

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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**February 9, 2015**

**Random Acts of Physical Activities Challenge** – Parks and Recreation Manager Megan Schur presented to Council information on the County's and Sexsmith Wellness Coalition partnership, which encourages everyone to participate in the Random Acts of Physical Activities (RAPA) Challenge. The RAPA Challenge runs from February 2-28, 2015 with an overall goal of beating the winter blues and keeping people active throughout the entire month of February by participating in random acts of physical activity. Families, schools, organizations, day homes and individuals can win prizes by registering in the Challenge and participating. Visit [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) under Communities ChooseWell in the Parks and Recreation section for more information including registration forms.

**Letter of support** – Council will provide a letter of support to Evergreen Park in their application for a Community Facility Enhancement Program Grant to purchase a backup generator for the use at Evergreen Park in the event of a power failure. Evergreen Park has been designated as an evacuation centre in the event of an emergency in the County and area.

**Meeting with RCMP Commander Officer** – Council made a motion to direct administration to schedule a meeting during the AAMDC Spring Convention with the RCMP Commanding Officer to address crime in rural areas.

**Buffalo Lakes Hall** – Council approved the request to remove historical designation from the Buffalo Lakes Hall. This will allow the Hall owner/operator to make changes and/or conversions to the building.

**Public Hearings** – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-003 to redesignate approx. 4.62 acres of land located 4 miles north west of Wembley. Adjacent to Rge Rd. 91 and Hwy. 43 from Country Residential (CR-5) District to Rural Medium (RM-2) District of one medium industrial lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-005 to redesignate approx. 10.27 acres of land located 5 miles north east of Bezanson, adjacent to Rge Rd. 30 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-006 to redesignate approx. 10 acres of land located 5 ½ miles north west of Teepee Creek, adjacent to Twp Rd. 744 and Rge Rd. 35 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-007 to redesignate approx. 28.32 acres of land located 1 mile south west of Sexsmith, adjacent to Rge Rd. 62 and Hwy. 672 from Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District for the subdivision of five lots for rural medium industrial use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-008 to redesignate approx. 12.5 acres of land located 7 miles north west of Wembley, adjacent to Twp Rd. 724 and Rge Rd. 85 from Agricultural (AG) District for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

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Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-009 to redesignate approx 10 acres of land located 2 ½ miles south east of Beaverlodge, adjacent to Rge Rd. 104 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-010 to redesignate approx. 9.98 acres of land located 5 miles north west of Wembley, adjacent to Rge Rd. 85 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-012 to redesignate approx. 40.29 acres of land located ½ mile north of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Rge Rd. 62 in the Whispering Ridge residential subdivision from Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Residential (RR-2) District for residential subdivision use, and Limited Institutional and Recreational (L-IR) District to allow for the subdivision of limited institutional and recreational use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-013 to redesignate approx. 22.78 acres of land located 5 miles north of Sexsmith, adjacent to Rge Rd. 61 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of three residential lots. Council gave the bylaw second reading.

**Bylaws** – Council gave Bylaw 2680-15-011 first reading to redesignate land located on part of NE-04-72-06-W6M within the Intermunicipal

Development Plan from Country Residential (CR-5) District to Rural Light Industrial (RM-1) District.

Council gave Bylaw 3015 third reading, which will allow for the borrowing of \$3.4 million from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority for the replacement, widening and rehabilitation of the grade separation bridge (Weyerhauser/Canfor Bridge) located on Resources Road.

Council gave Bylaws 3019 and 3020 first reading to borrow \$1 million from the Alberta Treasury Branch, which will be given to Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society to help cover some of the costs to complete the interior of the new facility. PARDS will pay the loan plus an interest rate back once funds are available.

**Equipment Purchases** – Council approved the RFP for the purchase of a new D7R Crawler Tractor or equivalent model to SMS Equipment for \$620,000, which will replace an existing unit that is being retired this year.

Council approved the RFP for the purchase of two new 2015 Tandem Axle Cabs and Chassis' from Western Star & Freightliner Trucks for \$342,731.

**Next Council meeting will take place on February 23, 2015.**

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