

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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May 11, 2015

Horse Lake First Nation Mutual Aid Agreement – Council approved an expanded Mutual Aid Agreement with the Horse Lake First Nation which focuses on providing further emergency protections to the Horse Lake community and surrounding area. See news release “**Faster emergency response one of benefits from new agreement between Horse Lake First Nation and County**” at <http://www.countygp.ab.ca/EN/meta/whats-new/latest-news.html>.

Crosslink County Sportsplex Outdoor Fields – Council directed Administration to develop a budget and work plan to convert the rugby pitches to senior baseball diamonds. The report is to be submitted to the Recreation Advisory Committee later this month. Both the Grande Prairie Senior Baseball Leagues and local slo-pitch groups have identified a need for these facilities.

Whispering Ridge School Sites – Council approved the designation of the proposed school site located on SW-11-72-06 in Whispering Ridge as the site for the Peace Wapiti School Division to construct a school and the proposed school site located within the N1/2-11-72-6 in Whispering Ridge for the Grande Prairie Catholic School to construct a school.

Recycle Bins near Clairmont Hotel – Council approved the motion to remove the recycle bins located near the Clairmont Hotel and advise users of the availability of the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management to drop off recyclable items.

Service Capacity Review – Council approved the motion to form a small Council committee and work the CAO and administration in selecting a consultant for the Service Capacity Review of County Administration.

Staff introductions – County Council and staff welcomed all new and returning seasonal staff to the Parks and Recreation department and Agriculture department.

Council and staff also welcomed Satbir Singh, Jesse Penner, Gianfranco Campos, Jeff Minichiello, Desiree Desrochers, and Justin Truchan to the County. Satbir will be working as an Integration Analyst, Jesse Penner as a Systems Support Coordinator, Gianfranco as a Help Desk summer student, Jeff as a GIS/Data summer student for the Information Systems department; Desiree as a Data Entry Clerk for Financial Services; and Justin as a fulltime firefighter for the Regional Fire Service.

Bylaw 3022/Balderston Area Structure Plan – Council gave bylaw 3022/Balderston Area Structure Plan third reading. This will allow for the construction of a pressurized water line from within the Hamlet of Clairmont to the development site east of Clairmont along Hwy. 43 and Rge Rd 51 and 52.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 3026/Crosslink Area Structure Plan (ASP) to provide framework 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

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combination of Highway Industrial (RM-4) and Rural Light Industrial (RM-1) District for suitable future industrial development. Council gave the bylaw first reading and directed Administration to bring back the bylaw with amendments presented at the public hearing for second reading

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-029 to redesignate approx. 10 acres of part of SW-36-74-09-W6M located 7 ½ miles north west of the Hamlet of LaGlace, adjacent to Rge Rd. 91 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-030 to redesignate 14.8 acres of part of SW-27-70-07-W6M located 4 miles south of the Hamlet of Dimsdale, adjacent to Rge Rd. 73 and Twp Rd. 704 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Contributions – Council approved the waiving of building permit fees of \$3,624 for the 2016 Dream Home. Money raised from the Dream Home Lottery supports various local charities and programs including the Rotary Club of Grande Prairie and QEII Hospital Foundation.

Council approved the contribution of \$500 to be a Closest to the Pin Sponsor for the United Way/Swan City Rotary/Subway Million dollar Hole-in-One Golf Tournament taking place on May 28, 2015 at the Bear Creek Golf Course. Proceeds raised from the event will be going towards local community groups that provide much needed service.

Accessibility Awareness Month – Council proclaimed the month of July as Accessibility Awareness Month in the County of Grande Prairie. Accessibility Awareness Month focuses on promoting greater awareness about accessibility issues, and encourages property and business owners in the community to focus on learning how to make their communities more accessible.

Township Road 734 and Range Road 52 Bridge Tender – Council awarded the tender for the culvert installation on Twp Rd. 734 and Rge Rd. 52 to Petrowest Construction LP for \$1,969,696.96.

Bridge 8140 replacement Tender – Council awarded the tender for the replacement of Bridge 8140 to Carmacks Enterprises Ltd. for \$817,705.

Request for Proposal – Council approved the Request for Proposal to West-Can Seal Coating Inc. for \$468,460.50 to supply and install micro surfacing on roads in Maple grove Estates, Hilltop Estates and Sprucewood Park Estates.

Next Council meeting will take place on May 25, 2015.

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