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March 9, 2015

Highway 40 RCMP Update – Superintendent Ray Noble of the Grande Prairie RCMP detachment provided Council with an updated on Highway 40 traffic safety and the actions that the RCMP are taking to address the frequency of accidents, including fatalities. As well, Supt. Noble recommended that the County work with the RCMP and increase the level of enforcement on Highway 40 in order to address high traffic volumes and congestion. Council will continue lobbying efforts for improvements to be made to Highway 40.

Dimsdale Area Structure Plan – Council gave Dimsdale Area Structure Plan (ASP)/Bylaw 3012 third and final reading. The ASP encompasses a total of 2,560 acres of land located in the Dimsdale community east by Rge Rd. 72 and to the west of Rge Rd. 74. The ASP will provide framework for the future land use, subdivision and development of the area. The area will accommodate a mix of light industrial, Medium industrial, highway industrial and country residential developments.

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 in fall, and projected budget amounts for 2015 to 2017. They are currently fabricating the exhibits; coordinating of education programs; seeking sponsorship; and planning fundraising opportunities and special events. Additionally, a newly designed website for the museum was launched last month. The museum can be contacted at the new number of 587-771-0662.

Crosslink County Sportsplex – Crosslink County Sportsplex General Manager Ramona Rollins provided Council with an update on the Sportsplex. The facility has seen consistent growth and increased usage of the arenas and fieldhouse; and strong partnerships with leaseholders such as the Players' Bench Lounge and Motion Fitness continue. The Sportsplex continue to run programs for various activities including U5 and U8 indoor soccer leagues, fitness classes, spring and summer kid's camps, birthday and special occasion parties, and drop-in programs.

Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society (PARDS) Facility Update – Jennifer Douglas, Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society (PARDS) Executive Director provided Council with an update of the new PARDS Facility currently under construction. The County has lent \$1 million to PARDS to help cover some of the costs to complete the interior of the new facility. PARDS continues to seek funding sources in order to fully complete the new facility.

Waterline West Extension – A review was recently completed for the installation of a water service through the County's west corridor to supply the towns of Wembley and Beaverlodge and the Village of Hythe. The review investigated existing municipal water systems, growth projects and potable water needs, and potential transmission line alignments for the County's west corridor. Council approved supporting the waterline alignment from Aquatera to the Town of Wembley through Dimsdale.

Gravel Road Ban – Council approved a 24-hour road ban daily to 50 per cent axle weight loading on Rge Rd. 110 from Twp Rd. 714 to 720 due to weather conditions until spot construction is completed. All other

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gravel roads in the County will be at 75 per cent axle weight around the clock unless posted otherwise and until further notice.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-015 to redesignate approx. 10 acres of land located 8 ½ miles northwest of the Hamlet of Teepee Creek, adjacent to Twp Rd. 744 and Rge Rd. 43 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 2680-15-014 to redesignate approx. 15.84 acres of land located 9 ½ miles northwest of the Town of Sexsmith, adjacent to Twp Rd. 744 and Rge Rd. 65 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 3021 for the closure and consolidation of a road in Lot 3A, Block 2, Plan 142 4358; Pt. NE-11-73-06-W6M in order to increase the working area for Ric Peterson Developments Inc. Council gave the bylaw first reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-016 to redesignate approx. 9.11 acres of land located within the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Rge Rd. 60 and Twp Rd. 725 from Agricultural (AG) District to Village Centre Mixed Use (MU-1) District; 10.80 acres from Agricultural (AG) District to Medium Density Residential (MDR) District; 7.20 acres from Agricultural (AG) District to High Density Residential (HDR) District; 6.35 acres from Agricultural (AG) District to Limited Institutional and Recreation (LI-R) District; and 4.60 acres from Agricultural (AG) District to General Commercial (GC) District to allow

for the subdivision for mixed use, medium density residential use, high density residential use, institutional and recreational use, and general commercial use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Bylaws – Council gave Bylaw 2680-15-013 third reading to redesignate approx. 22.78 acres of land located 5 miles north of Sexsmith, adjacent to Rge Rd. 61 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of three residential lots.

Council tabled Bylaw 2680-14-042 to a Council meeting after the Province makes the decision regarding the proposed annexation by the City of Grande Prairie. This bylaw proposes an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw that would provide a change in land use for part of SW-24-71-07-W6M from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-3) District but is located in the Long Term Annexation Area and is not supported by the City of Grande Prairie.

Council tabled Bylaw 2680-14-046 until the Area Structure Plan has been completed and directed administration to explore the opportunity for a joint ASP to be undertaken between the City of Grande Prairie, the County of Grande Prairie, and the Developer. This bylaw proposes an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw that would provide a change in land use for Lot 14, Plan FLYINGS from Country Residential (CR-2) to Rural Estates (RE) District but is located in the Long Term Annexation area and the application is not supported by the City of Grande Prairie.

Council tabled Bylaw 2680-14-048 until the Area Structure Plan has been completed and directed administration to explore the opportunity for a joint ASP to be undertaken between the City of Grande Prairie, the County of Grande Prairie, and the Developer. This bylaw proposes

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redesignation of 103.78 acres of land located 1 mile west of the City of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Rge Rd. 64 on Lot 15, Plan FLYINGS from Agricultural (AG) District Country Residential to Rural Estate (RE) District to allow for the subdivision for rural estate use; but, is located in the Long Term Annexation area which is not supported by the City of Grande Prairie.

Council gave Bylaws 3019 and 3020 third reading to borrow \$1 million from the Alberta Treasury Branch, which will be given to the Peace Area Riding for Disabled Society (PARDS) to help cover some of the costs to complete the interior of the new facility. PARDS will pay the loan plus an interest rate back once funds are available.

Terado Gas Storage Facility – Council made a motion to file an objection to the Alberta Energy Regulator, and meet with concerned residents to determine if their concerns were adequately addressed in regards to the application filed by Terado Gas Storage to construct a gas storage facility at 08-25-71-07-W6M. The facility would be comprised of a multi-well pad site, pipeline inlets, three 18,000 horsepower has turbine compressors and related infrastructure.

Staff Introductions – Council and staff welcomed Jason Pfefferle to the County. Jason will be working as the new Safety Codes Officer for the Planning & Development Services Division.

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week

Proclamation – Council proclaimed May 4-10, 2015 as the North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week in the County of Grande Prairie. Participating in NAOSH week demonstrates the

County's cooperation and commitment with NAOSH in promoting the important of preventing injury and illness in the workplace and at home.

Sponsorships – Council approved the pearl sponsorship of the Grande Prairie & District Victim Services Black and Gold Gala for \$1,000. The Black and Gold Gala will be taking place on May 22, 2015 at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Grande Prairie.

Letters of support – Council will provide a letter of support to the Grande Bingo Society regarding the re-establishment of bingo in the Grande Prairie area.

Council will provide a notice of no objection for the application circulated to the County of Grande Prairie that the Natural Resources Conservation Board received to expand infrastructure in the Grandview Colony located on NW-21-72-07-W6M.

Letter of request – Council made a motion to write a letter to the Minister of Alberta Transportation requesting an illumination study be conducted for the Highway 704A and Sprucewood intersection.

Request for Proposal – Council awarded the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the engineering services and project management of the construction of three landfill cells for the County – one for the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management, and two cells for the West County Regional Landfill to Opus Stewart Weir for \$168,174.

Next Council meeting will take place on March 23, 2015.

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