

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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January 26, 2015

PARDS Funding Request – Administration presented several financing options for the County to provide interim financing to cover some of the costs to complete the interior of the new Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society (PARDS) facility. Council made a motion to offer to lend \$1 million to the organization.

Aquatera Business Plan – CEO Bernd Manz presented Aquatera’s 2015/16 business plan to Council. Highlights of the plan include a significant capital investment of close to \$86 million in the next two years. In Clairmont and Sexsmith, the average increase of \$3.60 monthly in each of the next two years, is set to bring the cost paid by customers more in line with the cost of operating the wastewater system in these communities and fund treatment plant upgrades. Council gave first reading to County-Aquatera Utility Bylaw 3016.

Electronic Message Boards on Highways – Council directed Administration to engage Alberta Transportation and the MD of Greenview to discuss options to install electronic message boards near the highways of the Smoky River and Wapiti Hills. The messages would focus on road conditions to prepare drivers for what is ahead of them.

Tipping Fee Increase – Council approved Administration’s recommendation to increase the tipping fee at the Clairmont Centre for Recycling & Waste Management and County transfer stations from \$89 to \$95 per tonne effective July 1, 2015. The last increase was in 2009. The new fee will help offset the increase in solid waste and recycling needs of the County’s growing population.

Culverts RFP – Council awarded the contract to supply corrugated steel pipe culverts and related items to the County to Canada Culvert in the amount of \$175,136.45.

“Studs on Ice” Race – Council approved the GP Motocross Association’s request to access Clairmont Lake for a motorcycle and car race being held February 28th and March 1st.

Vital Signs – The Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta requested funding for a public opinion and research project, Vital Signs. The project is a community check-up that measures the region’s health and vitality, identifies significant trends, and provides in-depth information about the people in our communities and the environments in which we live, work and go to school. Council deferred the request of \$20,000 to final budget deliberations in the spring.

Employee Introductions – Council was introduced to four new employees including Darlene Keeping, Accounts Payable Clerk; Shane Simms, Bylaw Enforcement Officer; Brett Anderson, Peace Officer; and RCMP Cpl. Jason McFarlane, Enhanced Policing Unit.

Sponsorships – Council approved the sponsorship of \$1000 for the EMS Wine Fair being held February 6th at the ENTREC Centre.

Next Council meeting will take place on February 9, 2015.

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