

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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September 21, 2015

**County Introduces 4<sup>th</sup> RCMP Officer** – Members of Council were introduced to Constable Carlos Daponte, the newest RCMP member to join the County's Enhanced Policing Unit. The Enhanced Policing Unit, now four members strong, is a unique service that is responsible for providing safety, while enhancing quality of life for its residents. During 2015 budget deliberations, Council approved the addition of another RCMP Officer to the County Regional Enforcement Services team. This decision was prompted by the County's growing commitment to making the County a safer and more secure place for residents and businesses; and, preventing, reducing and fighting crime occurring in the rural areas and various greenspaces in the region. The County is the only municipality in Alberta that provides this fully integrated service where Enhanced RCMP members work out of municipal offices directly for the municipality.

**Regional Fire Service Reports** – Fire Chief Everett Cooke provided the first and second quarter report. Fire Chief Cooke noted a 2.88 per cent increase in primary calls for service. The County issued 1,291 fire permits.

**Enhanced Dangerous Goods Response** - Starting June 15, the County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service had the capacity to offer greater protection to the region from dangerous goods incidents. County firefighters are trained to mitigate a wide variety of dangerous goods incidents and take action to stop hazardous materials from harming the public and the environment.

**Fire Prevention** – The fire prevention branch conducted 65 investigations and 34 inspections. There was a noted increase in motor vehicles fires from 22 in 2014 to 46 in the same quarters in 2015. The Fire Marshal has conducted many safety programs including debris clean-up events for residents, wildfire hazard assessments, and educational program in local schools.

**Deployments** – The Regional Fire Service deployed personnel and resources to three outside jurisdictions including: Town of Wabasca, Town of High Level, and the Norbord Mill.

**Regional Partners** – The County renewed its contract with the Town of Sexsmith to manage the town's fire operations. The contract with Sexsmith ensures the northeast portion of the region is protected. In May, the County and Horse Lake First Nation signed an expanded mutual aid agreement focused on providing further emergency protections for the Horse Lake community. For the past 23 years, the County has had in place a mutual aid agreement with the Horse Lake First Nation that offered firefighting support, equipment and the necessary resources, but the County could only respond after receiving a request and permission. The changes in the new agreement mean the closest County owned or contracted fire department (Hythe, Beaverlodge, LaGlance) can immediately respond when it becomes aware of an emergency.

**Paving Request** – Council directed Public Works to determine the cost of paving 0.8 km of road by the Webster Community Hall and the cemetery.

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**Tender Awarded** – Council awarded the contract to construct a new cell at the Clairmont Recycling & Waste Management Centre to FMC Construction in the amount of \$347,965.20 and the contract to relocate the recycling area to the same company in the amount of \$98,992.

**Well Servicing Multiple Legal Load Notification System** – Council approved the motion to implement a new Notification Permit system for well servicing companies. Under the system, well servicing companies will be required to apply for a notification permit through the County's Permitting Agent which will notify the County's Public Works department when well servicing companies are going on convoys for multiple legal loads on County roads. This new system will help the County monitor well servicing companies' usages of roads and hold these companies accountable for any impacts to roads caused by multi load convoys. This new system will take effect October 1, 2015.

**Grande Prairie-Wapiti MLA Wayne Drysdale** – MLA Drysdale addressed questions brought forward by Council that are important to the region. Some of the topics discussed were the need for additional Crown prosecutors, Highway 43X, the Beaverlodge Hospital, and the lack of access to the new government's ministry by rural municipalities.

**Public Hearings** – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-052 to redesignate 5 acres of land located approximately 2 ½ miles south west of the Webster area, adjacent to Range Road 54 and Highway 2, from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one lot for residential use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-053 to redesignate 10 acres of land located within the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Twp. Rd. 721A, from Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Medium (RM-2) District to facilitate a boundary adjustment for two existing lots. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-054 to redesignate 105 acres of land located approx. ½ mile west of the Town of Wembley, adjacent to Hwy 43 and Rge. Rd. 84, from Agricultural (AG) District and a Country Residential District to a Highway Industrial (RM-4) and 32.69 acres from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Highway Industrial (RM-4) District to allow for subdivision of two lots for highway industrial use. Administration did not support the application as it did not meet the requirements of the Municipal Development Plan and promoted isolated industrial development on prime agricultural land. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-055 to redesignate 5.76 acres of land located within the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Rge Rd. 63, from Country Residential (CR-5) District to Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District to allow for the rezoning of one lot for industrial use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-056 to redesignate 10.09 acres of land located 11 ½ miles northwest of the Hamlet of LaGlace, adjacent to Rge. Rd. 85 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.

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Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-057 to redesignate 27.97 acres of land located approx. 3 ½ miles east of the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Twp. Rd. 724 and Rge Rd. 50, from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of two residential lots. Council tabled the public hearing until October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-15-058 to redesignate 25.18 acres of part of SE-15-72-05-W6M from Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District and 14.82 acres of part of SE-15-72-05-W6M from Agricultural (AG) District to Highway Industrial (RM-4) District to allow for subdivision of five lots for highway industrial use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

**Letter of Support** – The County will provide a letter of support as Grande Prairie Regional College seeks to become degree granting to satisfy regional demand for local delivery and retain students who move to larger cities for post-secondary education.

**Sponsorships** – Council approved the following sponsorships:

- \$500 for Suicide Prevention Resource Centre's 5th Annual Chair Extraordinaire Fundraiser.
- \$600 for Nitehawk's Comedy Night Fundraiser
- Council matched the funds County employees raised during the annual Big Bike ride for a total contribution of \$5,760 to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

**Next Council meeting will take place on October 5, 2015.**

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