



# County of Grande Prairie No. 1

## August 14, 2017 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, August 14, 2017

Start time : 10:00 AM

Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Administration Building

## Minutes

### ATTENDANCE

Present were:

#### 1. Reeve

- Leanne Beaupre

#### 2. Deputy Reeve

- Ross Sutherland

#### 3. Council

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

#### 4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

#### 5. Directors

- Sonja Raven, Acting Director of Community Services
- Dale Van Volkingburgh
- Dawn Sauvé
- Nick Lapp

#### 6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

#### 7. Recording Secretary

- Megan McCormick
- Amanda Westwater

### CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

**Resolution #CM20170814.1001**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** that the agenda for the August 14, 2017 Council Meeting (2017/08/14) be approved with the following additions:

- Physician Recruitment and Retention Incentive Policy.

**Carried**

**MINUTES  
APPROVAL**

**Resolution #CM20170814.1002**

**MOVED by P.HARRIS** that the minutes for July 17, 2017 Council Meeting (2017/07/17) be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**10:10 a.m. -  
Roska DBO Inc. -  
PTS break-in's  
and vandalism**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20170712004)

Administration received a request from Roska DBO Inc. to remove trees along HWY 668 between the Roska PTS shop's fence line and the highway, due to a high number of break-in's and vandalism events. Carla Richard, Loss Control Coordinator at Roska DBO Inc. was in attendance to present Council with information on this matter. A security consultant recommended Roska DBO Inc. to remove the trees as the criminals hide in the trees, and gain access to the shop yard by using the trees for coverage and drive through the fence. They would like to remove eight feet of trees and the rest would remain for coverage. They are requesting that the County remove the trees and Roska DBO Inc. will maintain the cleared land. The tree line along HWY 668 is on a County owned Municipal Reserve lot. The trees were originally intended to screen the industrial park from the highway.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1003**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** to have Administration to investigate the request by Roska DBO Inc. to remove approximately eight feet of trees from the Municipal Reserve land at the back of the lots and to bring the information back to Council with costing included.

**Carried**

**Bylaw 3073 -  
Amendment to  
Schedule of  
Fees, Rates and  
Charges (Bylaw  
3054)**

(BYLAWS)  
(Issue #20170713005)

In 2016, Megan Schur, Manager of Parks and Recreation, provided input for the annual revision of Bylaw 3054, and proposed that future columbarium niche sales should be set at \$750.00 per niche. The actual cost per niche for the \$23,750.00 Emerson Trail columbarium structure purchased by the County in 2017 is \$659.72. The entire County columbarium project (including foundation, survey and landscaping) cost \$30,000, which equates to \$833.33 for each of the 36 niches available.

The 2017 niche fee must be determined by Council as an amendment to Bylaw 3054. It could be set at a cost recovery level, or include a nominal margin that could be used to fund future columbaria in County cemeteries, yet keep the fee at a comparable level regionally. A decision is also required on an appropriate opening fee for the placement of a second urn in a reserved niche. Other local municipalities charge between \$700 and \$2,375. Teepee Creek cemetery added a new columbarium in July

2017 and are charging \$1,250 per niche. Each niche can accommodate two standard urns. The inscription fee (\$220) would be an additional charge payable directly to Peace Country Memorials.

There was some discussion on perpetual care fees, the pre-purchase of niches, and the number of urns able to be placed in each niche.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1004**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** to give first reading to Bylaw 3073 - Amendment to Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges (Bylaw 3054).

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20170814.1005**

**MOVED by D. BEESTON** to give second reading to Bylaw 3073 - Amendment to Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges (Bylaw 3054).

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20170814.1006**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** to give consent for third reading of Bylaw 3073.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20170814.1007**

**MOVED by R. SUTHERLAND** to give third and final reading to Bylaw 3073 - Amendment to Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges (Bylaw 3054).

**Carried**

**10:30 a.m. -  
Evergreen Park  
Update**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20170724004)

Dan Gorman, General Manager of Evergreen Park, Randy Glenn of Helix Engineering and Brad Richards, 1st Vice-President of Evergreen Park, were in attendance to provide an Evergreen Park update on the lagoon situated at Evergreen Park. The lagoon was constructed in 1981 and has had little maintenance since then. Taber Solids Control has been hired by the County to clean the La Glace lagoon, and it has been suggested that they complete work at the Evergreen Park lagoon while they are in the region. The Evergreen Park lagoon needs to be cleared of trees and brush, and needs to be de-sludged. There was discussion surrounding:

- The quote to complete the work by Taber Solids Control is approximately \$95,000;
- Do not currently have to discharge the lagoon as evaporation has taken care of it;
- Alberta Environment and Parks is looking to change from an approval to the code of practice;
- Evergreen Park does not have public works operation staff or expertise to manage the lagoon under the code of practice. They would like the County to consider taking control of the management of the lagoon;
- Would require a Level 1 operator under the Alberta Environment and Parks code of practice;
- The implications to the County should they take over the Evergreen Park lagoon;
- There are currently no grants available specifically for the de-sludging of the lagoon;

- Potential to fund the project from surplus or revenues generated from the well drilling tax if no surplus is available.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1008**

**MOVED by R. SUTHERLAND** to fund the Evergreen Park Lagoon De-Sludging work from the budget surplus or from revenues of the well drilling tax should no surplus be available.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20170814.1009**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** to direct Administration to investigate the implications to the County in taking over operations of the Lagoon at Evergreen Park, and to bring back a report to Council with options for consideration.

**Carried**

Dan Gorman provided a further update on Evergreen Park, including:

- Awaiting a future board meeting to provide printed financials, however can advise that the overall income is above what has been budgeted and the current expenses are below what has been budgeted;
- Accounts payable are all paid to date;
- Clarkson Hall has been quite busy;
- The Pines Family Restaurant has become quite popular with families;
- 105 members in the racing club. Members own part shares in two horses;
- Identifying events that are most profitable and seeking them out;
- Mr. Gorman has been appointed to the Horse Racing Alberta Board;
- Facilities and what will need to be upgraded in the coming years.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1010**

**MOVED by K. ROSVOLD** that the meeting be recessed *10:55 a.m.*

**Carried**

The meeting was reconvened at *11:01 a.m.*

**11:00 a.m. -  
Wedgewood  
Slumping Issue**  
(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20170724011)

Following County Council directions, SNC Lavalin completed a geotechnical report within the Wedgewood-Bear Creek Area of the County to investigate soil erosion, sinking or similar issues related to the affected Wedgewood properties. Wedgewood Residents Bob Russell and Carmen Haakstad were present to speak with Council regarding the geotechnical report. Mr. Haakstad thanked Council for contracting SNC Lavalin for the geotechnical report. He noted that he believes the study clearly defines that there is a water table issue and drainage problem that has not been caused by the residents, nor can the problem be fixed on the homeowner's land. Mr. Russell spoke to monies available from the provincial or federal government for the slope failure, and he believes that the County is ultimately responsible for approving the building of homes on the land and should not only continue the study but expand the scope and start with the work to clean up the problem. There was discussion surrounding:

- Eaves troughs and other water from the homes are being directed to the front of the properties;
- The home owners have not completed any of the remedial actions

- recommended by the engineering report;
- Program for funding from the provincial government is no longer available;
- Opinion of the resident's is that the water is coming from across the street and across their properties;
- One of the suggestions in the report was removal of the load on the land. The homeowners are open to that but would request fair market value;
- Awareness of the homeowners of the caveat on title;
- Administration was advised by SNC Lavelin to not complete any work on the slope until the report was complete;
- Council will be discussing the issue in depth and will provide a decision at a later date.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1011**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** that the meeting be recessed *11:41 a.m.*

**Carried**

The meeting was reconvened at *11:47 a.m.*

**11:40 a.m. -  
University of  
Alberta  
Paleontologist  
Update**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20170802001)

Paleontologist Corwin Sullivan, University of Alberta, was in attendance to discuss his new museum curator position and the various benefits it will have for the Grande Prairie Region, the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, and GPRC. Mr. Sullivan acknowledged his team, the County of Grande Prairie and GPRC for all of their help and discussed the following topics:

- Reviewed his qualifications and the team of colleagues working on the research;
- The land surrounding Grande Prairie is rich in fossils, but more difficult to work in because it is covered in trees;
- The two main reasons for focusing on this region are that northern Alberta dinosaur fauna is different from souther fauna, and that there are few records of dinosaurs in southern Alberta during a certain period as the land was under water, while during this period the Grande Prairie area was dry and dinosaurs would have been living there;
- They have collected 138 specimen to date;
- Expected results include scientific publications, exhibits at the Philip J. Currie dinosaur museum, press coverage, and public outreach;
- Significant discussion on the use of the lab at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum and how much of Mr. Sullivan's time would be spent in the Grande Prairie region.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1012**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the meeting be recessed *12:16 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.*

**Carried**

The meeting was reconvened at *1:15 p.m.*

**Bylaw  
2680-17-023/**

Jeremy Dela Cruz, Planner, noted that this application is to amend the County Land Use Bylaw by proposing a textual amendment to Section 40:

**PLAN 8220528;;  
LOT B; PT.  
NE-27-71-10-W6/  
NORTH PEACE  
BRACKET  
RACING  
ASSOCIATIONS/  
FILE NO.  
PLLUB20170292**  
(BYLAWS)  
(Issue #20170717009)

Beaverlodge Airport - Direct Control District. The NPBRA are looking at providing a clearer purpose under the District, amending the list of Discretionary Uses, and a revision to the Development Regulations. The current District does not allow for uses outside the scope of recreational flying and racing but with the proposed amendments, this would allow them the flexibility to apply for different uses on site. This is in Division 6.

Bylaw 2680-17-023 received First and Second Readings on July 17, 2017. The new proposed amendments to the District is to establish a clearer direction of intended uses. The Applicant has revised the purpose in the the BA-DC District. The original purpose outlined in the District are: 1) the continuation of aviation at the Beaverlodge Airport; and 2) to accommodate automobile racing and other associated activities of the NPBRA. The new proposed change maintains the aviation at the site but what has changed is the NPBRA are proposing more specificity, which would allow the Applicant to apply and conduct uses such as daily business operations on the lot, site and equipment rentals, advertise on site, required maintenance, and camping and/or R/V storage.

The second amendment the NPBRA is proposing is under Sub-Section 4 Uses. They have proposed the addition of 11 new discretionary uses, an amendment to the word "Scheduled Auto Racing Events" to be now referred to "Scheduled Racing Events", and the removal of "Special Events." Applying for each specific event carries a large cost and a lot of time allocation for each application. They are looking at applying for these proposed uses so they can have more flexibility in hosting events outside of bracket racing. The last amendment that the NPBRA are proposing is the revision of the Development Regulations. The amendment is to allow for more leniency and to remove any unnecessary regulations in the District that are already governed under other jurisdictions such as Nav Canada. There were no concerns subject to standard comments from commenting agencies. Alberta Transportation currently does not see a need for a traffic impact assessment to be completed at this time. Three letters of concern were received from adjacent landowners.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1013**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that Bylaw 2680-17-023 to amend the County Land Use Bylaw by proposing a textual amendment to Sextion 40: Beaverlodge Airport Direct Control District be read a third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

**1:30 p.m. -  
0820047;1;15; Pt.  
NW-36-70-6-W6 /  
Temporary Work  
Camp / Minhas  
Holdings /  
PLDEV20170368**  
(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)

Gordon Halliday, Planning Compliance Officer, noted that this application is located within the Minhas Industrial Park on HWY 668 (0820047;1;15 Pt. NW-36-70-6-W6; 8 60051 HWY 668). The applicant is applying to renew a 1-year temporary permit for a Work Camp on their Rural Industrial-Direct Control lot. The camp is comprised of one main camp structure (13m x 17m), 5 additional trailers and 1 sea can (12.Sm x 2.Sm) with a sleeping capacity of up to 25 workers. The intent of the camp is to provide employees of the Minhas Group of Companies with living quarters while on shift. The camp is operational 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

(Issue #20170801004)

The Land Use Bylaw designates this parcel as Rural Industrial - Direct Control (RM-DC) District. A Temporary Work Camp, defined in the Land Use Bylaw as a temporary residential complex to be used to house camp workers on a temporary basis of more than 28 days and less than one year. The camp is usually made up of a number of mobile units, clustered in such fashion as to provide sleeping, eating, recreation and other basic living facilities. Any approval of a temporary work camp shall not exceed one year but an approval may be renewed. This is a discretionary use within this district.

This application was previously refused by Council in August 2016. In the six (6) months following refusal Minhas continued to run the work camp and operate 24/7 without the required a Development Permit. Over this period, the County of Grande Prairie made numerous inspections, which indicated violations under the Land Use Bylaw, National Safety Code and the Alberta Fire Code. The County of Grande Prairie issued directions, Notifications, and Orders to Minhas Holdings and Minhas employees to vacate and close the camp until which time a valid Development Permit is in place for Temporary Work Camp. No attempts were made to follow directions or due process of which is standard for development within the County. Mr. Halliday reviewed a chronology of events related to the noncompliance from August 2016 to July 2017.

Over the course of the last year, Minhas has continued to operate this work camp and no attempts have been made to vacate or close the camp as per the refusal made by Council in August of 2016 nor were any attempts made to comply with requests, notices and orders issued by County Administration and County Fire service. It is thus that County Administration recommend REFUSAL of this application. Should approval be given, the camp must come into compliance with all recommendations made by Alberta Health Services, Safety Code inspectors, Building Code Inspector and Fire Code Inspection prior to occupying the camp once again. It is County Administration's belief that due to the disregard to compliance issues previously these recommendations will not be addressed prior to re-occupying the camp and must recommend refusal.

Bruce Tattrie, from Beairsto and Associates, and Minhas representatives were in attendance to speak to the application. Minhas Holdings was under the impression that they could keep operating at a scaled-back basis until the six month timeframe to re-apply. In compliance with water, sewer, and electrical There is currently nobody in the camp and they are using hotels and rentals as much as possible. Acknowledge they were not in compliance and want to remedy that. They would like to have the camp become permanent rather than the temporary.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1014**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** to approve PLDEV20170367 for the Temporary Work Camp for one year, with approval subject to the applicant

coming into full compliance with all permits, to adhere to all codes from other agencies, to adhere to standard development permit conditions, and to come into compliance prior any occupancy occurring.

There was significant discussion regarding the motion. Councillors Rosvold, Harris, Bulford, and Sutherland spoke against the motion.

**Defeated**

**211 Alberta  
Committee  
Appointment**  
(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170712003)

Kathleen Turner, FCSS Director, noted that at the April 3, 2017 Council meeting the following motion was passed: 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.

Further at the July 5, 2017 FCSS Advisory Board meeting the following motion was passed: Resolution #20170705011 **MOVED by L. BEAUPRE** to appoint the FCSS Director and board member, Karen Rosvold to represent the County of Grande Prairie on the 211 Alberta Committee.

As there will be meeting per diems for attendance at the meetings, a motion by Council affirming these appointments is required.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1015**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** to approve the recommendation of the FCSS Advisory Board to appoint Karen Rosvold and the FCSS Director, Kathleen Turner, to the 211 Alberta Committee and cover any associated per diems for being on the Committee.

**Carried**

**Regional  
Recreation  
Master Plan -  
Request for  
Administrative  
Coordinator  
Approval**  
(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170713004)

Christine Rawlins, Manager of Parks and Recreation, noted that the 2016 Grande Prairie Area Joint Recreation Master Plan recommended that an administrative body be created to support the ongoing work of the Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee and facilitate the implementation of the Recreation Master Plan. At the June 2017 meeting, the Committee requested that each municipal partner seek approval from their respective Council to fund a portion of the cost of hiring an administrator (similar to GPREP model). The County's portion would initially be \$15,909 (0.5 FTE: Stage 1 = 0-2 years), moving to \$31,505 (1.0 FTE: Stage 2 = 2-5 years), and then \$43,047 (1.5 FTE: Stage 3 = 5-10 years). If the administrative position is approved by the Committee, funds would be payable from 2018 forward. If approved by the Committee, the position would likely be hosted by one of the partner municipalities, yet to be decided by the Committee.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1016**

**MOVED BY D. BEESTON** to approve the request to fund the County's share of an administrative position for the Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee as presented, to support the implementation of the Joint Recreation Master Plan with funding to come from the Parks & Recreation 2018 operating budget.



**Carried**

**Sponsorship Request - Community Foundation - Nourish the North Wine and Auction**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170718004)

Christine Rawlins, Manager of Parks and Recreation, noted that the Community Foundation has invited the County to be a sponsor of the Nourish the North Wine and Auction. The event is taking place on September 28, 2017 at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre. The Community Foundation has invited the County to be a Speaker Sponsor for \$6,000. Alternatively, the Speaker Sponsorship can be shared with the City of Grande Prairie and MD of Greenview. The County has supported this event in the past with the purchase of tickets and a \$1,000 sponsorship.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1017**

**MOVED by B. SMITH** to approve sponsorship of the Community Foundation Nourish the North Wine and Auction event in the amount of \$3000.

**Defeated**

**Resolution #CM20170814.1018**

**MOVED by D. BEESTON** to approve sponsorship of the Community Foundation Nourish the North Wine and Auction event in the amount of \$1000.

**Carried**

**Bobcat Grader Attachment Purchase**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170731006)

Dale Van Volkingburgh, Director of Public Works, noted that Public Works is in need of equipment to grade our back alleys in La Glace, Clairmont, and Bezanson. At this time Public Works does not have equipment small enough to go into these back alleys. Public Works would first go to site with a bucket for placing the gravel into the alley then the Bobcat grader attachment would go on and blade the gravel level. This attachment could also assist with the leveling of asphalt for our patching crews. The cost of this attachment is approximately \$18,000.00. Councillor Daryl Beeston has offered to contribute his Divisional road bonding money towards the purchase, however, generally bonding dollars do not fund equipment purchases.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1019**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** to approve the purchase of the Bobcat Grader Attachment with the funding source to be determined by Administration.

**Carried**

**Tender Award for Saskatoon Lake Park Entrance SR.SL17**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170804002)

Shane Kessler, Construction Manager, noted that tenders were open for Saskatoon Lake Park Entrance SR.SL17 on August 2, 2017 and three bids were received. WSP Canada Inc. recommends awarding the contract to the low bid received from Wapiti Gravel Suppliers a Division of N.P.A. Ltd. in the tender amount of **\$785,042.18**. The estimated total cost for the project including construction, engineering and contingency is **\$908,929.29**. The Provincial Government has also awarded the County STIP funding for 75% of the project costs up to a maximum of \$703,050.00 for the Saskatoon Island Provincial Park - Access Road Paving project.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1020**

**MOVED BY B. MARSHALL** to award the contract to the low bidder Wapiti Gravel Suppliers a Division of N.P.A. Ltd. in the tender amount of \$785,042.18 with an anticipated project total of \$908,929.29 which includes construction, engineering and contingency for the Saskatoon Lake Provincial Park - Access Road Paving (SR.SL17), accepting the 75% Provincial STIP Funding to a maximum of \$703,050.00 with the remaining 25% required to come from Surface Road Rehabilitation Reserve.

**Carried**

**Tender Award for Township Road 750 (AC.17801) & Township Road 722 (AC.17501)**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20170808001)

Shane Kessler, Construction Manager, noted that tenders were open for Township Road 750 (AC.17801) and Township Road 722 (AC.17501) on August 4, 2017 and three bids were received. Opus Stewart Weir Ltd. recommends awarding the contract to the low bid received from Wapiti Gravel Suppliers in the tender amount of \$3,083,379.44. The estimated total cost for the project including construction, engineering and contingency is \$3,665,377.38.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1021**

**MOVED BY K. ROSVOLD** to award the contract to the low bidder Wapiti Gravel Suppliers in the tender amount of \$3,083,379.44 with an anticipated project total of \$3,665,377.39 which includes construction, engineering, and contingency for Schedule "A" project, Township Road 750 (AC.17801) and Schedule "B" project, Township Road 722 (AC.17501).

**Carried**

**Tender Award for Township Road 714 (AC.17601)**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20170808002)

Shane Kessler, Construction Manager, noted that tenders were open for Township Road 714 (AC.17601) on August 2, 2017 and two bids were received. WSP Canada Inc. recommends awarding the contract to the low bid received from Wapiti Gravel Suppliers, a Division of N.P.A Ltd. in the tender amount of \$1,958,900.57. The estimated total cost for the project including construction, engineering and contingency is \$2,207,028.60.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1022**

**MOVED BY P. HARRIS** to award the contract to the low bidder Wapiti Gravel Suppliers, a Division of N.P.A. Ltd in the tender amount of \$1,958,900.57 with an anticipated project total of \$2,207,028.60 which includes construction, engineering and contingency for the Township Road 714 project (AC.17601).

**Carried**

Shane Kessler noted that closer to budget Public Works will provide a list of projects that are anticipated for carry over to 2018 due to weather. There will be an additional five tenders this month being awarded for the additional \$20 million approved for roads. Any of the surfacing projects are already out, any that required grading will be tendered later, but should be prior to the election. The study on the second entrance to Pipestone Creek is being looked at by Helix Engineering. The location study was an approved 2017 project but they have not had the capacity until recently to deal with the study and all the additional road work projects that were added by Council.

**Request for  
Letter of Support  
from County of  
Stettler**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170801002)

CAO, Bill Rogan, noted that the County of Stettler is requesting support from the County of Grande Prairie in requesting amendments to the MGA and other provincial legislation to improve municipalities ability to recover unpaid taxes levied against oil and gas operations and the associated machinery and equipment and linear property. The letter from the County of Stettler as well as the letter they submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding this topic were attached to the agenda package. The County received a letter from the County of Stettler requesting support in the matter of uncollectible School Tax requisitions and Seniors Housing requisitions which municipalities and districts must collect and remit on behalf of the Provincial Government.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1023**

**MOVED BY B. MARSHALL** that Council provide a letter of support for the County of Stettler to the Minister of Municipal Affairs supporting their position on the matter of uncollectible School Tax requisitions and Seniors Housing requisitions which municipalities and districts must collect and remit on behalf of the Provincial Government.

**Carried**

**NRC BEAST pilot**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20161019003)

Jennifer Besinger, Technical Services Manager, noted that the County of Grande Prairie agreed to be the site of a pilot demonstration of the Bio-Electrochemical Anaerobic Sewage Treatment (BEAST) process for wastewater treatment. Council issued a letter of support for grant funding in the fall of 2016, unfortunately the grant did not come through. Elkan Environmental Engineering has, however, procured industry funding to move forward with both a 240 L and 2-3 m<sup>3</sup> expandable BEAST System. Should the pilots be successful, it may provide an alternative to lagoon expansion at a competitive cost with a better treatment outcome. It is predicted that the pilot would be installed by fall and the testing will take 4 - 5 months to complete. We will be working with Alberta Environment and Parks throughout the pilot process to aid in the regulatory requirements needed in the future. Although the Bezanson wastewater system is currently below the threshold of 17,500 m<sup>3</sup> discharge per year for the Wastewater System Effluent Regulation (WSER) to apply, it is in our best interest to meet or exceed these requirements. As we expand and develop our communities the regulation will eventually become applicable. The County's Bezanson Lagoon will be the site of both a small and medium scale BEAST pilot project endorsed by NRC, managed by Elkan Environmental Engineering with some support in kind from the County. There may be some sampling and data collection performed by our staff.

**Letter from  
Minister of  
Municipal Affairs  
- Re: MSI Capital  
Projects**

A letter has been received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs noting that the following County of Grande Prairie projects are eligible under the MSI capital Program:

- CAP-8986 Road Regravelling - \$1,020,976;
- CAP-8987 Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement - \$1,000,000;

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20170719001)

- CAP-8988 Divisional Road Rehabilitation - \$2,700,000.

**Letter from  
Minister of  
Alberta  
Transportation -  
Re: New  
Generation Wide  
Base Single Tires**  
(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20170719005)

A letter has been received from Minister Mason in regards to the County's participation in the New Generation Wide Base Single Tires (NGWBST) pilot project. As of July 1, 2017, Alberta Transportation will allow 455 millimetres NGWBST to operate under permit with no per-kilometre fee on the highway system at loads equivalent to those allowed on dual -tire configurations. Alberta Transportation has allowed the use of increased axle weights as part of the pilot project since July 2016. The results of the pilot show a significant improvement in fuel efficiency (close to 10 per cent) when compared to trucks with dual-tire configurations. The Minister believes allowing these tire configurations will result in significant environmental benefits that outweigh the potential impacts to infrastructure. This is an important component of the Government of Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan.

**Letter from  
Minister of  
Advanced  
Education - Re -  
GPRC Degree  
programs**  
(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20170724013)

The County of Grande Prairie received correspondence from the Minister of Advanced Education in response to the letter the County sent on June 22, 2017 regarding GPRC degree granting programs. The Minister notes that while the number of degree opportunities available to Grande Prairie residents fluctuates somewhat each year, there have no significant overall decreases. GPRC offers collaborative degree programs partnering with other Alberta post-secondary institutions, and has also recently established a new partnership with the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology for a degree completion initiative in accounting. Advanced Education is currently conducting a review of post-secondary institutions. As part of this review they will be consulting with key stakeholders. Through the consultation process, the ministry is receiving advice about how to position provincial institutions in ways that will best serve learners effective in future.

**Letter from  
Alberta  
Environment &  
Parks re AUOMA**  
(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20170731002)

The County received a response from Alberta Environment and Parks regarding the letter we had previously written about the Alberta Used Oil Management Association. Alberta Environment and Parks is aware of the financial challenges facing the Alberta Used Oil Management Association, and will be completing consultations with Environment and Parks on program changes. Environment and Parks is currently considering some of the changes referred to in the County's letter including expanding the program to include additional containers and removing specific maximum environmental fees from regulation, or increasing environmental fees on oil containers.

**Letter from  
Municipal Affairs  
re MSI Operating  
Spending Plan**  
(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20170801003)

The County received a letter from Municipal Affairs advising that the operating spending plan submitted by Administration has been accepted.

**Action List up to  
and Including**

The action list up to and including July 17, 2017 was provided for Council's review.

**July 17, 2017**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20170809010)

**Resolution #CM20170814.1024**

**MOVED BY H. BULFORD** to accept the Action List up to and including July 17, 2017 for Council's information.

**Carried**

**Physician  
Recruitment and  
Retention  
Incentive Policy**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170814018)

Dr. Lynzie Hawman has applied for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 under the Physician Recruitment and Retention Incentive Policy. Her application meets the criteria of the policy and her practice was established with PrimeCARE Health Network in the City of Grande Prairie. Only one application for a physician to be within the City of Grande Prairie will be granted per year and Dr. Hawman is the 1st application we have received this year for the City of Grande Prairie.

**Resolution #CM20170814.1025**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** that Council approve the request for \$5000 to be funded from the Physician Recruitment and Retention Incentive Policy budget for Dr. Hawman who will be located within the City of Grande Prairie.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20170814.1026**

**MOVED by B. SMITH** that the meeting be recessed at 3:00 p.m.

**Carried**

The meeting was reconvened at 3:12 p.m.

**Legal - Land**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20170727007)

**Resolution #CM20170814.1027**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 3:13 p.m., pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter F-25 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to the Legal - Land, and Land.

**Carried**

Councillor Rosvold exited the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

**Land**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20170731005)

**Resolution #CM20170814.1028**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 4:29 p.m.

**Carried**

**Legal - Land**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20170727007)

**Resolution #CM20170814.1029**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** that the decision be postponed until August 21st Council Meeting to allow for additional information and clarification on the lease space as discussed In Camera.

**Carried**

**Land**

(IN CAMERA)  
(Issue #20170731005)

**Resolution #CM20170814.1030**

**MOVED BY B. SMITH** to take no action on the request from the homeowners in Wedgewood to fund works relating to lots 86, 87, 88, and

89 of Block 1; Plan 9422530.

**Votes:**

**In** Ross Sutherland, Corey Beck, Daryl Beeston, Harold Bulford,

**Favour:** Peter Harris, Bob Marshall, Brock Smith

**Opposed:** Leanne Beaupre

**Absent:** Karen Rosvold

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20170814.1031**

**MOVED BY B. MARSHALL** to follow up with Alberta Disaster Recovery, through Municipal Affairs, in regards to any grants available to the homeowners in Wedgewood, related to disaster recovery as per the report from SNC Lavalin for the Bear Creek area in the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

**Carried**

**COUNCIL  
MEMBER  
REPORTS**

Councillor Harris attended:

- A meeting with Cenovas regarding their gas plant on July 25th.

Councillor Sutherland commented on:

- The Tri-Municipality Committee will be proceeding and hope to have office staff in place shortly;
- Bill Rogan noted that a potential project manager will be coming to the area on August 21st to meet with everyone.

Councillor Smith commented on:

- The playground at the Hythe School is going ahead. The Town has donated a loader and truck. There is now a fence around it and they will be working on proper drainage.

Councillor Beeston commented on:

- The Kleskun Hill playground will be converting back to sand base.

Reeve Beaupre attended and commented on:

- Two Rotary presentations on behalf of the County to Sunrise and After 5. Received many compliments on the pamphlets that the County produced regarding taxes and rural living;
- Questions regarding the Highway 43X Bypass. Bill Rogan noted that there was discussion at a meeting and the expectation is that it will be complete by next summer with continued monitoring of the progress and contractor;
- Pat Carlson, founder and CAO of Seven Generations has retired and Reeve Beaupre attended his retirement party.

Councillor Beck commented on:

- Water Management Plan has been presented as he expects the Watershed Alliance will be coming to municipalities for funding.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #CM20170814.1032**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the meeting adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

**Carried**

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

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

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REEVE

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR