



MINUTES

County Council
Regular Meeting

County of Grande Prairie No. 1

February 9, 2015 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, February 09, 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
- Peter Harris
- Bob Marshall
- Brock Smith

Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

5. Directors

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

6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

7. Recording Secretary

- Megan McCormick

Absent:

3. Council

- Richard Harpe

**CALL TO ORDER
AND QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Resolution #CM20150209.1001

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that the agenda for the February 9, 2015 Council Meeting (2015/02/09) be approved as presented.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1002

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the minutes of January 26 2015 be approved with the following corrections;

- The Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society (PARDS) is to include "further direct Administration to obtain security on the current PARDS riding facility when negotiating the agreement between Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society and the County of Grande Prairie No. 1

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1003

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate SW-25-74-06-W6M from a Agricultural (AG) District to a County Residential (CR-5) District. The Public Hearing commenced at *10:03 a.m.*.

Carried

**BYLAW
2680-15-013; PT.
SW-25-74-06-W6M
/ BEAIRSTO &
ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERING
LTD. /
MCALLISTER
(FILE NO.
PLLUB20141541)
(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20150130003)**

Baily Nagy, Planner, noted the purpose of this application is to allow for country residential development, and would facilitate the development of three new lots for this use. These lots would be the second, third, and fourth parcels out of the quarter section. There is no Farmland Assessment rating as this site is treed and not used for agricultural production. This application is located adjacent to other multi-lot residential subdivisions, the quarter section adjacent to the north has 5 lots subdivided and the quarter section to the east has 6 lots subdivided. Residential cluster development is evident in this area. There were no concerns subject to standard comments from commenting agencies. This application was circulated to adjacent landowners and administration received eleven letters of concerns. Administration is recommending approval of this application.

Mr. Beairsto and Mr. McAllister were present to speak to the application.

Mr. Beairsto noted there was some misinformation being circulated by petition organizers. The applicant only wishes to rezone three lots not the entire quarter section. A shadow plan has to be submitted as part of the zoning application to meet department requirements. He noted this was an appropriate use of the land, the applicant is following the MDP, Municipal rules and Provincial rules. He also noted that many of the letters of concern are not about land use but enforcement issues.

Mr. McAllister noted the land is not suitable farmland if it was it would have been used as such. He has done a soil test and it has come back with no problems. He addressed the valid concerns such as water supply, traffic, hunters, garbage, and noted that much of the extra sleds and quad traffic and garbage come from those who do not live in the area as the parcel is close to Crown land.

Sharon Volker was present to speak to the application. Her property is adjacent to the applicants. Ms. Volker was speaking on behalf of several adjacent landowners. They are opposed to the application. They have concerns with water, increased traffic, and loss of farming. She noted that current zoning is rural not country residential. She questioned if soil and water tests would be completed before development to make sure it was safe. She also noted the importance of agricultural land, and the link between agriculture and community. The MDP recognizes agriculture as predominant use in the County.

Shirley Hogg was present to speak to the application. She noted the Alberta Government's Water File 13876 and the extensive testing in this area has established sandy land formation in the area. Over the years several water wells have been negatively affected by bulk water withdrawals and oilfield seismic drilling. Twenty plus potential lots would cause serious water issues in the area.

Yvonne McAllister was present to speak to the application. She noted there was no intention of full subdivision of the parcel. She noted there have been several subdivision applications in the area which have recently been approved.

Councillor Smith questioned why the TeePee Creek Stampede Association was opposed to the application and if it was concerned with animal waste. He also questioned if there had been any water studies completed.

Mr. Beairsto noted the land is not suitable agricultural land and that Alberta Environment have no concern with the application as four residential lots will not affect the aquifer. He also noted that pump tests are not required unless there is a fifth lot on the parcel.

Councillor Marshall questioned if the rezoning was approved could restrictions be put on the development permits. He also noted that this

public hearing was in regards to land use and not development. Nick Lapp, Director of Planning and Development noted that restrictions can not be put on the development and that prior to development it needs to be ensured that there is enough water supply.

Councillor Beck questioned what the guidelines were for water. Mr. Lapp noted that the County follows legislation from Alberta Environment, the Water Act and Water Regulations. If there was a fifth lot plus the balance of the quarter section a water test is required before development. Councillor Beck noted the area seemed to be a good spot for some acreage development. Mr. Lapp commented within the rural areas there are areas where the land is poorer and not suitable for agriculture, such as this parcel, and for that reason subdivision is supported in this area.

Mrs. Volker questioned if a well was drilled and residents lose their water supply would the County drill another well. Mr. Lapp noted to approve rezoning Administration does have to confirm that there is enough water supply and that legislation puts onus on the municipality. Administration is confident there is enough water supply based on legislation and requirements. The County will not drill a new well if one goes down. Mrs. Volker agreed to provide documentation of wells that have gone down in the area.

Wayne Badger noted there have been wells drilled dry on adjacent acreages.

It was noted that adjacent landowners had not had any testing done on their water levels since new wells had been drilled in the area. It was also noted that the water table lowers in many areas of the County and wells must be drilled deeper.

Paula Backer, an adjacent landowner was present to speak to the application and the proposed twenty lots of the shadow plan. She noted the County green area is close by and should be preserved. She also noted water is biggest concern for adjacent residents.

Mr. Beairsto noted that a pump test for wells is very time consuming and could cost between \$12,000 and \$20,000 for the reports. It is for this reason AESRD has set requirements for five lots. Once the sixth lot, or more is developed they have very strict testing measures in place.

Mr. Lapp noted that if Council is going to require more testing it would be more appropriate to defeat the bylaw or recess and do more research.

Resolution #CM20150209.1004

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at 11:20 a.m..

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1005

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-15-013 to re-designate PT. SW-25-74-06-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) district to be read a first time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1006

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 2680-15-013 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1007

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-15-013 be given consent for third and final reading.

Defeated

**BYLAW
2680-15-010; PT.
NW-08-72-08-W6M
/ BEAIRSTO &
ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERING
LTD. / DECKER
(FILE NO.
PLLUB20141521)
(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20150126001)**

Resolution #CM20150209.1008

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT.NW-08-72-08-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *11:22 a.m.*

Carried

Ms. Nagy noted the purpose of this application is to allow for country residential development, and would facilitate the development of one new lot for this use. This lot would be the first parcel out of the quarter section. The land uses in the area consist of agricultural and country residential uses. Multi-lot residential subdivisions are within close proximity of the proposed application. Administration is not anticipating any land use conflicts. No concerns subject to standard comments were received from commenting agencies and no comments were received from adjacent landowners. Administration is therefore recommending approval of this application.

Mr. Beairsto and Mr. Clayton Christie were present to speak to the application.

Resolution #CM20150209.1009

MOVED BY B.MARSHALL that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *11:26 a.m.*

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1010

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2680-15-010 to re-designate PT. NW-08-72-08-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) district to be read a first time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1011

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 2680-15-010 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1012

MOVED BY C.BECK that Bylaw 2680-15-010 be given consent for third and final reading.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1013

MOVED BY R.SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2680-15-010 to re-designate PT. NW-08-72-08-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

**BYLAW
2680-15-006; PT.
SE-30-74-3-W6M /
BEAIRSTO &
ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERING
LTD. / MCQUAIG**

**(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20150122002)**

Resolution #CM20150209.1014

MOVED BY B.MARSHALL that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. SE-30-74-3-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District. The Public Hearing commenced at *11:28 a.m.*

Carried

Cate Porterfield, Planner, noted the purpose of this application is to allow for country residential development, and would facilitate the development of one new lot for this use. Kleskun Creek runs through the centre of the quarter section. The proposed lot is located well beyond the 30 meter setback distance recommended by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development. There is low lying land in the south west corner of the proposed lot. Should this application be approved, the applicant will provide a no build zone map in time for subdivision approval, which would be registered on title. No concerns subject to standard comments were received from commenting agencies and no comments were received from adjacent landowners.

Bruce Beairsto was present to speak to the application.

Resolution #CM20150209.1015

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *11:31 a.m.*

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1016

MOVED BY C. BECK that Bylaw 2680-15-006 to re-designate PT. SE-30-74-3-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) district to be read a first time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1017

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2680-15-006 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1018

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2680-15-006 be given consent for third and final reading.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1019

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-15-006 to re-designate PT. SE-30-74-3-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

**BYLAW
2680-15-005; PT.
NE-25-72-03-W6M
/ BEAIRSTO &
ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERING
LTD. / LAVERICK**

**(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20150122005)**

Resolution #CM20150209.1020

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. NE-25-72-03-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *11:33 a.m.*

Carried

Ms. Porterfield noted the purpose of this application is to allow for country residential development, and would facilitate the development of one new lot for this use. The application is located within the Smoky River Valley, an area identified as a Natural Area under the County of Grande Prairie's Municipal Development Plan (MDP). Policies in these areas have been designed to identify major valleys as natural areas to ensure proper setbacks from those areas are established. This application is not within the vicinity of the immediate natural feature. Administration has identified that there could be potential for flooding at the application site. Should this application be approved, Administration will recommend to the Municipal Planning Commission that the no build zone map be registered on title at the time of subdivision. No concerns subject to standard comments from commenting agencies. ATCO Electric is requesting a powerline right of way.

Mr. Beairsto and Mr. Laverick were present to speak to the application.

Resolution #CM20150209.1021

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *11:37 a.m.*

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1022

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2680-15-005 to re-designate PT. NE-25-72-03-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) district to be read a first time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1023

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 2680-15-005 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1024

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2680-15-005 be given consent for third and final reading.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1025

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 2680-15-005 to re-designate PT. NE-25-72-03-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

**BYLAW
2680-15-009; PT.
SE-32-71-10-W6M
/ BEAIRSTO &
ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERING
LTD. / HUALLEN
HOLDINGS LTD.
(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20150127006)**

Resolution #CM20150209.1026

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. SE-32-71-10-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District. The Public Hearing commenced at *11:39 a.m.*.

Carried

Jeremy Dela Cruz, Planner, noted the purpose of this application is to allow for country residential development, and would facilitate the development of one new lot for this use. Administration does not anticipate any land use conflict with this application. Administration has identified that a portion of the proposed lot is prone to seasonal flooding. A no build zone has been identified. Should this application be approved administration will recommend that the no build zone be registered on title at time of subdivision. The application is consistent with the MDP. No concerns subject to standard comments were received from commenting agencies and no comments were received from adjacent landowners.

Mr. Beairsto and Mr. Schmidt were present to speak to the application.

Resolution #CM20150209.1027

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *11:42 a.m.*.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1028

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 2680-15-009 to re-designate PT. SE-32-71-10-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) district to be read a first time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1029

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-15-009 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1030

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 2680-15-009 be given consent for third and final reading.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1031

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2680-15-009 to re-designate PT. SE-32-71-10-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

**BYLAW
2680-15-003; PT.
SW-25-71-09-W6M
/ BEAIRSTO &
ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERING
LTD. / CASSITY
(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20150202004)**

Resolution #CM20150209.1032

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. SW-25-71-09-W6M from a Country Residential (CR-5) District to a Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *11:44 a.m.*

Carried

Matthew Konowalchuk, Senior Planner, noted the purpose of this application is to allow for rural medium industrial development, and would facilitate development for this use. The rezoning and subsequent subdivision would allow the existing industrial development to operate within a more suitable district. Therefore, remove the designation of the country residential district within the proposed boundaries in favor of a rural medium district. Given the lot's proximity to Highway 43, the application would not remove functional farmland, the application is consistent with the MDP, the modest scale of the proposed development and the fact an industrial operation currently exists within the proposed boundaries; administration foresees the site as a suitable location for the proposed bylaw amendment. No concerns subject to standard comments from commenting agencies and no comments were received from adjacent landowners.

Mr. Beairsto and Mr. Cassity were present to speak to the application.

Resolution #CM20150209.1033

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *11:51 a.m.*

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1034

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 2680-15-003 to re-designate PT. SW-25-71-09-W6M from a Country Residential (CR-5) District to a Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) district to be read a first time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1035

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2680-15-003 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1036

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-15-003 be given consent for

third and final reading.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1037

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 2680-15-003 to re-designate PT. SW-25-71-09-W6M from a Country Residential (CR-5) District to a Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

**BYLAW
2680-15-007; PT.
SE-15-73-06-W6M
/ BEIRSTO &
ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERING
LTD. /
BALDERSTON
CAPITAL CORP.
(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20150202005)**

Resolution #CM20150209.1038

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. SE-15-73-06-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *11:52 a.m.*

Carried

Mr. Konowalchuk noted the purpose of this application is to allow for rural medium industrial development, which would facilitate the development of 5 new industrial lots. This application would allow the zoning to be generally consistent with the Emerson Trail Area Structure Plan (ASP). Further, the configuration of the land use pattern and proposed internal road alignment is consistent with the ASP. This application is consistent with the MDP. A well site currently licensed as a sour gas well is located in the center of the quarter section. Further, a level two pipeline bisects the northeast corner of proposed Lot 5, Block 2. A level two pipeline requires a 100 meter setback while this should not impact development on proposed Lot 5, Block 2. No concerns subject to standard comments were received from commenting agencies and no comments were received from adjacent landowners.

Mr. Beirsto and Mr. Balderston were present to speak to the application.

Resolution #CM20150209.1039

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *12:01 p.m.*

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1040

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-15-007 to re-designate PT. SE-15-73-06-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) district to be read a first time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1041

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-15-007 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1042

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 2680-15-007 be given consent for third and final reading.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1043

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2680-15-007 to re-designate PT. SE-15-73-06-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

**BYLAW
2680-15-008; PT.
NE-19-72-08-W6M
/FOCUS
SURVEYS
/POMEROY
(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20150202024)**

Resolution #CM20150209.1044

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. NE-19-72-08-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at 12:03 p.m..

Carried

Mr. Konowalchuk noted the purpose of this application is to allow for country residential development, and would facilitate the development of one new lot for this use. This lot would be the fourth parcel subdivided from the quarter section. Three country residential lots exist on the quarter section. Further, in the broader context the surrounding area is dominated by agricultural uses and various pockets of country residential districts; as such the potential for conflict with the application and the surrounding area is low. The application is consistent with the MDP. No concerns subject to standard comments were received from commenting agencies and no comments were received from adjacent landowners.

Heather Roberts from Focus Surveys and Mr. Pomeroy were present to speak to the application.

Resolution #CM20150209.1045

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at 12:06 p.m..

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1046

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2680-15-008 to re-designate PT. NE-19-72-08-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) district to be read a first time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1047

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2680-15-008 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1048

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 2680-15-008 be given consent for third and final reading.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1049

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Bylaw 2680-15-008 to re-designate PT. NE-19-72-08-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

**BYLAW
2680-15-012; PT.
SW-11-72-06-W6M
/ HELIX
ENGINEERING
INC./ CROSSLINK
LEASEHOLDS
INC.**

**(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20150202026)**

Resolution #CM20150209.1050

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. SW-11-72-06-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Residential (RR-2) District.

The Public Hearing commenced at *12:09 p.m.*

Carried

Nick Lapp, Director of Planning and Development noted the proposed zoning would facilitate the development of approximately 12.48 hectares (30.85 acres) of residential land and approximately 3.82 hectares (9.44 acres) of limited institutional and recreational land within the Pt. SW-11-72-6 as part of the next phase of development for Whispering Ridge. The proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Municipal Development Plan and consistent with the Balisky Hodges Area Structure Plan. As such no land use conflicts are anticipated with the application. No concerns subject to standard comments were received from commenting agencies and no comments were received from adjacent landowners.

Valerie Lethbridge and Scott Roesler from Helix Engineering were present to speak to the application.

Resolution #CM20150209.1051

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at *12:13 p.m.*

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1052

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-15-012 to re-designate PT. SW-11-72-06-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Residential (RR-2) district to be read a first time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1053

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Bylaw 2680-15-012 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1054

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2680-15-012 be given consent for third and final reading.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1055

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Bylaw 2680-15-012 to re-designate PT. SW-11-72-06-W6M from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural

Residential (RR-2) District be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1056

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the meeting recess at 12:15 pm for lunch.

Carried

BYLAW

**2680-15-011;
BLOCK 1, PLAN
842 1382; PT.
NE-04-72-06-W6M
- CR-5 TO RM-1 &
PT.**

**NE-04-72-06-W6M
- AG TO RM-1 -
BEAIRSTO &
ASSOCIATES /
NEIL (FILE NO.
PLLUB20141488)**

(BYLAWS)

(Issue #20150128010)

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

This is an application to amend the County Land Use Bylaw. Administration is bringing forward Bylaw 2680-15-011 for First Reading as part of the Dispute Resolution Process identified in the Intermunicipal Development Plan, as this application is located in the short term annexation area.

There was discussion surrounding:

- Separation of the parcel;
- Existing home and current zoning;
- Sale of the property;
- Development permits;
- Access and snow dump on the parcel.

Resolution #CM20150209.1057

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2680-15-011 to re-designate PT. NE-04-72-06-W6M from a Country Residential (CR-5) District to a Rural Medium Industrial (RM-1) district to be read a first time.

Carried

**Bylaw 3015 -
Borrowing for
Replacement,
Widening &
Rehabilitation of
the Grade
Separation Bridge
(BF.77754),
Resources Road,
SW-29-70-5-W6M**

(BYLAWS)

(Issue #20150112017)

First reading of Bylaw 3015 Borrowing Bylaw for the Replacement, Widening and Rehabilitation of the Grade Separation Bridge (BF.77754), Resources Road, SW-29-70-5-W6M was given on January 12, 2015, which was followed by the required Borrowing Bylaw advertising in accordance to the MGA. Electors had until February 6, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. to petition the County for a vote of the electors on Bylaw 3015. No petition was received by this advertised date. Administration is requesting 2nd and 3rd reading on Bylaw 3015.

Resolution #CM20150209.1058

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that Borrowing Bylaw 3015 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1059

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Borrowing Bylaw 3015 for Replacement, Widening & Rehabilitation of the Grade Separation Bridge (BF.77754) be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

**Bylaw 3016 -
County -
Aquatera Utility
Bylaw**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20141217004)

First Reading of Bylaw 3016 was given at the January 26, 2015 Council Meeting. Annually or bi-annually the County passes a bylaw regulating and providing for the terms, conditions, rates and charges for the supply and use of the water and wastewater utilities provided by Aquatera Utilities Inc in the County of Grande Prairie. Both the City of Grande Prairie and Sexsmith have reviewed the bylaw and are satisfied.

Resolution #CM20150209.1060

MOVED BY C. BECK that Bylaw 3016 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1061

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Bylaw 3016 County - Aquatera Utility Bylaw be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

**Bylaw 3019 -
Borrowing Bylaw
3019 - Borrowing
for the Purpose of
Lending to the
Peace Area
Riding for the
Disabled Society**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20150204003)

As per Council motion on January 26th, 2015: "to borrow \$1 million from the Alberta Treasury Branches, and lend the funds to the Peace Area Riding for Disabled Society (PARDS) with interest" the attached Lending Bylaw 3020 is before Council for consideration of 1st reading. In order to satisfy borrowing requirements under the Municipal Government Act, Section 256, the County must pass a Borrowing Bylaw. In accordance with Section 256(3) of the Municipal Government Act the Borrowing Bylaw is required to be advertised. Borrowing Bylaw 3019 is scheduled to return to Council on March 9th provided it receives 1st reading and no petition is received. The executive board for the PARDS Society has accepted the County's offer for an additional \$1 million in financing. The indebtedness on PARDS current property will be part of the legal agreement between the County and PARDS.

Resolution #CM20150209.1062

MOVED BY B. SMITH that Bylaw 3019 - Borrowing Bylaw 3019 - Borrowing for the Purpose of Lending to the Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society be read a first time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20150209.1063

MOVED by B. SMITH that the PARDS board be invited to speak to Council with regards to borrowing on their behalf at the next meeting.

Carried

**Bylaw 3020 -
Lending Bylaw
3020 - Lending to
the Peace Area
Riding for the
Disabled Society**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20150203003)

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There was discussion surrounding:

- 5% interest rate;
- Fixed rate versus floating rate.

Resolution #CM20150209.1064

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Lending Bylaw 3020 - Lending to the Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society be read a first time.

Carried

Policy C8 - Public Access to Documents

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20150122004)

Policy C8 - Public Access to Documents is a document that is no longer applicable or enforceable as newer legislation supersedes this policy. It is respectfully asked of Council to rescind this policy. The newer version of the MGA which came into effect 2000 and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act which came into effect in 2008 now take precedence over Policy C8 which was originally adopted in 1999.

Resolution #CM20150209.1065

MOVED BY B MARSHALL that the County of Grande Prairie rescind Policy C8 - Public Access to Documents.

Carried

Removal of Historical Designation on Buffalo Lakes Hall

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20150116001)

Reverend Duinker had applied for Historical Designation of the Buffalo Lakes Hall in March 2011. Council granted the request and provided historical designation for the Hall. He is now asking Council to remove the designation in order to allow him to relocate the building, on the same lot, and to make other changes to the building. There is no cost to the County associated with this.

Rev. Duinker had hoped that the provision of the historical designation would provide opportunities for funding from the Province to maintain and preserve the Hall. The historical designation instead has created limits on what can be done with the building and is limiting the other activities that Rev. Duinker has planned on the property including an addition to the home and conversion of the Hall into a woodworking shop.

Resolution #CM20150209.1066

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Council grant the request to remove the historical designation on Buffalo Lakes Hall.

Carried

Random Acts of Physical Activities Challenge

The County of Grande Prairie and Sexsmith Wellness Coalition have partnered on the Random Acts of Physical Activities Challenge to encourage people to keep active throughout the month of February. Parks and Recreation provides enticing opportunities to explore and enhance an

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20150127001)

active lifestyle. To promote this vision, Parks and Recreation is working in partnership with the Sexsmith Wellness Coalition to encourage people to keep active throughout the month of February by participating in the Random Acts of Physical Activities Challenge. The Challenge starts on February 2nd and runs for the duration of February.

Request for Sponsorship - 2015 PWA Grad Class

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20150114019)

The 2015 Peace Wapiti Academy Grad Class is requesting sponsorship for their graduation ceremonies. There are 98 students graduating. Funding request is for the ceremony only, not the after-ceremony celebrations. The cost of graduation is substantial for the school, and therefore the grad committee is requesting \$1,000 from the County of Grande Prairie. However, the grad committee would be happy to receive any contribution. The starting balance is from school fees paid by parents. Other fundraisers include bottle drives, car washes, litter pickup and corporate sponsorship. The majority of the funds will be going towards the facility rental at Evergreen Park.

There was discussion surrounding:

- making this a standing budget item for each of the Peace Wapiti school division high schools;
- parents contribution to the ceremony;
- extending the offer to other high schools in the county;
- prorating the amount based on number of students;

Resolution #CM20150209.1067

MOVED BY C. BECK that the County of Grande Prairie provide \$350 yearly towards the graduation ceremonies to each high school in the County of Grande Prairie.

Defeated

Resolution #CM20150209.1068

MOVED by R. SUTHERLAND that the main motion be amended to prorate the sponsorship based on student population.

Defeated

Request for Sponsorship - SPCA Gala

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20150128016)

The SPCA is requesting sponsorship for their Gala to be held on February 28, 2015 at the Entrec Centre. Funds raised will go towards SPCA programs, operating/medical costs and building maintenance. Council has not supported this event in the past as it is a new request. Administration is anticipating that the current arrangement with the SPCA and the County of Grande Prairie will be ending in April and that the SPCA will come forward to Council with a capital operating grant ask.

Resolution #CM20150209.1069

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that Council take no action on the SPCA Gala sponsorship request.

Carried

**Evergreen Park -
Letter of Support**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20150129001)

Evergreen Park is requesting a letter of support for a CFEP Grant to purchase a back up generator for the use at Evergreen Park in the event of a power failure. Evergreen Park has now been designated as an EVAC centre in the event of an emergency. Evergreen Park is not requesting funding from the County at this time.

Resolution #CM20150209.1070

MOVED BY B. SMITH to Supply Evergreen Park a letter of support for their CFEP Grant application to purchase a back up generator for their facility in the event the facility is used as a EVAC centre.

Carried

**Council's interest
in meeting with
RCMP
Commanding
Officer**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20150129016)

RCMP Senior Management are attending the 2015 A.A.M.D.C. Spring Convention, and Superintendent Ray Noble (Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge detachments) is asking Council if they wish to schedule a meeting with the C.O. and representatives from Justice and Solicitor General during the convention. If Council has any concerns that require attention at the district level, they are encouraged to schedule a meeting at the convention. Non-specific concerns can only be accommodated if time permits. A list of concerns should be prepared ahead of time to ensure acceptance of the meeting.

There was discussion surrounding:

- Issues on Highway 40 - accidents and illegal activity;
- Increase in rural break ins;
- Other issues should be sent to Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services.

Resolution #CM20150209.1071

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL to direct administration to set up a meeting with RCMP Commanding Officer at the AAMDC with a list of concerns.

Carried

**One (1) New
2014/15 Group 9 -
D7R Crawler
Tractor or
Equivalent Model**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20150202001)

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted January 5, 2015 on the Alberta Purchasing Connections (APC) to meet the requirements of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA). The County's Public Works (PW) Department requires one new 2014/15 Group 9 - D7R Crawler Tractor or Equivalent Model to replace one existing unit being retired from service as part of the 2015 equipment replacement unit's capital plan. All vendors met the requirements for the RFP process. Administration is recommending entering into a contract with SMS for one unit with the condition they confirm delivery of 6 to 8 weeks.

Resolution #CM20150209.1072

MOVED BY B. SMITH that the County of Grande Prairie enter into a contract with SMS Equipment for the purchase and delivery of one new 2014 Komatsu – D85EX - 15 / Operating Weight 46,780 lbs. – at a cost of \$620,000(exclusive of GST) on condition that the SMS Representative confirms the delivery time of 6 – 8 weeks as confirmed in the Bidders Table.

Carried

Two (2) New 2015 Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20150202006)

The County's Public Works (PW) Department requires two new 2015 Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis as part of the 2015 equipment capital plan. The RFP's are posted on the APC website, advertised locally in the newspaper and posted on the County of Grande Prairie's website. There were two proposals received from one supplier; both were compliant and evaluated. One proposal was with standard transmission and one with automatic transmission. Many of the operators have requested replacements be automatic transmission.

Resolution #CM20150209.1073

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that the County of Grande Prairie enter into a contract with Western Star & Freightliner Trucks for the purchase and delivery of one Freightliner 122SD / New 2015 Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis with Trans-18 speed input bearing for PTO – at a cost of \$165,270 (exclusive of GST) and one Freightliner 122SD / New 2015 Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis with ALLISON (RDS 4,500) TRANS – at a cost of \$177,461. (exclusive of GST). For a grand total of \$342,731.00 (exclusive of GST).

Carried

Additional Named Insured - River of Death and Discovery Dinosaur Museum Society

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20150203004)

A request has been received from River of Death and Discovery Dinosaur Museum Society to add the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum as an Additional Named Insured through Jubilee Insurance. The County approves Community Groups and Organizations as an additional named insured for Liability Insurance and Contents Insurance. To finalize this Jubilee has requested copy of Council approval to continue. Any organizations operating under the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, such as restaurants, would have to carry their own insurance.

Resolution #CM20150209.1074

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that the County of Grande Prairie approve the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum as an Additional Named Insured.

Carried

FCSS NW Regional Meeting

(WORKSHOPS,
CONFERENCES,
SEMINARS)
(Issue #20150123001)

The FCSS Northwest Spring Regional Meeting will be held in High Prairie April 29 and 30, 2015. This conference ends the same day that the Alberta Library Conference starts in Jasper which is April 30th.

Resolution #CM20150209.1075

MOVED BY C. BECK that any Councillor that wishes to attend the FCSS NW Regional Meeting may attend.

Carried

The Alberta Order of Excellence

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20150126002)

The Alberta Order of Excellence is the highest honour that can be bestowed on a citizen of this Province and the Alberta Order of Excellence Council invites the County to nominate a deserving Albertan to become a

member of the Alberta Order of Excellence. Nomination deadline is February 15, 2015. Their accomplishments cover a wider range of areas from health care, science and agriculture to education, business and the arts. Typically the County of Grande Prairie has not nominated individuals but have written letters of support.

2015 Operating Assistance Grants

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20150202002)

The 2015 Operating Assistance Grant Program is now open. The Operating Assistance Grant program provides funding assistance to local, non-profit organizations that provide recreational or cultural programming for County of Grande Prairie residents. Applicants may apply for operating funds or capital funds to a maximum of \$5,000.00. For organizations applying for capital funds, two quotes must be included in application. Application deadline is April 1, 2015.

2015 Cemetery Improvement Grants

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20150202003)

The 2015 Cemetery Improvement Grant Program is now open. The Cemetery Improvement Grant provides funding to local groups for improvements to cemeteries located within the County of Grande Prairie. Applicants may apply for funding to a maximum of \$5,000.00. Application deadline is April 1, 2015. Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, will send a list of the cemeteries and contact information to Councillors.

Notice of Motion - Advance Divisional Road Funding for Division #8

(NOTICE OF MOTION)
(Issue #20150130001)

Councillor Harpe has requested Council's permission to advance Division #8, 2017 Divisional Road Funding. If approved Administration will bring information forward to the February 23, 2015 Council meeting to the funding of the advanced project.

Resolution #CM20150209.1076

MOVED BY P. HARRIS that no action be taken on the Notice of Motion - Advance Divisional Road Funding for Division #8.

Carried

Notice of Motion - Intersection Illumination at Catherine Estates

(NOTICE OF MOTION)
(Issue #20150203001)

Councillor Marshall has made a Notice of Motion to have Administration bring back information on the cost and maintenance for intersection illumination at the entrance of Catherine Estates.

Councillor Marshall noted he received requests from the residents of Catherine Estates to investigate illumination options at the entrance of the subdivision.

Resolution #CM20150209.1077

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that administration bring back information and recommend actions on the cost and maintenance for intersection illumination at the entrance of Catherine Estates.

Carried

COUNCIL

Councillor Smith attended and commented on:

**MEMBER
REPORTS**

- Restoring Arctic Graying in Beaverlodge River; wanted a license to take eggs/sperm and plant eggs up stream. Province put out RFP for fish ladder so its going forward;
- Received Google analytics on SPPARC website and the website will be updated;
- Inquired about the Dinosaur Museum budget. Administration anticipated George Jacobs being here last week but have rescheduled due to weather for a future meeting (no later than March 9th);

Councillor Beck attended and commented on:

- ASB Tour Meeting with Councillor Sutherland. They have over \$35,000 in announced cash donations and at least \$5000 in gift in kind. Had a booth at ASB in Edmonton and three complete ASB boards have already signed up for the Tour;
- Ratepayers would like Councillor Beck to address Minister Fawcett re: Elk population.

Councillor Sutherland attended:

- ASB meeting;
- Noreen Vavrek's retirement party;
- Canadian Home Builders Association Grande Prairie Awards;
- Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce Ball.

Councillor Beeston attended:

- Farmtech;
- Noreen Vavrek's retirement party;
- Northstar Energy Chamber of Commerce Business After 5;
- Joint Council meeting with the City of Grande Prairie;
- Peace Wapiti School Division Meeting;
- Recreation Advisory Joint City/Council Board Meeting

Councillor Bulford attended and commented on:

- Farmtech Conference;
- Bezanson ASP meeting with Nick Lapp and Matthew Konowalchuk; Plan to engage school kids and will be creating an application;
- Special Olympics is coming up in 2 weeks;
- Thanked everybody for the cards and well wishes after his mother's passing;
- Nitehawk Recreation Area and the MD of Greenview's commitment. Bill Rogan noted the MD of Greenview have set the money aside subject to meeting with Nitehawk. Arlen Miller will arrange a meeting with the MD of Greenview to discuss Nitehawk Recreation Area.

Councillor Harris attended and commented on:

- Noreen Vavrek's retirement;
- Dinosaur Museum Building Committee Meeting;

- Trepanier/Bekter Zoning Hearings with the City of Grande Prairie;
- Peace Wapiti School Division Meeting;
- Wembley Seed Co Op AGM - spoke about the need for a new plant and a regional plant. The plant cleans seed but also cleans and conditions agricultural products for sale and export. The plant will be dependent on rail transportation.

Councillor Marshall attended:

- Farmtech Conference;
- Dinosaur Museum Building Committee;
- Bekter/Trepanier Zoning Hearing with the City of Grande Prairie;
- Peace Wapiti School Division Meeting.

Reeve Beaupre attended and commented on:

- City 100 Year Donor Recognition Luncheon with Councillor Beck. The County of Grande Prairie was recognized for it's 100 Years of Pioneers Partnership;
- Meeting to discuss the future of the Sexsmith fire hall and new Fire Hall. A preliminary needs assessment to be brought back to group with recommendations;
- Wapiti Corridor Meeting. There was a motion made by a rate payer to remove south side of the river from the plan and it was successful. Five board members from the Grovedale area subsequently resigned. The County of Grande Prairie is accessing reserve funds for the group. AESRD has noted that plans can go forward the north side of the river;
- Meeting with MLA Everett McDonald about Grande Spirit Foundation;
- Attended Joint Recreation Board with City of Grande Prairie about the Master Recreation Plan. The City has already put money aside if we are not successful with the grant application. The County of Grande Prairie is the managing partner;
- Annual EMS fundraising event.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Bill Rogan:

- Reminded Council of the Zone Meeting on Friday.
- Councillor Beeston inquired if there was a policy in place to recognize rate payers on milestone birthdays. There is no policy but the County does on request provide certificates.

Dale Van Volkingburgh:

- The new scrapers the County bought have arrived;
- Public Works has been using the Arctic Shark and it is working very well for winter gravel road maintenance;
- Snow removal continues;
- Removal of spruce trees that had fallen over and damaged the neighboring fence. Administration directed staff to remove the trees as they are on the County's property.

Nick Lapp:

- CMHC published it's monthly stats and the City of Calgary and City of Grande Prairie are the only two that are down for single family housing starts;
- Bezanson ASP is one of Council's priorities for the Strategic Plan. March 3rd and 4th will be the two community sessions, which have already been advertised. Will be creating an application and which will provide updates on status and meetings and have a vote function. Working with IT to make it a template for future projects;
- Joint IDP Committee meeting with the City. Will be bringing back some memorandums for Council's direction;
- Working with Peace Wapiti and Grande Prairie Catholic Boards on the school sites for Whispering Ridge;

Dawn Sauvé:

- OHS does not require a Sign In Sheet for guests in public spaces and Council Chambers would be considered a public space;
- There was some discussion regarding attire for the public in Council Chambers, particularly wearing hats in the audience. It is currently noted in the presentation instructions for guests.

Arlen Miller:

- Regional Fire Services will be doing their annual report to Council at next Council meeting;
- FCSS has moved to the Dunes Firehall;
- Jody Evans is the new team lead for FCSS and will start March 2nd;
- Passionate Heart Lunch and Advisory Board FCSS Meeting coming up. Passionate Heart Lunch conflicts with the AAMDC Zone Meeting;
- Enforcement will be hiring two new Bylaw Officers;
- Job description for kennel workers for the pound are currently being completed;
- SPCA Board had meeting with the County and the City. The SPCA want a good working relationship with the County. The SPCA Board realizes there have been issues and want to work to clean it up;
- Dave Campbell received 20 Year Peace Officer Medal from the Province. He will be attending a future Council meeting so that they can congratulate him;
- Recreation Board composition - Initially it was four Council members. The committee wish to have all of Council be part of an Advisory Board and have standing agenda items such as Grande Prairie Sport Council and the School Boards;
- City of Grande Prairie has donated \$5000 towards ASB Agricultural Tours;
- Workshops coming up on Blackleg and Clubroot in May;
- FireSmart Grant for wood chipping was successful;
- Jerry Bauer will be coming to present the Wild Fire Mitigation Plan in the near future;
- Farm Family Banquet - Mr. Miller will find out if Councillors may invite

a guest to the Banquet;

- The Dinosaur Museum Society has moved to the Museum in Wembley.

Resolution #CM20150209.1078

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that administration contact Minister Drysdale to set up a meeting regarding various transportation issues submitted to Alberta Transportation over the past few months.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20150209.1079

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the meeting adjourn at 3:19 p.m.

Carried

REEVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR