

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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**March 23, 2015**

**County Strategic Priorities Chart** – Council approved the County’s strategic priorities chart which solidifies the County’s upcoming priorities for 2015 and outlines how the County will continue to be a progressive, forward-thinking municipality while maintaining its values of safe, viable communities, fiscal responsibility, environmental protection, and effective regional partnerships. To view the chart, visit [www.countygp.ab.ca/stratplan](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/stratplan).

**Evergreen Park Funding Request** – Dan Gorman, Evergreen Park General Manager made the request for the County to help fund a generator system that could be used as a reliable power source in the event of an emergency or disaster. Evergreen Park has been designated an official evacuation centre under the Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership (GPREP) emergency plan. Council made a motion to defer this funding request of \$125,000 to final budget on April 23.

**Small Communities Fund Application** – Council made a motion to apply for Small Communities Funds (SCF) for:

- A sewer line from the Clairmont Lagoon Site to the sewer main in Centre West Business Park and O’Brien Lake Residential Subdivision (managing partner application with from the City of Grande Prairie)
- The Regional Lift Station, Force Main & Interceptor Trunk Sewers for the Hamlet of Clairmont (municipality application)

The SCF is a component of the New Building Canada Fund offered by the Government of Canada which will be dispersing \$94.2 million of SCF funding to select municipalities for infrastructure projects. All projects are cost-shared between the federal, provincial and municipal level government up to a maximum pre-determined amount where funding for the project is split three ways equally.

**Passionate Heart Award** – Council and staff congratulated Vaughn Dueck, Community School Liaison Counsellor for receiving a Passionate Heart Award. The Passionate Heart Award honours the outstanding work of local front line workers and supporters in the field of social services.

**Staff Introductions** – Council and staff welcomed Dan Sieben to the County. Dan has been the new Manager of Financial Services since March 9, 2015.

**Public Hearings** – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 3022/Balderston Area Structure Plan to provide framework for the subdivision and development of approx. 960 acres of land located one mile east of the Hamlet of Clairmont, bounded to the east by Rge Rd.51 and half a mile west of Rge Rd. 52. The concept of the overall land uses in the area includes a combination of Highway (RM-4) and Rural Medium (RM-2) Industrial Districts as such contains the qualities appropriate for suitable industrial development. Council gave the bylaw first and second reading.

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**Township Road 730** – Council awarded the tender to Wapiti Gravel Suppliers to base and pave Township Road 730 from Range Road 52 to Range Road 53 for \$2,842,699.

**Road Paving Crack-sealing and Markings Application** – Council awarded the Request for Proposal for the supply and installation of road pavement crack-sealing, road pavement markings and thermal plastic lines on select County roads to R&N Maintenance Western for \$349,716.

**Sponsorships** – Council approved the contribution of \$3,000 to the Reel Shorts Film Festival which will be taking place on May 5-10, 2015 in Grande Prairie. The Reel Shorts Film Festival is a production of Grande Prairie Live Theatre which is a registered non-profit, charitable organization. The festival celebrates short films and the filmmakers who make them by screening gems of storytelling brilliance here in the Peace Region. The films entertains audiences of all ages, showcases Peace Region filmmakers, and provides opportunities and programs for youth throughout our region to learn about film production.

Council approved the PA announcement sponsorship of the Hockey Alberta Women's Provincial Tournament for \$500. The tournament will be taking place at the Crosslink County Sportsplex on March 27-29, 2015.

Council approved the gold sponsorship of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic Awards and Volunteer Recognition Dinner for \$500. The event will be taking place on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Community Centre in Beaverlodge.

Council approved the contribution of a \$150 silent auction item for the Grande Prairie Chuckwagon Heritage Foundation's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser being held at the Five Mile Hall on Saturday, March 28. Proceeds raised at the event will go towards the Grande Prairie Stompede "Dash for Cash".

**Letters of Support** – Council will write a letter of support for the Grande Prairie & District Oldtimer's Association's request to have an old locomotive and cars brought to the region for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Railroad in Grande Prairie.

Council will write a letter of support for the City of Grande Prairie's Small Communities Fund Application for the 68 Avenue twinning project.

Council will write a letter of support for Peace Region Economic Development Alliance's request for the continuation of the Student Dental Program for the communities of La Crete, High Prairie and McLennan.

**Next Council meeting will take place on March 30, 2015.**

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