

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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June 29, 2015

Rio Grande Community Events Facility – Council approved the contribution of an additional \$43,325 to the Rio Grande Sports Association (RGSA) to help cover the costs of building a new events facility for the community of Rio Grande. To date, the County has contributed \$143,325 to the RGSA for the new facility.

Community Futures Update – Holly Sorgen, Community Futures Grande Prairie & Region Executive Director made a presentation seeking assistance with securing a long term lease for a building located in the County for a new head office and a technology/industrial business incubator. Council directed administration to work with Community Futures and the building lessor to secure a long term lease.

Geothermal Energy Research and Development Opportunity – Council approved the funding request of up to \$20,000 to go towards the research and development of Geothermal Energy in the area. The research and development of Geothermal Energy will be managed by researchers from the University of Alberta and Alberta Innovates – Energy and Environment Solutions. The project is proposed for 2016.

Redwillow Watershed Restoration Project – Adam Norris, Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance (MPWA) Coordinator made a presentation about the Redwillow Watershed Project to Council. Currently, MPWA is working on the design and development of a fish passage at the Beaverlodge Weir.

Development Permit Application – Council approved the development permit application for accessory use for the North Peace Bracket Racing Association at the Beaverlodge Airport for an airplane hangar; recreational flying; equipment storage; temporary campground, grandstand and parking lot; safety training; and scheduled auto racing events.

Bylaws – Council gave Bylaw 2680-15-036 third reading 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 (UR-R) District to allow the opportunity to apply for a development permit for a proposed kennel business.

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

Catherine Estates Lighting and 68 Avenue/Range Road 51 Advance Warning Illumination – Council approved the installation of lighting for the Catherine Estates residential subdivision entrance at the cost of the residents; and the installation of two power flashers on the dead end signage and two advance warning signs with flashers at the intersection of 68 Ave/Twp Rd. 712 and Rge Rd 51 to improve safety.

Staff Introductions – Council and staff welcomed John Loberg, Jasmine Fontaine and Jessica Donovan to the County. John and Jasmine will be working as summer students in Assessment Services; and Jessica as a full time Assessor.

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Crosslink County Sportsplex Playground Equipment – Council awarded the contract to supply and install playground equipment at the Crosslink County Sportsplex for \$82,102.45 to Henderson Recreation Equipment Ltd.

Sponsorships – Council approved the sponsorship of \$500 for the West County Community Foundation 2015 Golf Tournament Fundraiser that will be taking place on August 21, 2015 at the Riverbend Golf Course.

Letter of request – Council will write a letter to Aquatera Utilities Inc. requesting that they wave tipping fees for residents on the first or last day of each month at the Eco Centre to encourage proper disposal of waste and recyclable items. It was suggested this service may help reduce random garbage disposal in the Dunes.

Next Council meeting will take place on July 20, 2015.

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