

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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**January 9, 2017**

**Appointment of Fire Chief** – Council approved the appointment of Trevor Grant as the County’s new fire chief for the Regional Fire Service, which took effect on December 21, 2016.

**2017 Final Budget Meeting** – The 2017 final budget will take place on April 19, 2017.

**Highway 43X Intersection Construction** – Council will write a letter to the Minister of Transportation and include Alberta Transportation’s Engineer for the area and local MLAs requesting the upgrades to the Highway 43 and Highway 43X intersection ultimate design be completed as one phase rather than in multiple phases. Council will also suggest an overpass be built at the intersection rather than a traffic circle and traffic lights at the intersection to optimize safety and traffic movement in the area.

Council will also forward a request to the City of Grande Prairie, towns of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith and Wembley and the Village of Hythe to send letters of support for these recommendations.

**Evergreen Park Financial Request** – Evergreen Park requested additional financial support of \$660,978 to cover a shortfall experienced due to a loss of revenue experienced in 2016 as well as requested an increase to the amount of operating grants the County contributes annually. Council deferred this request to final budget deliberations.

**Tri-Municipal Industrial Development Committee** – Council appointed Reeve Leanne Beaupre and Deputy Reeve Ross Sutherland to be on the tri-municipal industrial development partnership committee for the heavy industrial business park, which will be located south of the Wapiti River. Other member municipalities include the MD of Greenview and the City of Grande Prairie.

**Next Council meeting will take place on January 23, 2017.**

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