

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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**September 14, 2015**

**Alberta Games Sport Bid** – Council will submit a joint letter of intent with the City of Grande Prairie to the Alberta Games Sport Bid Committee to bid on cohosting the 2018 Alberta Summer Games.

**Discussion for new FCSS office building in Clairmont** – Council made a motion to enter into discussions with the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) department and Grande Spirit Foundation about the possibility of building a new FCSS building next to the new Grande Spirit Foundation Seniors Complex currently being constructed in Clairmont.

**FCSS Agreement with Beaverlodge** – Council approved the agreement for the County's FCSS to continue its contract with the Town of Beaverlodge until December 31, 2017.

**Discussion for playschool at Whispering Ridge School Site** – Council made a motion to enter into discussions with Peace Wapiti School Division #76 over the possibility of adding a modular for a playschool at the new Whispering Ridge School site.

**Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Proclamation** – Council proclaimed the month of September as Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month in the County of Grande Prairie. The purpose of the Awareness Month is to increase public knowledge of neuromuscular disorders and the impact on families living with these disorders and the communities in which they live, as well as to educate the public about the association and the services they provide.

Recently, a fundraiser was held by the Community Foundation for the County of Grande Prairie Firefighters where County firefighters camped out on the rooftop of Happy Trails RV for 48 hours to raise awareness and funds for Muscular Dystrophy. Donations can still be made to this great cause by visiting [www.muscle.ca/campout](http://www.muscle.ca/campout)

**Correspondence regarding 116 Street** – The City of Grande Prairie requested that the County make upgrades to roads from 116 Street north to 68 Avenue and from 108 Street to the Correction line to allow for truck traffic as the portions of these roads fall within the proposed annexation area. Council tabled the motion until a decision is made by the Alberta Government on the City's annexation application.

**EWNCE Request for Support** – Council will provide a letter supporting Edmonton Waste Management Centre for Excellence's (EWNCE) application for a Work Force Attraction Grant addressed to the Minister of Alberta Human Services.

**County Growth and Economic Development Strategy Terms of Reference** – Council approved the County's Growth and Economic Development Strategy Terms of Reference.

**Staff introductions** – Council and staff welcomed Marny Kenney, Mieke Johnson and Brenda Baron to the County. Marny will be working for Agriculture Services as the Assistance Agricultural Fieldman. Mieke will be working as a temporary Data Entry Clerk and Brenda as an Accounts Clerk for Financial Services.

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**Public Hearing** – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-044 to redesignate approve 10.80 located 1 mile west of the Hamlet of Clairmont and adjacent to Twp Rd. 730 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.

**Grande Spirit Foundation Harvest Evening** – Council approved the contribution of \$500 and a silent auction item for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Grande Spirit Foundation Harvest Evening taking place on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Council meeting will take place on September 21, 2015.**

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