

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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**Regional Fire Service Dangerous Goods Response** – Council approved an increase in the level of service which will allow the County Regional Fire Service to offer greater protection to the region from dangerous goods incidents. County firefighters are now trained to the Technical Level to mitigate a wide variety of dangerous goods incidents and take action to stop hazardous materials from harming the public and the environment. See media release, **County Fire Service Now Providing Enhanced Dangerous Goods Response** at <http://www.countygp.ab.ca/EN/meta/whats-new/latest-news.html>.

**Teepee Creek School Water Supply** – Council made the motion connect the Teepee Creek School to the municipal water system without cost recovery and set a bi-monthly fee of \$999.99 as recommended in the engineering report to be included in the "Schedule of Fees" to the 2016 budget deliberations; and directed Administration to bring back additional information regarding the ownership of the Teepee Creek school water well and recommendations whether it had value to the County.

**Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum Update** – George Jacob, CEO and President of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum provided Council with a progress report on the museum including a timeline leading up to the opening this fall. They are currently fabricating the exhibits; coordinating education programs; seeking sponsorship; and planning fundraising opportunities and special events. The soft opening of the Museum is September 3, 2015 and the Amber Ball is taking place on September 26, 2015. For more information on events, program and volunteer opportunities visit [www.dinomuseum.ca](http://www.dinomuseum.ca).

**Public Hearings** – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-031 to redesignate 5.09 acres at Lot 1, Plan 892 1619; Pt. NE-11-73-06-W6M located approx. ½ mile south of the Town of Sexsmith, adjacent to Hwy 672 from Country Residential (CR-5) to Highway Industrial (RM-4) and 5.34 acres at Lot 2, Plan 892 1619; Pt. NE-11-73-06-W6M from Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District to Highway Industrial (RM-4) to allow for a boundary adjustment on two lots for highway industrial use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-032 to redesignate 10 acres of part of NW-06-74-09-W6M located approx. 1 mile south of Valhalla Centre, adjacent to Hwy 723 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 2680-15-033 to redesignate 44.15 acres of land located 3 ½ miles southeast of Dimsdale, adjacent to Rge Rd 72 and Twp Rd 705 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of four residential lots. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-034 to redesignate 10 acres of land located approx. ½ mile west of the City of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Rge Rd 70 and Hwy 43 from Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Light Industrial (RM-1) District to allow for the subdivision of one industrial lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

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Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-035 to redesignate 10 acres of land located approx. ½ mile south of the Town of Wembley, adjacent to Rge Rd 82 and Hwy 43 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw second reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-036 to redesignate 12.11 acres of land located approx. 2 miles southwest of Huallen, adjacent to Twp Rd 712 from Country Residential (CR-5) to Urban Reserve Residential District to allow for the opportunity to apply for a development permit for a proposed kennel business. Council gave the bylaw second reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-037 to redesignate part of SE-36-72-06-W6M from Agricultural (AG) District to High Density (HDR) District to allow for high density residential use; to redesignate part of NE-25-72-06-W6M from Urban Reserve (UR) District to High Density Residential (HDR) District to allow for high density residential use, and from Urban Reserve (UR) District to Medium Density Residential (MDR) District to allow for medium density residential use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

**Mercer Hill Water Reservoir Funding Request** – Council approved funding one third of the cost up to \$3 million to construct the Mercer Hill Reservoir including detailed engineering and to collect shares as the cost recovery method. Mercer Hill Reservoir is located in the Hidden Hills subdivision in the Hamlet of Clairmont as part of the Clairmont Heights Area Structure Plan. A reservoir is required to service the lands approved for development within the Hidden Hills area. The developers of Hidden Hills and Aquatera will each fund one third of the project.

**Crosslink County Sportsplex Area Structure Plan** – Council gave Bylaw 3026/Crosslink Area Structure Plan (ASP) third reading which will allow for the subdivision and development of approx. 320 acres of land located from Rge Rd. 53 SE-16 along the west boundary of Rge Rd. 53 and SW-15 along the east boundary of Rge Rd. 53. The Crosslink ASP includes a concept of the overall land uses within these boundaries with a combination of Highway Industrial (RM-4) and Rural Light Industrial (RM-1) District for suitable future industrial development.

**Beaverlodge FCSS Contract** – Council approved the motion to extend its Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) contract with the Town of Beaverlodge to September 30, 2015 subject to an agreement being reached by August 30, 2015 with Beaverlodge defining the programming to meet the budget they have imposed.

**Sponsorships** – Council approved \$3,000 to go towards the Sunrise House/Odyssey House Golf Tournament.

Council approved the contribution of the Grande Prairie Construction Group annual golf tournament in the amount of \$350 to become the hole-in-one sponsor.

Council approved the contribution of \$500 to go towards the QEII Hospital Bed Races.

**Pomeroy Guitars and Wagons** – Council made a motion to write a letter to the Pomeroy Guitars and Wagons committee requesting that they recognize the County of Grande Prairie as a safety sponsor due

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to the County supplying \$9,810 of RCMP and fire protection services fee in kind for the event.

**Letters of Support** – Council will write a letter of support to the Friend of Ecole Parkside School in their Community Facility Enhancement Program grant application to the provincial government. If the school receives grant funding, the funds will go towards the construction of a playground.

**Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference** – Council approved the Terms of Reference drafted and presented by the Parks & Recreation department for the County Recreation Advisory Committee.

**Application for Canadian Municipalities Leadership in Asset Management Program** – Council approved the motion to support the County's application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Leadership in the Asset Management Program.

**Letter of concern** – Council will write a letter of concern to ATCO Electric in regards to their timeliness of the movement of power structures as it relates to the County's road construction projects schedule.

**Water North Coalition Meeting** – Council made a motion to support the Water North Coalition by covering the costs of the meeting in October 2015 to take place at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

**Next Council meeting will take place on June 29, 2015.**

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