy. 43 and Rge Rd 51 and 52. Council deferred this funding request to final budget deliberations on April 23 and directed Administration to provide further information on potential funding sources, and a recommendation on cost recovery.

Developers of the Hidden Hills subdivision located within the Hamlet of Clairmont (part of Clairmont Heights Area Structure Plan) requested assistance in funding for the construction of Mercer Hill Water Reservoir. A reservoir is required to service the lands approved for development within the Hidden Hills area. Council deferred this funding request to final budget deliberations on April 23 and directed Administration to provide further information on potential funding sources, and a recommendation on cost recovery.

**Public Hearings** – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-017 to redesignate approx. 10 acres of land located 7 ½ miles north of the Hamlet of Huallen and adjacent to Rge Rd. 91 from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR-5) to allow for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-018 to redesignate approx. 8.49 acres of land located in the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Rge Rd. 63 and Hwy. 43X West from Country Residential District

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(CR-4) to Limited Rural Industrial District for limited industrial use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-019 to redesignate approx. 11.83 acres of land located 5 miles north west of the Town of Wembley, adjacent to Twp Rd. 722 and Rge Rd. 84 from Agricultural District (AG) to Country Residential District (CR-3) for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-020 to redesignate approx. 6.36 acres of land located within the Hamlet of Clairmont in Westmount North Industrial Park, adjacent to 84 Avenue from Comprehensive Commercial (CC) District to Rural Media Industrial (RM-2) District to allow for one lot for industrial use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-021 to redesignate approx. 6.76 acres of land located within the Hamlet of Clairmont in Westmount North Industrial Park, adjacent to Rge Rd. 62 from Agricultural District (AG) to Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District to allow for the subdivision of two lots for industrial use.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-022 to redesignate approx. 11.63 acres of land located 2 miles north west of the Town of Beaverlodge, adjacent to Hwy. 43 and Rge Rd. 103 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-023 to redesignate approx. 9.98 acres of land located ½ mile north west of the Hamlet of

Clairmont, adjacent to Rge Rd. 63 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-024 to redesignate approx. 17.5 acres of land located 1 ½ miles east of the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Rge. Rd 52 from Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District for the subdivision of one industrial lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-025 to redesignate approx. 147.7 acres of land located 2 miles east of the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Hwy. 43 and Rge Rd. 51 from Agricultural (AG) District to Highway (RM-4) District and Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District to allow for the subdivision of 17 lots for industrial use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-026 to redesignate approx. 127.5 acres of land located 1 ½ miles east of the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Hwy. 43 and Rge Rd. 52 from Agricultural (AG) District to Highway Industrial (RM-4) District and Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District to allow for the subdivision of 16 industrial lots. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-027 to redesignate approx. 0.85 acres of land located 5 miles west of the City of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Hwy. 43 and Rge Rd. 74 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District and from Country Residential (CR-2) District to Country Residential (CR-5) to facilitate a

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boundary adjustment to an existing country residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

**Bylaw 3009** – Council gave Bylaw 3009/Lakeside Area Structure Plan third reading which will provide framework for the subdivision and development of SW-19-72-5-W6M and Section 24-72-6-W6M.

**Staff introductions** – Council and staff welcomes Krystal Bush to the County. Krystal will be working in the Family and Community Support Services department as a Community School Liaison Counsellor.

**Sponsorships** – Council approved the contribution of \$1,500 to be the Pit Crew sponsor for the Hospital Bed Races taking place on July 1, 2015 in downtown Grande Prairie. Proceeds raised at the Hospital Bed Races will go towards the purchase of new hospital beds for the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital.

**Earth Day** – Council proclaimed April 22, 2015 as Earth Day in the County of Grande Prairie. On Earth Day, staff will be giving away refillable water bottles at the Clairmont Centre for Recycling & Waste Management to encourage small changes in consumers' habits such as keeping plastic, glass and non-biodegradable bottles out of the garbage and landfill to reduce negative impacts to the environment.

**Tender Awards** – Council awarded the tender for the 98A Street, Clairmont reconstruction project to grade, base and pave 0.8 km to Knelsen Sand & Gravel for \$613,282.67.

Council awarded the tender for the Twp Rd. 710 project to grade, base and pave 0.7 km from Rge Rd. 72 south west to Rge Rd. 73A to Knelsen Sand & Gravel for \$1,600,460.93.

Council awarded the tender for Bridge 9100 replacement in Valhalla to Petrowest Corporation for \$327,777.77.

Council awarded the tender for the overlay of Twp Rd. 712, overlay of 102 St. in Clairmont, and paving of the pond trail at the Crosslink County Sportsplex Pond Trail to Knelsen Sand & Gravel for \$1,465,826.40.

**Next Council meeting will take place on April 27, 2015.**

**Final budget deliberations will be taking place on April 23, 2015 at 10 a.m.**

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