



# MINUTES

County Council  
Regular Meeting

## County of Grande Prairie No. 1

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### August 10, 2015 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, August 10, 2015

Start time : 10:00 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

##### 4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

##### 5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Dale Van Volkingburgh
- Nick Lapp
- Dawn Sauvé

##### 6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Shannon Baird (Acting Manager of Legislative Services)

##### 7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Oravec

#### CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

**Resolution #CM20150810.1001**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** that the agenda for the August 10, 2015 Council Meeting (2015/08/10) be approved with the addition as presented:

- CAO, Bill Rogan: Tax Sale Dates to Unfinished Business - Item 10.4.

**Carried**

**MINUTES  
APPROVAL**

**Resolution #CM20150810.1002**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the minutes for July 20, 2015 Council Meeting (2015/07/20) be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**10:00 a.m. - Tour  
of Alberta Update**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20150629001)

Amanada Frayn, Chair of the Tour of Alberta, was in attendance to update Council on the Tour of Alberta (TOA) event being held September 2-3, 2015. Chris King, Economic Development Officer, was also present. It was noted that Stage One of the TOA is in the City of Grande Prairie for the Team Time Trials portion and Stage Two is in the County and is an individual race with individual prizes.

There was discussion on the following:

- Volunteer support;
- Road Closures: being controlled by RCMP and TOA officials. Have been speaking with Weyerhaeuser and other companies in the area who have shift changes at that time to coordinate the closures.
- Sponsorship packages - too late to get sponsors information in the TOA guide. Sponsorships still available for festival signage, tickets, etc. which can be handled locally.

Councillor Harpe left meeting at 10:11 am, returned at 10:13 am.

- current amount in sponsorship: Mr. King responded that the TOA is at \$55,000 in sponsorships, \$10,000 of which is sponsorship in kind (ex. radio ads from 2day FM).
- working with schools to get more children in attendance: Mr. King responded that they have worked with all school boards on this and the Alberta Science Network will host a presentation at the festival site at Evergreen Park. There will be about 500 students traveling from classrooms to Evergreen Park to attend a 30 minute presentation and witness the start of the race. Councillor Marshall inquired about Wembley and Beaverlodge. Mr. King has spoke to the Peace Wapiti School Board and they will bus. The kids will be outside for the Beaverlodge portion but the route doesn't go through the Town of Wembley so they are looking at getting the kids out to the Dinosaur Museum site.
- the closure of Highway #43: the decision was made by the Provincial RCMP that both sides of Highway #43 would be closed for the duration of the event (11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). This was not direction from the TOA local organizers. Mr. King noted that we still need more information and confirmation on the hard closure as a rolling closure was requested. There was no consultation done with the TOA in

regards to closures. This is direction is from RCMP K Division in Edmonton.

- the Soft Opening of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum will be from 4-10pm on September 3, 2015 and will not conflict with the TOA event.

Councillor Marshall left meeting at 10:21 am returned at 10:27 am.

- the necessary detours and dust control that will be required if there is a hard closure of Highway #43. Mr. King noted that Economic Development is completing a mail out to let the traveling public that are affected know about the hard closure and who to contact with questions and concerns.
- the lack of consultation and coordination with the TOA organizers and the County by the RCMP K Division in regards to the decision for a hard closure.
- the increased patrols and signage that will be required for the detours on County roads, and the potential for increased motor vehicle accidents.

### **Resolution #CM20150810.1003**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** that Administration write a letter to RCMP "K" Division expressing concerns with the full closure of Highway #43 during the Tour of Alberta on September 3, 2015, and that Regional Enforcement Services be involved with safety patrols on detour roads.

**Carried**

**10:30 am -  
STARS Update**  
(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20150713002)

Glenda Farnden, Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison for STARS, and Greg Schmidt, Grande Prairie Base Director, were in attendance to present an annual STARS update to council with a formal request asking the County of Grande Prairie continue recognizing STARS as a vital component of their Emergency Protective Services by renewing the annual financial commitment that supports STARS operations and its life-saving missions. STARS is an internationally acclaimed, non-profit registered charitable organization that provides emergency critical care and rapid transport to critically ill and injured patients. The County of Grande Prairie has been supporting STARS since since 2007 with contributions of \$150,000 per year since 2010.

There was discussion on the following:

- mission breakdown and whether there are specific incidents that occur more than others in our area (MVC, industrial, etc);
- comparisons to neighbouring municipalities;
- how the Grande Prairie Area Scene calls and Search and Rescue (SAR) are divided out;
- since 2007, the County of Grande Prairie has contributed over \$1M and since 2010, provided funding of \$150,000 per year.
- 2015 STARS request: Renewal of 3 year pledge (\$150,000) with consideration for a slight increase to \$200,000 per year over 3 year term (2016, 2017, 2018).

Councillor Smith inquired about the new helicopter purchase and whether it comes to Grande Prairie. Mr. Schmidt responded that there are new

helicopters in Edmonton, Calgary, and Saskatoon and the one based in Edmonton typically comes to Valleyview for patient transfers. STARS is investigating a fleet replacement program in order to identify the best kind of helicopter for the job.

There was discussion on the Provincial funding contributions and that the funding portion given in Manitoba and Saskatchewan is higher than in Alberta. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health to inquire about the provincial funding allocations and ask why they are not contributing equalized funding across all provinces that utilize STARS services. Mr. Schmidt commented that the citizens of Alberta are good at fundraising and realize the need for supporting STARS. Saskatchewan and Manitoba are looking at a 50/50 split with the province.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1004**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** to write the Alberta Minister of Health regarding STARS funding in Alberta and comment on the differing funding formulas across Provinces.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20150810.1005**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to defer the STARS annual funding request increase, from \$150,000 to \$200,000 for the next three years 2016-18, to the 2016-2017 budget discussions.

There was discussion on the process for receiving calls and STARS being dispatched.

**Carried**

There was discussion on the industrial site registry, registration fees, and whether it is mandatory for all industries to register their locations with STARS. There was also discussion on Emergency Response Plans, how funding is allocated to the three bases in Alberta, and whether the fundraising dollars from each area stay within that area.

There was a cheque presentation for the \$150,000 annual support for 2015 and a photo was taken with all of Council, Ms. Farnden and Mr. Schmidt. Presentation concluded at 11:06 a.m.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1006**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** that the meeting be recessed *11:09 a.m.* for a short break.

**Carried**

The meeting was reconvened at *11:17 a.m.*

**11:00 a.m. -  
Canadian Home  
Builder  
Association**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20150728002)

Carston Siebert of High Mark Homes and Chris Newbury of Unique Home Concepts both representing the Canadian Home Builders Association - Grande Prairie Region were in attendance to provide information with respect to membership in the Canadian Home Builders Association. The membership consists of a variety of builders, land developers, professionals, and agencies. There continues to be a strong local membership in the association. To date the County has never been a member of the Association but staff members have attended various sessions and events in the past. In the past, the County has provided

sponsorship and attended the annual Awards of Excellence gala; this past year saw a large majority of the award winning homes being built in the County.

It is not uncommon for municipalities to become members of the Association; locally the City of Grande Prairie maintains membership in the Association. The first half of 2015 has seen a significantly more number of single family starts occur in the County as compared to the City. Therefore, the narrowing gap in single family starts between both municipalities points to a strong housing market in the County.

Membership in the Association would bring a cost around \$900 per year which could be incorporated into the Planning and Development operating budget.

- beneficial for the new safety codes: goes to home builders association for review and comments;
- County has exploded residentially/commercially and there is currently no backing from the County, it will show support for smart and efficient home building;
- opens the doors for more consultation; very beneficial connections currently with the City and want the doors of communication open for the future with the County.
- every year the City hosts the mixer and allows for new builders to come in and ask questions and meet inspectors and create relationships.

There was discussion on the following:

- whether the CHBA distributes any publications;
- whether they conduct inspections and what occurs if a member of the association is no longer in good standing with the community;
- the Home Warranty Plan and what is required for new homes; and
- the difference between "general" and "building" memberships.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1007**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to approve Option 1 that the County become a member of the Canadian Home Builders Association - Grande Prairie Region, to be funded from the Planning and Development Operating Budget.

**Carried**

**Eastern Water Point**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20150623009)

Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that in 2012 Public Works began investigating locations for a water filling point in the south eastern part of the County. An application to the province was completed and the County was successful in accessing funds for a site in this service area. Public Works began work at Crystal Creek Hall, however, discovered the original project scope for a quality water supply would require high level resources including human resources to full-fill water distribution. This prompted investigation of additional sites to ensure provision of water is supplied to residents in the best possible means and continued consideration of a quality water supply. This prompted review of three sites Crystal Creek Hall, Five Mile Hall and Bezanson.

Research on the three different sites (Crystal Creek Hall, Five Mile Hall,

and Bezanson truck filling station at Water Treatment Plant) was completed with the recommendation from Administration to proceed with the location in Bezanson.

There was discussion on the following:

- increasing capacity;
- available grant funding: were given an extension to use the \$75,000;
- whether the company that completed the study would have to complete the work: it was noted that we are not required to contract the company that completed the initial study;
- whether the water would be potable or raw in Bezanson: it was noted that it will be treated potable water that is available for County residents that live outside the Town of Bezanson;
- the quality of the water in the three sites: Bezanson is already at Level 1 potable and only requires chlorination; Five Mile Hall and Crystal Creek have too much residual in the water and treatment would require more steps than Bezanson.
- whether both potable and non-potable/raw water could be supplied at the one site. Mr. Van Volkingburgh responded that two systems would be required and we would have to heavily advertise that one was not potable.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1008**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** to proceed with Bezanson Water Treatment Plant upgrading the truck fill system at the Water Treatment Plant.

**Carried**

**11:30 am - In  
Camera - Land**  
(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20150721002)

**Resolution #CM20150810.1009**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 11:49 a.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 11:30 am - In Camera - Land.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20150810.1010**

**MOVED by H. BULFORD** that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 12:01 a.m.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20150810.1011**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that the meeting be recessed 12:01 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.

**Carried**

The meeting was reconvened at 1:11 p.m.

**1:00 p.m. -  
Wedgewood**

At the July 20th Council Meeting, Council made a tabling motion regarding the Wedgewood Slumping issue as below. Since that Council Meeting,

**Slumping Issues**

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20150721003)

Administration has provided Council with some historical information on the topic. Administration has been given a cost to provide the County and the 3 residents as identified with a geotechnical study. The estimated maximum cost of a geotechnical study is \$70,000.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that he had received an email from Mr. Carmen Haakstad expressing interest in speaking to the tabled motion. Mr. Haakstad asked for clarification on whether he was able to speak to the motion. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that if the tabled motion passes and the geotechnical study is approved, he does not have to wait for a year to present to Council, as per the Procedural Bylaw #3001.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1012**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** that Council allow Mr. Hakstaad to speak to the tabled motion.

**Carried**

The tabled motion was brought back to the floor.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1013**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** to rescind the original motion that the County fund up to 50% of a geotechnical study to identify the cause of the slumping.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20150810.1014**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** that the landowners residing at 9537, 9541 and 9604 Wedgewood Drive, South in the Wedgewood subdivision in the County of Grande Prairie have experienced slumping or similar issues in regards to the rear yards of the above identified three private properties. The County of Grande Prairie will assist these identified landowners by way of a grant to be used as a contribution towards the cost of the geotechnical report which will investigate the geotechnical issues related to the properties as identified above and recommend appropriate remedial action to be taken by the landowners.

The County will contribute up to half the cost of a geotechnical report to be commissioned by the landowners, so long as the County's contribution does not exceed 50% to a maximum of \$35,000 with the amount to come from the Community Assistance Grant. The County's contribution will be paid upon the County being provided with a copy of the geotechnical report, stamped and signed by a member of APEGA and a copy of the final invoice related to that report.

Mr. Haakstad commented on the \$70,000 quote and that many test holes have already been bored, therefore the cost of the report could be reduced to below \$70,000. Reeve Beaupre clarified that the quoted price was based on a brand new start position, if the motion is passed, the landowners would cover the entire cost and the County would provide 50% of the cost of the report (up to \$35,000) once the report was provided to the County.

**Carried**

**Grayling Fish in the Beaverlodge**

Council requested at the July 20th Council Meeting that Administration investigate the ownership of the weir/fish ladder in the Beaverlodge River

**River**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20150729010)

in the vicinity of Beaverlodge and who, if anyone, has a license to run and maintain it. The Licenses are held in the name of the Town of Beaverlodge. A meeting has been scheduled for August 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Services Building.

**County Surface  
Road Speed  
Limits**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20150730001)

As per recent Council motion Public Works has reviewed the paved roads and the implications of speed limit changes. Speed limits were set to be standard throughout the County at 80 km/hr unless otherwise posted through bylaw. Any change to the standard 80 km/hr requires all affected intersections to be posted with the new speed limits. Regional Enforcement Services had no issues with the recommendation from Public Works. The changes would come in effect after the 2015 budget because there are currently no funds allocated in the budget.

The estimated cost for the signage upgrades per intersection is \$1490.20 for 50+ miles including the drill truck travel time.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1015**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to approve TWP. Rd. #710 (Halcourt) 100km - 7 intersections for a speed limit increase.

Amendment by Councillor Harpe to approve Option #1 including all recommended paved roads from Public Works was accepted as Friendly.

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to approve Option #1 that all he paved roads recommended for consideration of a speed limit increase are as follows:

- Twp. Rd. #710 (Halcourt) 100Km - 7 intersections
- Twp. Rd. #732 (Lymburn) 100Km - 2 intersections
- R.R. #110 (Spring Lake Road) 100Km - 1 intersection
- Twp. Rd. #750 (Correction Line North) - 100Km - 21 intersections
- R.R. #100 (Valhalla North) 100Km - 1 intersection
- R.R. #82 (Pipestone Road) 100Km - 3 intersections
- Twp. Rd. #730 (Mercer Hill Road) 100Km - 5 intersections

and that all other surfaced roads remain as current speed limit, and to include the proposed signage costs in the 2016 operating budget.

Councillor Bulford inquired about Range Road 51. Mr. Van Volkingburgh responded that the patches of pavement are too short for the speed change.

**Carried**

**Tax Sale Date**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20150810005)

CAO, Bill Rogan, noted that the County's Tax Roll Clerk has suffered an injury where she will be away from work and inquired if the 2015 Tax Sale Date could be moved from November 20th to December 18th, 2015.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1016**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** that the County Tax Sale Date be moved from November 20, 2015 to December 18, 2015.

**Carried**

**Policy G6 -**

Policy G6 - Health and Safety Procedures is redundant and Legislative Services is asking that this policy be rescinded. Occupational Health and



**Health and Safety  
Procedures**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20150713010)

Safety regulations prevail over this policy so we may potentially have a conflict. Kathleen Turner, FCSS Director has been consulted and agrees with rescinding this policy.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1017**

**MOVED BY B. MARSHALL** to rescind Policy G6 - Health and Safety Procedures.

**Carried**

**County  
Christmas Office  
Hours**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20150630005)

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that in the past Council has granted additional time off, either a full or 1/2 day, around the Christmas vacation. This year Christmas falls on a Friday and the County offices will be closed on Monday December 28 to recognize Boxing Day.

The Provincial offices are closing between Christmas and New Years. In 2012 Council granted Monday December 24th as an additional holiday. In 2013 Council granted Friday December 27th as an additional holiday. In 2014 Council granted Wednesday December 24th as an additional holiday. Administration is recommending to close at noon on December 24, 2015 and grant a 1/2 day holiday for staff.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1018**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to approve Option #3 and close the County offices at noon on Thursday December 24th granting staff a half-day additional holiday.

Councillors Beeston and Bulford spoke against the motion in favour of Option #2 to grant a full additional holiday.

**Defeated**

**Resolution #CM20150810.1019**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** to approve Option #2 and grant

Thursday December 24th as an additional holiday to allow the offices to be closed from Thursday - Monday on the Christmas week.

**Carried**

**Strategic Priority  
Chart Update**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20150714014)

Following discussion with Council, the Strategic Priority Chart has been updated and requires approval by way of motion. Yearly, Council revisits the County's priorities and updates the Strategic Priorities Chart.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1020**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** to approve the Strategic Priority Chart as presented.

**Carried**

**Contract  
Extension -  
Supply of Private  
Gravel Trucks**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20150729001)

Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that the Main Haul Private Gravel Truck contract, which was awarded November 25, 2013 for the 2014 and 2015 Main Haul Program, includes an option to extend the contract for an additional two year period upon mutual agreement with the contractors. At the time this contract was awarded the bids ranged from 114.94 to 127.26 per cent of the government rate. The bids were estimated at a 3% increase to the base rates of the 2012 and 2013 tender.

Staff have received confirmation from the current contractors of their

interest to extend the contract for an additional two year period. The fuel base price, for the fuel escalation clause, will remain the same as will the bid rates. In 2014 there was an average one percent increase to the bid rate due to the fuel escalation clause. For the months of May, June and July of 2015 there is an average of an eight percent decrease to the bid price due to the fuel escalation clause. If a two year extension to the current contract is approved these costs would be included in the proposed two year budget for 2016-17.

There was discussion on any anticipated changes to the government rate for 2016-17 and the status of the relationship with the current supplier. Mr. Van Volkingburgh commented on a positive working relationship for the last three bid cycles. It was noted that the contract extension should note Mr. Van Volkingburgh instead of Mr. Herb Pfau as Director of Public Works.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1021**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** to extend the current contracts for the Supply of Private Gravel Trucks for 2016/2017 Main Haul Gravel Program with the current fuel escalation base price and the current bid rates.

**Carried**

**Philip J. Currie  
Dinosaur  
Museum - Access  
Paving**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20150730002)

Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that Public Works has received a quote for the sub-grade preparation, granular base, engineering and line painting of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum access road. If the work is approved the engineering firm and contractor have confirmed the work can be completed by September 1, prior to the official opening of the museum. The estimated cost for sub-grade preparation, granular base, engineering and line painting is \$96,125.83. There is an endeavor to cover these costs once development in the area occurs within the Town of Wembley. \$50,000 of these costs will be funded through the Area Councilor's Road Bonding Funds and the remainder funded from the New Surfacing Reserve until such time the funds can be recovered through the endeavor process.

The ACP required for the project has been donated by the contractor, (Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd.) completing the Pipestone Road Paving project. They have requested a tax receipt from the County of Grande Prairie for this donation estimated at \$50,000.00.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1022**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** to proceed with the project - fund the sub-grade preparation, granular base, engineering and line painting in the amount of \$96,125.83 with \$50,000.00 from the Area Councillors Road Bonding and the remainder from the New Surfacing Reserve and receive confirmation from the Town of Wembley of the Developers Agreement including the endeavor collection for the road costs with an approximate total cost of \$150,000.

There was discussion on the width of the road and claw back for future development.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20150810.1023**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** that the meeting be recessed 1:54 p.m. for a

short break.

Carried

**Natural Gas  
Storage Facility -  
Terado**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20150804009)

The meeting was reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

A resident letter of concern has been received in regards to the Terado Natural Gas Storage Facility. CAO, Bill Rogan provided background on the proposed gas facility. A letter of concern was sent on behalf of the County in regards to the Storage Facility. More recently they have asked for a pipeline alignment which run in an existing right-of-way for most of the project and will link up with the proposed storage facility. No one to the west of the proposed site has identified concerns or submitted letters.

Deryle Penner, Resource Coordinator, has received a request for consent from Terado for the road crossings but they have not provided supporting documents or payments for their application yet. He had a conversation with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) Dispute team as we still have a standing letter of concern for the facility portion, so we don't necessarily have to write another letter of concern for the pipeline portion.

Reeve Beaupre and Councillor Sutherland have received phone calls and letters in regards to the concern residents have for the facility and pipeline. All parties had until August 13th to respond to the application. CAO, Bill Rogan commented that although we have already submitted our concerns for the facility, we could send another expressing concerns about the pipeline. There was a group in the audience that were present to comment on the facility and pipeline applications.

Laurie Friesen, resident of Hockey Estates, commented that the group is seeking support from the County for their resident's statement of concern that will be submitted to the AER. She expressed many concerns with the facility and pipeline because of air quality and what is released into the air. She commented on an incident close to Hockey Estates where some people were evacuated from their residences but there was no formal complaint filed with AER. The residents have been in discussions with Terado and have asked for noise monitoring and air quality monitoring. Terado has committed to comply with AER regulations. Ms. Friesen commented on the size of the pipeline, the amount of proposed wells, and the close proximity to her home (170m). She also expressed concerns with the value of the residential properties in the area.

There was discussion on Emergency Response Plans, the County's letter of concern for the facility, and drafting a letter in regards to the pipeline as there are major concerns with the safety of residents and the value of their land.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1024**

**MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that the County submit a Statement of Concern in regards to the Terado Pipeline facility application.

Heather Sorenson, resident, commented that residents have been asked by Terado to attend the meeting with AER, and inquired if the County would attend the meeting. Mr. Penner responded that if the County is invited to attend by AER and Terado, we can attend the meeting.

There was also discussion from residents in regards to concerns with the

partnerships Terado is pursuing and the potential issues for residents in the future. It was noted that the meeting with AER will have both Terado and Ranch West in attendance.

Mr. Penner commented that the County has already had the pre-meeting with AER and the next step is the formal Dispute Resolution process.

**Carried**

**National Trust  
Conference 2015**

(WORKSHOPS,  
CONFERENCES,  
SEMINARS)  
(Issue #20150707007)

The National Trust for Canada Annual Conference in association with the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals (CAHP|ACECP) and in collaboration with Alberta Historical Resources Foundation is being held Oct. 22 - 24, 2015 at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel, Calgary.

The annual National Trust Conference is Canada's largest event for professionals, practitioners, and volunteers engaged in regenerating and saving our heritage places. As in previous years, the 400-plus participants expected to attend **Heritage Energized** will come from a diverse range of backgrounds: architects, professionals and trades; planners and government representatives; heritage organizations, volunteers and the general public; and university/college instructors and students.

This event is running concurrent to the ARPA Conference in Lake Louise. If no Councilors are able to attend, consideration may be given to sending a community member that is actively engaged in heritage preservation. This Conference has not been budgeted for.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1025**

**MOVED BY B. MARSHALL** to approve sponsoring a community member to attend the National Trust Conference 2015, and any Council member wishing to attend may attend.

**Carried**

**FCSSAA  
Conference 2015**

(WORKSHOPS,  
CONFERENCES,  
SEMINARS)  
(Issue #20150722014)

The Annual FCSSAA Conference will be held November 25-27, 2015 at the Fantasyland Hotel, West Edmonton Mall. Council has attended this conference in the past. Rooms have been booked at the Fantasyland Hotel for a conference rate of \$189 per night.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1026**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** any Council member and FCSS Advisory Board member wishing to attend the FCSSAA Conference 2015 may attend.

**Carried**

**CN  
EcoConnexions -  
From the Ground  
Up**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20150626001)

CN EcoConnexions with its partners Tree Canada and Communities in Bloom, could provide up to \$25,000 for the greening of a Municipal Property Project, with a minimum of 50% in matched funds from other sources (such as municipalities, service clubs, donations, etc.) and can include in-kind contributions. CN EcoConnexions "From the Ground Up" promotes the greening of municipal properties across Canada, especially in communities where CN operates.

To support those communities, CN EcoConnexions with its partners provides funding to help Canadian municipalities establish tree plantings, natural landscaping, ground cover improvement, floral displays and healthy

urban forests in a sustainable, environmentally responsible manner. The program is intended to enhance communities environmental/social health and wellbeing in on or more of these areas:

- Urban forests
- Traffic calming and safety
- School greening
- Transforming spaces
- Naturalized areas, park creation or restoration

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that we are reviewing this internally, but noted that if Councillors know any community members or groups that could apply they can pass along the information. Some projects at Evergreen Park will be investigated.

**County Honoured with Second Health and Safety Training Award**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20150716003)

Alberta Municipal Health and Safety (AMHSA) presented the County of Grande Prairie with a 2014 Safety Training Recognition Award. The County – one of six municipalities who received this award – has been recognized for providing the highest number of trained participants per capita. This is the second award we have received from AMHSA and it illustrates the County's continued commitment to ensuring employees have received appropriate occupational health and safety training as well as demonstrates the dedication to health and safety and the protection of our employees. A special thanks to Council for the budgetary support for Health & Safety, to all employees for following health and safety procedures and fostering a safe working environment, and to the County's Safety Coordinators (Tracy Dawe and Caitlyn Barbutza who covered Tracy's leave) for ensuring that we are all receiving the necessary training.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1027**

**MOVED BY B. MARSHALL** to send letter of congratulations to the Health and Safety and Human Resources Teams on receiving their second Health and Safety Training Award.

**Carried**

**Letter from Minister of Seniors Re: Social Housing Properties**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20150722012)

County of Grande Prairie has received a letter from Hon. Sarah Hoffman, Minister of Seniors, regarding the proposed elimination of grants in place of taxes on social housing properties owned and supported by the government through the Alberta Social Housing Corporation. The letter was attached for review.

**Letter from Horse Lake First Nation**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20150731002)

Correspondence has been received from Chief Eugene Horseman of the Horse Lake First Nation regarding First Nation inclusions at opening and closing ceremonies of events. The letter was attached for review.

**Letter from Minister of Aboriginal Affairs**

Correspondence has been received from Honorable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, responding to the County's letter dated March 30, 2015 concerning Fire Services to First

**and Northern  
Development -  
Re: Fire Services**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20150731003)

Nation Communities. The letter was attached for review. There was discussion on exploring dates to meet with the Horse Lake First Nation in regards to various topics.

**Letter from  
Minister of  
Municipal Affairs  
- Re: Small  
Communities  
Funding**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20150804021)

Correspondence has been received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs in regards to eligible funding under the Small Communities Fund. The 116 Street Truck Sewer and Clairmont Lagoon Discharge Piping project has been approved as an eligible project. The maximum provincial and federal funding amounts for this project will be \$3,000,000 respectively. In 2015/16, the funding approved for this project is \$187,147, which represents both the provincial and federal contributions.

The conditional grant agreement and information related to communication and signage requirements will soon be mailed to CAO, Bill Rogan.

**Action List up to  
and Including  
June 29th 2015**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20150805002)

Action list up to and including June 29th 2015.

**In Camera - Land**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20150724003)

**Resolution #CM20150810.1028**

**MOVED by H. BULFORD** that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 2:37 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 and Legal.

**Carried**

**In Camera - Land  
- 1**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20150804017)

**Resolution #CM20150810.1029**

**MOVED by R. SUTHERLAND** that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 3:41 p.m.

**Carried**

**In Camera - Land**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20150724003)

**Resolution #CM20150810.1030**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** to approve Option 1 to direct Administration to provide a written letter responding to Alberta Transportation's Bezanson Access Options. Detailing that the County of Grande Prairie cannot support the nine options provided, instead supporting the construction of an interim fly over north/south over Highway 43, or, construction of two bridges east/west along Highway 43, or, a 90 degree intersection to the west.

**Carried**

**In Camera - Land  
- 1**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20150804017)

**Resolution #CM20150810.1031**

**MOVED BY R. HARPE** that the County enter into agreements with the Grande Spirit Foundation and CNRL as discussed.

**Carried**

**COUNCIL  
MEMBER  
REPORTS**

Councillor Smith:

- inquired about the Catholic School Board moving the school site. CAO, Bill Rogan commented that Abe Neufeld said site wouldn't be ready this year or next so the School Board had to move to the second option.
- ConocoPhillips Information session - not building any more, just planning right now. One well West of Beaverlodge that may go forward next year.
- Dr. Recruitment and Retention Committee - arranging the medical student tour. The Dinosaur Museum bus will be used for transportation and he inquired if the students could go on a tour of the museum as part of their road tour. He commented on a request the Committee received from the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce for \$2500 to hire a consultant to look after the second year students. He will discuss with the Committee at their next meeting on August 16th.

Councillor Harpe:

- expressed concerns with the County's server as it has been down a lot recently and it affects Call2Order as well as other programs. Bellamy should be able to provide the fix to IT so that issues can be dealt with internally.
- Conoco Phillips Open House - commented on the amount of surface water and sand that is used for each well for fracing (approximately 2.2 million gallons of water per frac).

Councillor Beck:

- Conoco Phillips Open House;
- Sexsmith Seed Cleaning Plant - volumes up and going well. Issues with their driveway because it isn't large enough and impedes on PUL. Also trying to figure out a process for equipment replacements before the next AGM.

Councillor Sutherland:

- Service Integration meeting with the Town of Beaverlodge;
- Dinosaur Museum Board Meetings and Building Committee Meetings - dealing with last minute problems. Sod and some trees are complete and they are trying to get water trucked in for watering.
- Grade Three Reading University Graduation - more than 100 kids graduated. Expressed concerns with the high number of attendees.
- Evergreen Park Executive Board meeting - very busy, really want water down there as well.
- meeting with Travel Alberta - once Tour of Alberta is over more focus can be devoted towards the Dinosaur Museum. Councillor Marshall commented on marketing from the Grande Prairie Regional Tourism standpoint.
- sod turning at Grande Spirit Foundation Seniors Lodge site in Clairmont.
- inquired about the County BBQ, who rents it out (Parks and Recreation) and whether there are any issues with the equipment.

Councillor Beeston:

- visited County libraries - exciting to see children in the summer reading programs and using the computers at the library;
- PREDA meeting - funding has been approved for next 3 years. Spoke to Minister about an increase in funding for smaller communities.
- sod turning at Grande Spirit Foundation Seniors Lodge site in Clairmont;
- inquired about the status of the Right in right out for the Crosslink County Sportsplex. Mr. Van Volkingburgh responded that no plans have been fully processed yet. CAO, Bill Rogan commented that the project is not budgeted for and we're going to get plans together and possibly tender in the fall. Grande Spirit Foundation Seniors site servicing will also be tendered in the fall.
- Grade Three Reading University graduation ceremony.

Councillor Bulford:

- Grade Three Reading University graduation ceremony - very impressed with how kids are learning from the program.
- received calls from residents on Township Road #670 as it was recently re-paved with overlay but now there are no shoulders on the pavement and it is very dangerous for people moving any equipment.

Councillor Harris:

- Rio Grande Bridge Community Meeting - thanked Councillor Sutherland and Shirley Sutherland for preparing the meal for the event.
- Conoco Phillips Open House;
- NW Clairmont stakeholder meeting;
- sod turning at Grande Spirit Foundation Seniors Lodge site in Clairmont.

Councillor Marshall:

- Dinosaur Museum Board Meetings and Building Committee Meetings: working on landscaping, laying tile, painting, and the contractor is finishing up the kitchen. He commented that Larry Crerar is not attending very many meetings.
- Grade Three Reading University graduation ceremony - 103 kids in the program is great because it is very difficult for the teachers to focus on the children that require extra help at the same time as addressing the needs of the rest of the classroom during the regular school year.
- NW Clairmont Stakeholder meeting;
- Dinosaur Building Committee - Councillor Harpe is investigating the phone issues and some deficiencies from an electrical point of view.

Reeve Beaupre:

- Rio Grande Bridge Community Meeting - thanked Administration for organizing the meeting. She inquired if there has been any correspondence sent to the residents in Rio Grande about the timeline for changing the bridge. Mr. Van Volkingburgh responded



that the survey closes on August 15th, then Public Works will send out communication advising of the survey results. The project can be budgeted for over the next three years if that is the direction given.

- interview with City TV featuring the County and the Dinosaur Museum which will air closer to the TOA event. CAO, Bill was also interviewed.
- inquired about Service integration and if anything further had been received from the neighbouring municipalities. CAO, Bill Rogan that messages will be sent out upon the return of the Communications Coordinator.
- Councillor Beck, CAO, Bill Rogan and Mrs. Nielsen-Bjerke met with Sexsmith Mayor, Claude Lagace, about invitation to the service integration meetings;
- new CAO for Travel Alberta - some concerns expressed with lack of communication between the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum and the Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association.
- sod turning at Grande Spirit Foundation Seniors Lodge site in Clairmont. She extended congratulations to Councillor Harpe and the Grande Spirit Foundation on all the work done to obtain the site and move the project forward.
- will meet with Rotary and bring a presentation on Cooperative Agreements this week. A copy of the presentation will be sent to Council so they know the figures as well.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

CAO, Bill Rogan commented that all Aquatera items are progressing well.

Mr. Van Volkingburgh:

- crack sealing/line painting contract on roads done - anticipate starting in subdivisions this week;
- La Glace school lane way: excavation will be completed tonight and Knelsen Sand & Gravel going in tomorrow to continue with the project;
- gravel haul 65% complete;
- August 14th deadline for the Rio Grande bridge survey;
- Reeve Beaupre commented positively on the traffic control occurring on Township Road 704A near the Dunes.

Mr. Lapp:

- new Planning Clerk started today and will be introduced to Council shortly;
- approximately two weeks behind on development permits;
- working with builders on landscaping (most specifically trees) and security clauses as there are quite a lot of deficiencies. It was noted that there is a two year warranty on trees.

Mrs. Sauv e:

- A/V in chambers: letter has been sent to then vendor and they have been put on notice because of the issues. The warranty does not end until July 2016 so they have lots of time to deal with deficiencies;
- Amanda Oravec, Admin Assistant, and Shannon Baird, EA to CAO and Council, are the Acting Managers of Legislative Services for Sheryle Runhart's vacation.

- Michelle Mennell awarded Accounting Tech III position and her position will be filled shortly.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about media monitoring.

Councillor Harpe commented on contacting Wayne Tonsi at ATCO electric in regards to moving infrastructure. Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that he had the discussion with ATCO and they will not move anything until all detailed designs are completed.

Mr. Van Volkingburgh commented on the letter sent previously to CN about railroad crossings and work not done. They have responded noting that the County did not give exact details of what railroad crossing should be done and the deficiencies with them. Mr. Van Volkingburgh will provide to CN.

Councillor Beeston commented on the phone lines on Range Road #54, north of Highway #43, and whether the County should write a letter to the provider about getting the phone lines buried. Mr. Van Volkingburgh responded that we can send a letter but action will likely be very slow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #CM20150810.1032**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the meeting adjourn at 4:34 p.m.

**Carried**

These minutes approved the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

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

**In Camera - Legal**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20150730004)

**Resolution #CM20150810.1033**

**MOVED by <NAME>** that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 12:08 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 - Legal.

In camera.

In camera.

**Resolution #CM20150810.1034**

**MOVED by <NAME>** that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 12:08 p.m.

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REEVE

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR