

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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October 26, 2015

**Organizational Meeting** – The County held the annual organizational meeting where Leanne Beaupre was acclaimed as Reeve and Councillor Ross Sutherland as Deputy Reeve. See news release, “**County of Grande Prairie acclaims Reeve and Deputy Reeve**” at <http://www.countygp.ab.ca/EN/meta/whats-new/latest-news.html>. A complete list of committee appointments will be available at [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) on October 27, 2015.

**Regional Enforcement Services Second Quarter Report** – Superintendent of Regional Enforcement Services, Stuart Rempel; Sergeant Dave Campbell; RCMP Corporal Jason McFarlane; RCMP Staff Sergeant Kyle Palfy presented Council the 2015 second quarter report for the County’s Regional Enforcement Services, RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit, and RCMP Grande Prairie & Beaverlodge Rural Detachments.

**Regional Enforcement Services Report** – From April to June 2015, a total of 861 violation tickets were issued as opposed to 863 in 2014.

Traffic safety and road/infrastructure protection, adhering to road safety, parking, unsightly premises, regulatory municipal bylaws, animal control, community safety, special events coordination, and traffic safety and crime prevention will remain as Regional Enforcement Services main priorities.

**RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit** – A total of 113 traffic violation tickets were issued in the second quarter of 2015 as opposed to 144 in 2014 over the second quarter.

The majority of the RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit’s time in the second quarter was focused special events policing as well as greenspace patrolling, impaired driving, speeding, seatbelts, school zones, distracted driving, intersection related infractions, and the DARE program in schools.

Staff Sgt. Palfy, Staff Sergeant John Respet and Inspector Don McKenna also addressed Council’s questions and concerns regarding crime occurring in the rural areas of the County.

Regional Enforcement Services remains active in delivering several crime prevention initiatives such as special events coordinating, various patrols, Checkstops, Rural Crime Watch, and Report-A Drug House; seasonal parks patrol; and traffic safety programs and presentations to various groups, schools, and communities throughout the County such as DARE, Bike safety, Detachment Tours, Internet Safety, Bullying, and Cyberbullying.

**Staff Introductions** – Council and staff welcomed Bobbi Gurakowski to the County. Bobbi will be working as an Administrative Assistant for the Public Works department.

**Sponsorships** – Council approved the sponsorship of \$1,000 for the Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society (PARDS) 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Dine & Dance that will be taking place on November 7, 2015 at Five Mile Hall. Proceeds raised at the event will be going towards PARDS Therapeutic Riding Programs.

Next Council meeting will take place on November 9, 2015.

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