

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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August 28, 2017

RCMP Staff Introduction – RCMP Inspector Shane Ramteemal and Superintendent Mike Good was introduced to Council. Inspector Ramteemal and Superintendent Good work for the “K” Division Operations Strategy Branch. Part of their responsibilities include liaising with municipalities policed by the RCMP. Inspector Ramteemal and Supt. Good also addressed Council’s questions.

Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities Update – Carla Boyne, Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities Executive Director presented Council with an update on the organization’s activities and operation and the Safety City program for 2017.

The County financially supports Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities annually through their grants program. County Regional Enforcement Services and Fire Service members also participate in several Safety City events. Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities is a non-profit organization that promotes public safety and injury prevention through programs.

Carla also briefed Council on the New and Young Driver Road Ready Program that will be launching this fall, which Council approved an additional \$2,000 to go towards.

La Glace Fire Station Review – Deputy Fire Chief Dan Verdun provided Council with information on the total costs of land and construction to build a new Fire Station in the Hamlet of La Glace. The La Glace Fire Station was one of the facilities identified in the Fire Hall Review completed in March 2017 that requires replacement due to an

expansion in the scope of services provided and the growing needs of the community and surrounding area. Deputy Fire Chief Verdun also answered Council’s questions. Council forwarded the project with an estimated cost of \$1.57 million to 2018 preliminary budget deliberation meeting which are being held in late fall 2017.

Sponsorships – Council approved \$5,000 to go towards the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum’s “A Night for the Museum – Everybody Rock the Dinosaur” fundraising event formerly known as the Amber Ball taking place on September 30, 2017 at the Pomeroy Inn.

Pole Shed – Council approved Administration’s request to negotiate with the successful bidder – Enframe – to build a pole shed at the Community Services Building to house equipment with the cost to not exceed \$50,000.

Small Business Week Proclamation – Council proclaimed October 16-22, 2017 as Small Business Week in the County of Grande Prairie.

Weyerhaeuser Caribou Range Planning Project Update – Wendy Crosina, Forest Stewardship Manager and Stan Holmes, Alberta Timberlands Manager for Weyerhaeuser provided Council with an update on the Caribou Range Planning Project. Weyerhaeuser embarked on a project in early 2016 to develop a caribou range plan that would attempt to meet the intent of the Federal Boreal Caribou Recovery Plan and provide the Province with options for a submission to the Federal Minister in October 2017.

Road Project Tenders – Council awarded the project to base and pave Range Road 54 for 3.2 km from Highway 43 to Township Road 724 to

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Knelsen Gravel Suppliers Ltd. for \$2,184,902.08; and the project to base and pave Township Road 712 for 3.4 km from Range Road 73 west to Range Road 75 to Wapiti Gravel Suppliers for \$1,883,686.41. The complete list of 2017 Road Construction projects and additional projects slated for the 2017/18 construction seasons can be viewed at www.countygp.ab.ca/roadconstruction.

Valhalla Lift Station Upgrades Tender – Council awarded the tender to complete upgrades to the Valhalla Lift Station to Norwest Construction & Management Ltd. for \$248,375.

Bezanson Fire Hall Land Purchase – Council approved the motion to work with the Bezanson Agricultural Society and the Bezanson Legion to seek their approval to purchase the Bezanson Fire Hall disposition land from Alberta Environment and Parks for fair market value. If the County is able to purchase this land, they will be able to sublease the land back to these groups.

Next Council meeting will take place on September 11, 2017.

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