

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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August 24, 2015

Canada Cup of Curling and Scotties Tournament of Hearts Sponsorship

– Council approved sponsorship for the Canada Cup of Curling and the Scotties Tournament of Hearts for \$25,000. The Canada Cup will take place December 2-6, 2015 and The Scotties Tournament of Hearts goes February 20-28, 2016 in Grande Prairie.

Off Highway Vehicle and Traffic Safety Bylaws – Council gave third reading to General Traffic Bylaw 3024 and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Bylaw 3023. Updates to the bylaws include:

- operator and passengers of off highway vehicles must wear helmets.
- no person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle in any residential area except for loading or unloading the OHV onto another vehicle or trailer, to enter or leave the residential area by the shortest and most direct route available at a maximum speed not exceeding 30 km/hr.

For a complete list of the changes, please visit www.countygp.ab.ca.

Bezanson School Outdoor Rink – Council waived the development permit and safety codes fees to build a roof on the outdoor rink at the Bezanson School.

Grande Prairie & District Catholic School Support Request – The Board of Trustees wrote a letter to Council requesting financial support to construct a multipurpose theatre adjacent to the new junior/senior high school to be located in the City of Grande Prairie. Council made a motion to meet with the Board to review their capital plan and fundraising strategies and goals.

Organizational Meeting – The annual organizational meeting will be held October 26, 2015.

Smart City Alliance – The County became a member of the Smart City Alliance which was created as a multi-sector partnership focusing on supporting and collaborating with Alberta municipalities to solve the complex challenges they face, in addition to fostering greater adoption of “Smart City” solutions. “Smart Cities” are communities (of any size) that apply innovative technological and other solutions to meet rising efficiency and public service expectations.

Sponsorships – Council approved sponsorship of the following events:

- \$5,000 Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum 2015 Amber Ball
- \$1,000 Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society Trail Ride Fundraiser
- \$1,000 Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta Nourishing The North Wine & Auction
- \$1,200 Mackenzie Regional Charity Golf Tournament
- \$500 for ad in County of Grande Prairie JDA Kings 2015/2016 program.

Employee Introduction – Council welcomed Laura Edgar to the Planning & Development Services team.

Next Council meeting will take place on September 14, 2015.

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