



# County of Grande Prairie No. 1

## 2017 Final Budget

Meeting Type : Council Budget Meeting

Date : Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Start time : 10:00 AM

End Date : Wednesday, April 19, 2017

End time : 4:30 PM

Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 - Council Chambers

## Minutes

### Attendance

Present were:

#### 2. Deputy Reeve

- Ross Sutherland

#### 3. Councillors

- Corey Beck
- Daryl Beeston
- Harold Bulford
- Peter Harris
- Brock Smith
- Karen Rosvold

#### 4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

#### 5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Dale Van Volkingburgh
- Dawn Sauvé
- Nick Lapp

#### 6. Finance

- Dan Sieben
- Colleen Wessels
- Michelle Rigler
- Cheryl Lanti
- Michelle Mennell

#### 7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Westwater

Absent:

#### 1. Reeve

- Leanne Beaupre

### 3. Councillors

- Bob Marshall

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Adoption of Agenda** **Resolution #BD20170419.1001**  
**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the agenda for the 2017 Final Budget Meeting (2017/04/19) be approved as presented.

**Carried**

### 2017 Final Budget - Highlights (2017 Budget Highlights)

Dawn Sauvé, Director of Corporate Services, reviewed the Budget Meeting agenda and provided the 2017 Final Budget Highlights

#### 2017 Interim Budget compared to 2016 Final

- 1% increase in operating expenditures –\$91.5 Million in 2017; \$90.6 Million in 2016
- 11.8% increase in capital expenditures
- Original funding deficit: (\$86,088)
- Approved Interim Budget surplus: \$20,823
- MSI estimate: \$7,496,330
- MSI allocation granted: \$7,582,202
- Gas Tax estimate: \$1,096,968
- Gas Tax allocation granted: \$1,102,041

#### Community Grants budgeted in 2017:

- Total Grant Allocation \$4.3 Million
- GP Ag Society (Evergreen Park) \$1,880,000 (See breakdown below)
- LaGlace Arena \$1,000,000
- Bezanson Community Centre \$1,000,000
- Philip J Currie Museum \$ 300,000
- Beaverlodge Pool \$ 280,000
- STARS \$ 200,000
- Canada 150 Grants \$ 100,000

#### GP Ag Society (Evergreen Park) \$1,880,000

- Original operating grant \$400,000
- Loan Forgiveness \$420,000
- 2017 Additional operating grant \$400,000
- 2017 Payroll Forgiveness \$660,000

#### City/County Revenue Sharing Agreement

- 10% of Non-residential taxes serviced by Aquatera
- 2016 payment \$1,069,000
- 2017 payment \$1,106,000

#### Budgeted Water/Wastewater Projects:

- Hawker Water Line \$2,500,000
- Clairmont Lagoon Discharge - Phase 1 \$15,800,000 (\$14,000,000 from Aquatera or Grant Contributions)
- Clairmont Lagoon Discharge - Phase 2 \$8,500,000 (\$3,200,000 from Aquatera or Grant)
- Regional Lift Station \$12,900,000 (\$8,900,000 from Aquatera or Grant)

- Mercer Hill Reservoir \$7,387,000 (\$4,387,000 from Aquatera or Grant)
- Wembley/Dimsdale Waterline \$1,000,000
- Totals \$48,087,000 (\$30,487,000 from Aquatera or Grants) = County Budget \$9,500,000

**2016 Surplus of \$3.8 Million applied to:**

- Dimsdale Booster Station - \$1 Million
- Evergreen Park Requests - \$1.061 Million
- Remaining balance:
  - \$870,000 in the Community Investment Fund
  - \$808,000 in the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve

**Review of 2017 Assessment Values**

(Review of 2017 Assessment Values)

**Assessment Values**

- Original Assessment Forecast: \$8,397 Million
  - Anticipated tax revenue of \$72.3 Million
- Final Assessment Value: \$8,190 Million
- Changes resulting from:
  - New Growth of \$222.7 Million
  - Decrease in market values of \$430.0 Million
- Anticipated tax revenue of \$74.1 Million

**Review of Reserve and Debt Forecasts**

(Review of Reserve and Debt Forecasts)

**Reserves**

- Projected 2016 Reserve Balance: \$84.1 Million (as of Interim Budget, December 2016)
- Updated 2016 Reserve Balance: \$96.5 Million
  - Difference of \$8.4 Million
- Projects carried forward \$3.0 Million
- 2016 surplus of \$3.8 Million
- Other unanticipated savings and interest \$1.6 Million

**Debt**

- Debt balance, December 2016: \$34.3 Million (represents a 24% use of total debt limit)
- Borrowing in 2017:
  - \$6.07 Million for Richmond Ave; and
  - \$3.2 Million for the Clairmont Parkway

**2017 Final Budget Adjustments**

(2017 Final Budget Adjustments)

- Presentation of final budget adjustments – No motion required.
- Presentation and deliberation of budget reductions from Administration – Motion required, can be done in summary.
- Presentation and deliberation of additional items – Council deferrals and emerging requests – Motion required for each individual project.

MSI grant has increased by \$85,872 in 2017.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1002**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to accept Option 1: to transfer the capital surplus of \$81,000 into the MSI reserve for use in the 2018 budget; and allocate the operating surplus of \$4,872 to the fire operating budget in 2017.

**Carried**

Adjustments to 2017 Revenue & Expenses (Forecasts)

- Surplus per 2017 Interim Budget - \$20,823;
- Tax Revenue for growth - \$1,728,262;
- Benefits Adjustment - \$30,420 savings;
- Increase MSI Capital and Operating Grant compared to preliminary estimate - \$85,872 (\$81,000 in Municipal Sustainability Reserve) - \$4,872 savings;
- Increase to Library Grant - \$10,856;
- Finance Intern Grant - \$20,000;
- **Adjustments to Estimates = Forecast of \$1,799,483 surplus**

**Corporate Services**  
(Corporate Services)

Corporate Services Budget Adjustments:

- Admin Scanner Lease - \$4200 expense;
- Move Assessment Temporary Attrition position to 2018-2019 - (\$53,000 savings); and
- Overall savings of \$48,800

**Resolution #BD20170419.1003**

**MOVED BY K. ROSVOLD** to accept the Corporate Services budget adjustments as presented.

**Carried**

**Public Works**  
(Public Works)

Public Works Budget Adjustments:

- 2017 Revenue/Transfer to reserve for water sale - (\$500,000);
- There was general discussion in regards to whether the maintenance on the road leading up to the water sale pond was the responsibility of industry accessing the water.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1004**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** to adjust the revenue budget on the sale of water to \$700,000 and transfer to the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1005**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to transfer \$144,549 from the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve to fund upgrades to the road used to access water from the Crossroads pond.

**Carried**

Replace Steamer unit 8002 - \$15,000. Mr. Van Volkingburgh, Director of Public

Works, noted that they have not had any issues leasing or renting this type of equipment.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1006**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** to replace Steamer unit 8002 at a cost of \$15,000.

Deputy Reeve Sutherland spoke against the motion because of the availability of rental equipment.

**Carried**

- Decrease Grade Control System (base station & rod) to \$70K - \$15,000 savings;
- Remove replacement of 2140 (2007 Chev Silverado) - \$52,000 savings to the Equipment Replacement Reserve;
- Increase expansion of office in Beaverlodge Shop 60ft x 80 ft to \$575K - \$185,000 increase.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1007**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to approve the increase for the expansion of office in Beaverlodge shop in the amount of \$185,000 to come from the Facility Rehabilitation and Replacement Reserve.

**Carried**

Increase replacement of Unit 2108 (2001 Ford F450 High Use Truck) with Unit 2366 - \$13,000 increase.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1008**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to increase the amount for replacement of unit #2108 in the amount of \$13,000 to come from the Mobile Equipment Replacement Reserve.

**Carried**

Requests emerging from the Public Works Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Additional gravel program on 200 count roads - \$682,000 cost.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1009**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to approve the increase of \$682,000 for the additional gravel program on 200 count roads.

It was noted that the program will result in 124 extra miles of gravel.

**Carried**

Ridge Mulcher (pilot project) equipment \$30K + temporary position and operating expense - \$80,000 total (\$30,000 to be funded from the Road Bond Reserve, and \$50,000 from General Reserves).

Notes from Public Works Meeting noted that Councillor Beeston made motion to move the ridge mulcher purchase and pilot project to final budget. Reeve

Beaupre offered to fund \$10,000 in her bonding money to go towards the purchase of the mulcher or the operations of the project. Councillor Marshall also said he would fund the remaining dollars for the purchase of the mulcher from his bonding dollars in the amount of \$20,000.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1010**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to approve the Ridge Mulcher pilot project, including a temporary operator position, and operating expense in the amount of \$80,000; with \$50,000 to come from General Revenues and the remaining \$10,000 to come from Reeve Beaupre's Road Bond dollars, and \$20,000 to come from Councillor Marshall's Road Bond dollars.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1011**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** to approve the Public Works Budget adjustments as presented, totaling \$732,000.

**Carried**

Public Works Road Construction Budget Adjustments:

- Decrease cost of Pine Valley Estates (micro-surfacing) - \$67,000 savings;
- Decrease to Spring Creek B/P - \$81,000 savings;
- Decrease La Glace Sidewalks - \$250,000 savings (Surfaced Road Rehab Reserve);
- Decrease cost of Wedgewood Phase 2 Rehab Overlay - \$14,500 savings (Surfaced Road Rehab Reserve);
- Decrease cost of Sandy Ridge Estates (micro-surfacing) - \$81,800 savings (Surfaced Road Rehab Reserve); and
- Increase Lakeview Estates (base-pave) - \$70,000 to come from Surfaced Road Rehab Reserve.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1012**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** to approve the increase to the Lakeview Estates base-pave in the amount of \$70,000 to come from the Surfaced Road Rehab Reserve.

**Carried**

- Decrease to Correction Line Township Road 710 (HWY 40 West to RR 65) overlay - \$168,000 savings (Surfaced Road Rehab Reserve);
- Increase to Clmt West Ph 2 (104 Ave, 103 Ave, and 98 St) g/b/p curb & gutter - \$64,000 (Surfaced Road Rehab Reserve);
- Increase 2016 c/o RR75 (HWY 43 North to Township Road 720) - \$25,000 (Divisional Road Construction Reserve);
- Decrease 2016 c/o County of Grande Prairie Entrance signs - \$25,000 savings (Municipal Infrastructure Reserve);
- Decrease Arthur Lane overlay - \$10,000 savings (Surfaced Road Rehab Reserve);
- Increase Bear Ridge Estates overlay funded by Gas Tax - \$10,000; and
- Decrease Township Road 714/Richmond Ave (RR 51 West to City limits)

reconstruction - \$979,000 savings.

Deputy Reeve Sutherland inquired about the Richmond Ave project. Mr. Van Volkingburgh responded that the amount is for the refurbishing of the Richmond Ave. and the cost was taken from the original contract.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1013**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to approve the Public Works Road Construction budget adjustments as noted:

- Increase to Clmt West Ph 2 (104 Ave, 103 Ave, and 98 St) g/b/p curb & gutter - \$64,000 from the Surfaced Road Rehab Reserve;
- Increase 2016 c/o RR75 (HWY 43 North to Township Road 720) - \$25,000 from the Divisional Road Construction Reserve; and
- Increase Bear Ridge Estates overlay - \$10,000 funded by the Gas Tax.

**Carried**

- Defer Evergreen Park Signalization Borrowing project to final budget - \$778,000 savings (if deferred to later budget or removed);
- Evergreen Park Second Access Study - \$50,000;
- Division 3 road projects brought forward from 2018 (RR 53A, TWP 713, RR 54) - \$1,825,000 to be funded from the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve and repaid in 2018 with Division 3 Road Bonding.
- Road stabilization chemical (pilot project) - \$50,000.

CAO, Bill Rogan provided clarification on the Evergreen Park adjustments. The direction from Council was to not borrow for Evergreen Park signalization, and instead spend up to \$50,000 for a second access study. Council needs to make a motion to remove the signalization project from the 2017 Budget.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1014**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to defer the Evergreen Park Signalization project in the amount of \$778,000 to future budget discussions.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1015**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to approve the Evergreen Park Second Access Study in the amount of \$50,000.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1016**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** to approve funding for the Road Stabilization pilot project in the amount of \$50,000.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1017**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** to approve the Division 3 Road Projects (RR 53A, TWP 713, RR 54) in the amount of \$1,825,000 to be funded from the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve.

It was noted that Reeve Beaupre's Divisional Road Bonding dollars will repay the amount next year (2018).

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1018**

**MOVED BY K. ROSVOLD** to accept the Public Works Road Construction budget adjustments as presented, resulting in a \$48,000 surplus.

Councillor Beck left the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and returned at 10:41 a.m. He did not vote on the motion as he was not present when it was made.

**Carried**

Public Works Environment, Water, and Wastewater Budget Adjustments:

- Remove 2016 c/o Leachate pond (evaporation pond) move to 2018 - \$215,000 savings (Clairmont Landfill Reserve);
- Tire Block Recycling Pad - \$24,800 (funded from Alberta Recycling Demonstration Grant for \$12,400 and General Revenue \$12,400);
- Cell Creation - engineering - \$150,000 to come from Clairmont Landfill Reserve;
- Increase 2016 c/o Restoration of LaGlace Lagoon - \$150,000;
- Increase 2012/15 c/o Bezanson Water Station - \$122,000; and
- Increase 2016 c/o Hawker waterline & easement acquisition - \$181,000 with overage to be charged to the Developer (no cost to County).

Councillor Smith inquired about the additional cell creation. Jennifer Besigner, Technical Services Manager, noted that the cell will have to be re-engineered. CAO, Bill Rogan noted that Public Works will bring more information back to Council and see if some costs can be recovered from Alberta Environment. He also noted that the amount for the Hawker waterline and easement acquisition is so the County does not have to go into the contingency. The contingency on the waterline is about 10% and would fit within the 2.5 million budget.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1019**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** to remove the Leachate Pond from the 2017 Budget and defer to the 2018 Budget in the amount of \$215,200 (for a total project cost of \$600,000) to come from the Clairmont Landfill Reserve.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1020**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to approve the Cell Creation engineering in the amount of \$150,000 to come from the Clairmont Landfill Reserve.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1021**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to approve the Tire Block Recycling Pad in the amount of \$24,800, with funding to come from Alberta Recycling Demonstration Grant of \$12,400 and the remainder funded from General Revenues.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1022**

**MOVED BY K. ROSVOLD** to approve the increase to the 2016 c/o La Glace Lagoon in the amount of \$150,000, with potential to obtain other future grants from Alberta Environment.



Carried

**Resolution #BD20170419.1023**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** to approve the increase for the Bezanson Water Station in the amount of \$122,000, for a project total of \$400,000.

There was discussion on the type of system that will be installed, as well as whether there would be claw-back from other installations. It was noted that the system in Bezanson will be strictly truck fill supply and a booster. Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that the increased cost for the project was because it was originally tendered in 2012, so it has been updated to be more accurate.

Carried

**Resolution #BD20170419.1024**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to approve the increase to the Hawker Waterline & Easement acquisition in the amount of \$181,000.

Carried

Public Works Environment Budget Adjustments from Council motions or requests:

Resolution #CM20170227.1012 MOVED by B. MARSHALL that should CWWF Grant Funding not be approved to approve the over-size transmission line, upgrade the booster station and acquire adequate land for expansion with a cap of \$1 million of County money, utilizing available CWWF grant funding with monies to come from Community Infrastructure Fund.

- Dimsdale Booster Station - Wembley Water West - \$1,850,000 total (grant of \$850,000) therefore, \$1,000,000 to be funded from the Community Investment Fund.

Mrs. Besinger noted that a truck fill station is not currently in the designs for this booster station location.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1025**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to approve the Dimsdale Booster Station - Wembley Water West in amount of \$1,850,000 with \$1,000,000 to come from the Community Investment Fund and \$850,000 from the CWWF Grant.

Carried

Additional Council request from the April 10, 2017 Council meeting to fund a portion of the Regional Landfill usage for the Town of Wembley and Village of Hythe.

- Regional Landfill additional funding to assist Wembley & Hythe - \$35,081.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1026**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to approve the additional funding for the Town of Wembley and the Village of Hythe for the Regional Landfill costs in the amount of \$35,801.

It was noted that currently each municipality pays a portion based on usage (Wembley and Hythe pay 15% and the County pays 40%). Wembley and Hythe

are asking that their portion be reduced to 10% each and the County cover the remaining 10% for a total of 50%.

**Carried**

**Community  
Services**  
(Community  
Services)

Councillor Smith left meeting at 10:57 a.m. and returned at 10:59 a.m.

Community Services Budget Adjustments:

- Increase to Grants for Ag Fair - \$1,000;
- Reduce Nustadia budget - \$36,856 savings
- Reduce parks contract line for tar sealing and add dugout repair - \$0 (savings were found within the current Community Services budget).

**Resolution #BD20170419.1027**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** to approve the increase to the Grants for AG Fair in the amount of \$1000.

**Carried**

- Parks & Rec adjustments - \$9300 (\$1000 savings) - total cost \$8300;
- Increase 2016 c/o Clairmont playgrounds resurfacing to \$11K - \$1400 to come from Municipal Reserve;
- Whispering Ridge Playground (landscaping) - \$10,000 to come from Municipal Reserve;
- Increase 2016 Fire department management software - \$17,000; and
- Add additional funding to cover Animal Care costs for Regional Animal Care Facility - \$10,000.

Stuart Rempel, Manager of Regional Enforcement Services noted that the addition funding for the Regional Animal Care Facility is for an extension of the temporary program.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1028**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** to approve the Community Services Budget adjustments as noted:

- Parks & Rec adjustments - \$8300;
- Increase 2016 c/o Clairmont playgrounds resurfacing to \$11K - \$1400 to come from Municipal Reserve;
- Whispering Ridge Playground - \$10,000 to come from Municipal Reserve;
- Increase 2016 Fire department management software - \$17,000; and
- Add additional funding to cover Animal Care costs at the Regional Animal Care Facility - \$10,000.

**Carried**

- Dunes Station upgrade (Option 1) - \$650,000 (\$82,000 in reserve) - \$568,000;
- Evergreen Park grant increase request - \$400,000 to come from Municipal

- Infrastructure Reserve; and
- Evergreen Park Payroll expense grant - \$660,978 to come from Municipal Infrastructure Reserve.

Councillor Beck inquired what work would be done on the Dunes Fire Hall by approving Option 1 at a total cost of \$650,000. Fire Chief, Trevor Grant, commented on the upgrades that would be made to the Dunes Station which includes engineering repairs, air handling units, air make up system, heating/fan for equipment room, Vehicle Exhaust System install and prep work, and the Emergency Generator install and prep work.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1029**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** to approve the Dunes Fire Hall Station upgrades as outlined in Option 1 in the amount of \$650,000, \$82,000 to come from the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve, with the remaining \$568,000 to be funded through General Revenues.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1030**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** to approve the Evergreen Park grant increase request in the amount of \$400,000 to be funded from Municipal Infrastructure Reserve.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1031**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to fund the Evergreen Park Payroll expense grant in the amount of \$660,978 to come from the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1032**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to accept the Community Services budget adjustments as presented, with a net change of \$567,444.

**Carried**

**Council  
Deferrals  
Not Included  
in Budget  
Package**

(Adoption of the  
2017 Final Budget)

Council Deferrals not included in the Budget Package:

- Resolution #BD20161206.1021 **MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to defer the \$10,000 for Bleachers for the outdoor Sportsfields at the Crosslink County Sportsplex to Spring budget deliberations with a funding source to be determined by Administration. –Could be funded from Municipal Reserve once need is identified.
- Resolution #CM20170313.1031 **MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND** that Administration bring back additional information and updated costs to extend the contract with West Can Seal to complete the Riverview Pines project to 2017 final budget deliberations, and identify potential funding sources. –Administration to reassess road condition before recommendation. Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that road upgrades are needed prior to the micro-surfacing; request to have micro-surfacing project moved back into 2018 budget.
- Resolution #CM20170403.1003 **MOVED** by B. MARSHALL to discuss the

211 Alberta initiative with other potential partners in the region and bring information to final budget discussion in April 2017. –Additional budget information is not available at this time; will be deferred to a later date.

- Additional Council request to review adding \$1,000,000 for additional spot construction.
- Additional Council request to bring back the cost of doubling the Divisional Road Program for 2 years –Total cost of \$9,666,000/year for 2017 and 2018. Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that this will equate to two (2) additional miles for each Councillor, for each year (2017 and 2018). CAO, Bill Rogan noted that the additional funding could be done with a Borrowing Bylaw, but it would require the specific projects identified and engineering done.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1033**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to approve the \$1,000,000 for additional spot construction to come from the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1034**

**MOVED BY C. BECK** to have Administration bring back a specific list of road projects to meet the \$10,000,000/year for 2017 and 2018, and draft a Borrowing Bylaw for \$20,000,000 including the listed road projects, for approval at a future Council meeting.

**Carried**

**Resolution #BD20170419.1035**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the meeting be recessed *11:24 a.m.* until *1:00 p.m.* for lunch.

**Carried**

The meeting was reconvened at *1:02 p.m.*

**Adoption of  
the 2017  
Final Budget**  
(Adoption of the  
2017 Final Budget)

**Ending 2017 Balance = \$298,181 Surplus**

Option 1 (Recommended):

- Transfer Surplus to the Clairmont Lagoon Discharge project; and
- Transfer \$2,500,000 from the Regional Life Station project to the Clairmont Lagoon Discharge project

Option 2

- Reduce the non-residential mill rate by 0.5% (\$296,000) and adjust the surplus to \$2,181. Transfer the remaining surplus to the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve
- Transfer \$2,500,000 from Regional Lift Station project to the Clairmont Lagoon Discharge project.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1036**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to approve Option 2 to reduce the non-residential mill rate by 0.5% (\$296,000) and adjust the surplus to \$2,181; transfer the remaining surplus to the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve; and transfer \$2,500,000 from the Regional Lift Station project to the Clairmont Lagoon Discharge project.

**Carried**

**Impacts to  
2018 Fiscal  
Plan**

(Effect of the 2017  
Final Budget on the  
2018 Fiscal Plan)

Description	Amount	(Surplus) / Deficit
Balance from Interim Budget		\$3,314,824
Admin Scanner Lease	\$4,200	\$3,319,024
Move Assessment Temp Attrition position to 2018 & 2019	\$9,700	\$3,328,724
Increase to Grants for Ag Fair	\$1,000	\$3,329,724
Benefit Adjustment	\$75,617	\$3,405,341
Reduce Nustadia budget	(\$36,856)	\$3,368,485
Evergreen Park Grant increase request	\$400,000	\$3,768,485
Increase to Library Grant	(\$10,856)	\$3,757,629
Remove 2016 c/o Leachate Pond (Evaporation Pond) move to 2018 & increase to \$600K	\$384,800	\$4,142,429
New Water Tender - Sexsmith	\$300,000	\$4,442,429
Additional graveling program for 200 count roads	\$682,000	\$5,124,429
Ridge Mulcher	\$50,000	\$5,174,429
Payment on the additional road projects	\$542,383	\$5,716,812

Administration will bring back recommendations on how to balance the budget to Fall 2018 Budget meetings.

There was discussion on:

- Assessment Temp Position: will be divided between 2017 and 2018 and the position will be for three (3) months longer than initially planned.
- Payment on the additional road projects: would be a 10 year term for the \$20 million borrowing and it would be tendered before the first payment. Only one payment would be made in 2018 (semiannual).
- Grants increase has already been allocated for 2018.
- Additional Gravel Program: the amount allocated (\$680,000) is for the extra gravel for the 2017 year only. A subsequent motion would be

required to carry on the program in 2018 and further years. The program will be monitored by Public Works, and they will assess when more gravel is needed for the 200 count roads.

**Approve in Principle the Schedule of Fees**

(Adoption in principle of changes to the schedule of fees)

Adopt in principle the Schedule of Fees for 2017. There were only three (3) additions to the Schedule of Fees as noted:

- Increase to Assessment Fees as per Section 299 of the Municipal Government Act;
- Sale of Land Lease for a Registered Non-for-profit - \$1 per year; and
- Purchase of composter and digester - "cost recovery" for Clairmont Landfill.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1037**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to accept the Schedule of Fees for 2017 with the three (3) additional fees as presented by Administration.

**Carried**

Councillor Smith inquired about the total municipal budget for 2017 with adjustments; and the amount in reserves and in debt.

Mrs. Sauvé noted the following:

- Reserves: \$76,354,597 (down from estimate of \$79 million);
- Total Debt: about \$42 million at end of 2017; and
- Total Debt covered by Local Improvement taxes is 17% in 2017.

**Adjournment**

County Council thanked all County staff for their hard work on the Final Budget this year.

**Resolution #BD20170419.1038**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the meeting adjourn at 1:20 p.m.

**Carried**

These minutes approved the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

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REEVE

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR