



County of Grande Prairie No. 1

August 28, 2017 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, August 28, 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

5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Dale Van Volkingburgh, Acting CAO
- Nick Lapp, arrived at 10:20 a.m.
- Natalia Madden, Acting Director of Corporate Services

6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Westwater

Absent:

4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

5. Directors

- Dawn Sauvé

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

**CALL TO ORDER
AND QUORUM**

O'Canada.

**Canadian
Citizenship
recently obtained
by a County Staff
Member**

(RECOGNITIONS AND
INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20170824001)

Natalia Madden, Acting Director of Corporate Services, noted that Mr. Satbir Singh, Integration Analyst and his family recently obtained Canadian Citizenship.

Born in India, Satbir moved to Canada in 2012 and the County is fortunate to have him since February 2015.

Council congratulated Mr. Singh on this huge accomplishment.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Resolution #CM20170828.1001

MOVED by B. MARSHALL that the agenda for the August 28, 2017 Council Meeting (2017/08/28) be approved with the following amendments:

- Legal (#20170825002);
- Councillor Marshall added Road Construction - Weather Related (New Business 11.8);
- Mr. Miller added a Delegation from the RCMP at 10:05 a.m.;
- item 11.1 will be addressed after item 8.1; and
- Councillor Beeston added an In Camera Land (Item 20.2).

Carried

**10:05 a.m. -
RCMP Delegation
and Introduction**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20170828005)

Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, introduced Superintendent Mike Good, "K" Division, and Inspector Shane Ramteemal, "K" Division Client Services Officer, to Council.

The RCMP Delegates thanked Council for time today and noted that they wanted to introduce themselves to County Council. They look forward to the next meeting with the County at Fall AAMDC. They were present to address any questions or concerns with crime issues Council may have.

Reeve Beaupre thanked Superintendent Good and Inspector Ramteemal for coming to introduce themselves to Council.

There was discussion on:

- Whether the RCMP are still short-staffed in this area. It was noted that there was an increase in growth in the Federal compliment and a lot has been put towards major crime prevention and drugs at the larger level. They are trying to balance vacancies equally in all areas. It was also noted that there have been recent changes to recruiting practices.
- Quicker response times for rural calls to 911. Councillor Smith commented on a situation where he had to call 911 and the officer called within 30 minutes to say he had investigated and was leaving the scene.
- What occurs when officers go on extended leaves; and whether rural officers are relocated to where the need is higher (ex. in the City). The RCMP delegates discussed the "reserve program" and that although they try to balance the rural vs. urban, resources are allocated where they are needed.
- Officers in the "reserve program" still address crimes but in a smaller

capacity.

The delegation concluded at 10:20 a.m. and the RCMP members left the meeting.

**MINUTES
APPROVAL**

Resolution #CM20170828.1002

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the minutes for August 14, 2017 Council Meeting (2017/08/14) be approved as presented.

Carried

**10:10 a.m. -
Grande Prairie &
Area Safe
Communities
Request for
Support**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)

(Issue #20170809001)

Mr. Lapp entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Christine Rawlins, Manager of Parks and Recreation, introduced Carla Boyne, Executive Director from GP & Area Safe Communities. A request was received from GP & Area Safe Communities for the County of Grande Prairie to cover a \$2,000 busing subsidy so that County Grade 11 & 12 students are able to attend the New & Young Driver Road Ready Program that runs from September 18 - 28, 2017. This program has been launched through a \$17,000 grant from Alberta Transportation, Office of Traffic Safety.

The program would reach as many as 1,000 County students, but the impact of having our youth driving safer and making better choices when it comes to technology distractions, alcohol, and marijuana use (especially with the new legalization coming) can help everyone driving on the roads if safer choices are made. GP & Area Safe Communities wants to be ahead of the curve to help teach the youth in our community the legal and medical consequences in an interactive setting at Safety City. This subsidy would cover about four (4) classrooms per school.

GP & Area Safe Communities received an Operating grant of \$3,500 in 2016.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the Grades being targeted (10-12) and why Grade 9 students are not included. Ms. Boyne responded that in the future they would like to expand to Grade 9 students, however, there is already a program that includes driving safety for them so GP & Area Safe Communities are focusing on addressing the gap for Grade 10-12 students.

Councillor Rosvold inquired whether the School Boards are assisting with funding. Ms. Boyne responded that they have not been approached yet for funding and that they are going to engage with them shortly.

Councillor Bulford noted that in Bezanson the Fire Department joins with school to provide the Farm Safety Program for Grade 9 students. He inquired if they have approached any insurance companies to sponsor the program as it would be beneficial to them as well. Ms. Boyne responded that they will contact insurance companies to see whether they can obtain some sponsorships.

Councillor Bulford also expressed the need to have a rural component to Driver's Training courses that have students drive on gravel and icy roads rather than just pavement. There are very diverse roadways in the County and many new rural drivers have limited experience on washboard gravel roads which are very dangerous. Ms. Boyne responded that she will try

and provide that feedback and see if that can be done for the County students who attend the programs. They have a partnership with the AMA School Patrol as well so they can provide the feedback to them. Councillor Smith spoke in favour of providing the busing subsidy because it is a great program that will help lots of young drivers.

Resolution #CM20170828.1003

MOVED BY B. SMITH that the County fund the busing subsidy for County schools to attend the New & Young Driver Road Ready Program in the fall in the amount of \$2,000.00 with the funding source to be determined by Administration.

Carried

A Night for the Museum - Event Sponsorship Request

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170818012)

Christine Rawlins, Manager of Parks and Recreation, noted that a request has been submitted by the River of Death & Discovery Dinosaur Museum Society to sponsor their 2017 fundraising event "A Night for the Museum - Everybody Rock the Dinosaur" on September 30th at the Pomeroy Inn. Event proceeds will go towards education programs at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

This event was formerly known as the Amber Ball but has been rebranded by the Society to make the event "less fussy, more fun" with the goal of attracting more attendees and enhancing funds raised.

Sponsorship opportunities range from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Resolution #CM20170828.1004

MOVED BY B. SMITH to sponsor the "A Night for the Museum" in the amount of \$5000 to come from a location to be determined by Administration.

Councillor Harris amended the motion to include the purchase of any additional tickets as required. It was accepted as a Friendly Amendment.

MOVED BY B. SMITH to sponsor the "A Night for the Museum" in the amount of \$5000, with any additional tickets to be purchased as required, with funding to come from a location to be determined by Administration.

Carried

10:45 a.m. - Policy F8 - Council Electronic Device and Internet Use

(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20170822004)

Natalia Madden, Information Systems Manager, noted that Policy F8 - "Council Electronic Device and Internet Use" was reviewed and approved by Council on November 7, 2016 and full implementation is set to start after October 2017 (beginning of next election term). Reeve Beaupre had requested further discussion and clarification of this policy and Mrs. Madden was in attendance to assist with the discussion and answer any questions.

There was discussion on:

- whether the program was "opt in or opt out" or a mandatory program for BYOD;
- having to use own personal equipment and the reimbursement is not sufficient to cover the actual costs of the device as well as phone and internet plans. There are frequent overages for data;
- County took over payments but sometimes they are missed and the

- Councillor will be contacted;
- issues with Councillor's home internet services;
- previous Councillors and their requests for the BYOD program;
- whether a previous telephone number could be kept by a Councillor and turned into a County number on a County device, rather than a personal one;
- if phone numbers do change, they can be forwarded from one device to the other;
- policy review should be done with Council and Information Systems Manager to ensure that clear direction is given and the revisions will include Council feedback;
- for election purposes, the Act says that the incumbents have to use their own resources/devices so during the campaign time, they should be using a different number that is not tied to County;
- whether the County utilizes the "pooling" option offered by Telus Mobility for all County devices. Mrs. Madden responded that the County is currently utilizing the "pooling" of services. There are three separate Telus accounts because one is for the telephones; one is for internet and data; and one is for the data and GPS on graders, etc.

A meeting will be arranged for Council and Mrs. Madden to review the policy, sort out any issues, and amend with Council feedback.

Resolution #CM20170828.1005

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL to have the Executive Assistant to CAO and Council set up a meeting for Council to discuss the Policy F8 - Council Electronic Device and Internet Use with the Information Systems Manager at a date and time that works for all attendees.

Carried

Laglace Fire Hall Review

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170710011)

Deputy Fire Chief, Dan Verdun, was in attendance to speak to Council's request for further information on total costs of land and construction from the April 3rd, 2017 Fire Hall review presentation. The fire hall review has the La Glace replacement identified in 2018-19 budget. The purpose of the report serves to solicit understanding and discussion around the replacement of the existing Fire Hall in La Glace in 2018. La Glace's current hall was designed and built in early 1993 and for the time adequately housed the apparatus and the equipment of the day.

The La Glace Volunteer Fire Department has continued to grow with the needs of their community and have changed from a service that only provided fire suppression, to a department that now provides structural fire suppression, wild-land and grass fire protection, vehicle extrication, ice rescue and most recently medical co-response and large animal rescue. As these provisions of service have increased so has the apparatus and equipment needs which have been met by the County of Grande Prairie. As the needs have been met, the service has outgrown the capacity in their current building.

Deputy Chief Verdun noted that the adjacent landowner is open to discussions to purchase the land around the current fire hall. The approximate cost to complete the new fire hall is \$1.57 million (which

includes land acquisition, contingency, and all other costs).

It was also noted that three additional members have been added to the La Glace Fire Department, and there are also two new applicants which would take the number to 13 members being housed in La Glace.

There was discussion on:

- whether there would be any issues getting approvals from Alberta Transportation. Mr. Lapp responded that the main issue would be waiting on the approvals from Alberta Transportation for the additional access to the site. Consultations have been done, the speed limit is already reduced there because of the School Zone, and there is a joint approach with the UFA;
- the utilities would need to be expanded and some of the contingency and site work would cover that;
- whether it was approved for 2018 or 2019 budget. It was noted that previous approval was for 2019 budget but because of the opportunity to purchase the land now, Administration would like to advance it to 2018 budget and it can still be funded from the Facility Rehabilitation and Replacement Reserve.
- If there are plans for the old fire hall once the new one is built. Deputy Chief Verdun responded that no plan has been made yet, but that it could be used as alternate storage location for Public Works; or have the potential to rent the space to local groups (ex. Twilight Centre to store their bus inside).
- It was noted that currently the La Glace Fire Hall has to park one of their Fire Service vehicles outside all winter because there is not enough room to store it inside in one of the bays.
- Whether existing infrastructure could be relocated to the new hall (water supply). Deputy Chief Verdun responded that they would have to investigate costs to see if it would be feasible to relocate any existing utility infrastructure.
- The location of the new proposed fire hall is ideal because of the access to the dugout; and
- the cost of the La Glace Fire Hall (approx. \$1.57 million) in comparison to the new Sexsmith Fire Hall (approx. \$1.3 million) and why La Glace will cost more even though it is a smaller footprint. Deputy Chief Verdun noted that the land was donated for Sexsmith and all site prep was done by their own Public Works Department. They also did not include a contingency fund in the Sexsmith build. Regional Fire Services would like to be more accurate (or under) rather than being over budget and having to ask for more funding from Council later on.

The cost of property has yet to be negotiated but they are estimating about \$15,000 (or more); Site work is quoted at \$140,000 (including utilities); and a cost of \$75,000 for the contingency fund.

Councillor's Smith and Bulford spoke in favour of building the new hall as the current hall has reached capacity, the dugout is a good source of water, and they need space to store the vehicles inside in the winter months.

Resolution #CM20170828.1006

MOVED BY B. SMITH to forward the land purchase and new build of the fire hall in La Glace to 2018 budget negotiations in fall of 2017.

There was discussion on the cost and size of the potential fire hall, as well as the utilities that are already located in the area.

Councillor Rosvold spoke in favour of the motion.

Carried

**Public Works
Pole Shed**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170823008)

Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, noted that Public Works received approval for the purchase and construction of a pole shed at the Clairmont Landfill for 2017. The project was tendered and the bid price was approximately \$50,000, of the \$100,000 budgeted amount. Given the savings being realized it is requested that Council considering re-allocating the remaining \$50,000 to build a similar structure which could be located at the Community Services Building. The placement of the structure would be along the north fence in the CSB yard, facing south, directly behind the Parks Shop. This structure would be used for storing Agriculture equipment, as well as other miscellaneous pieces that are currently subject to the weather. The shed would be placed in such a way to allow additional expansion in the future as well, if required.

Mr. Miller has discussed this purchase with Public Works, CAO Bill Rogan, and Landfill staff and all are in favour of re-allocating the approved funding. Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that he has discussed holding the same pricing with the contractor (Enframe) for the additional pole shed, and they have agreed to honour the same price as the one being built at the Landfill.

Councillor Beck commented that we should be using all County space to store County equipment, it should not matter if it is designated as a Public Works or Parks and Recreation shed. The new Parks Storage Shop is always underutilized and current space should be used before purchasing more sheds. He is not against the additional pole shed, but would like to see all indoor storage space being used to it's best ability.

Resolution #CM20170828.1007

MOVED BY P. HARRIS to approve Community Services to negotiate with the successful bidder (Enframe) to build a pole shed, equivalent to that being constructed at the Clairmont Landfill, utilizing funds from the Clairmont Landfill reserve which was already approved for the Pole Shed at the Landfill.

Councillors Marshall, Bulford, and Beeston spoke in favour of the motion, but want to ensure that all space will be fully utilized for storage purposes, and that it will remain as a pole shed with no additional engineering.

Carried

**Proclamation -
Small Business
Week - October
16 - 22, 2017**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170822006)

Dale Van Volkingburgh, Acting CAO, noted that the Chamber of Commerce has requested the County of Grande Prairie along with the City of Grande Prairie proclaim the week of October 16 - 22, 2017 as Small Business Week.

A Proclamation breakfast is being held September 14th at 7:30 a.m. at Centre 2000. Deputy Reeve Sutherland will be reading the Proclamation on behalf of the County of Grande Prairie. In the past, County Council has

proclaimed Small Business Week.

Resolution #CM20170828.1008

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 proclaim October 16 - 22, 2017 as Small Business Week.

Carried

**Tender Award for
Range Road 54
(AC.17201)**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170821010)

Shane Kessler, Construction Manager, noted that tenders were open for Range Road 54 (AC.17201) on August 17, 2017.

Beairsto & Associates recommend awarding the contract to the low bid received from Knelsen Sand and Gravel in the tender amount of \$2,184,902.08. The estimated total cost for the project including construction, engineering and contingency is \$2,570,774.923.

Mr. Kessler noted that the deficit of \$330,774.93 is based on the rough estimate. There was considerable discussion on whether it would be more beneficial to push back some of the tenders until spring 2018 to try and achieve some cost savings. Mr. Kessler commented that the Construction group has been overestimating some costs to ensure that they do not need to ask Council for additional funding.

Resolution #CM20170828.1009

MOVED BY P. HARRIS to award the contract to the low bidder Knelsen Gravel Suppliers in the tender amount of \$2,184,902.08 with an anticipated project total of \$2,570,774.93 which includes construction, engineering and contingency for the Range Road 54 project (AC.17201)

Carried

**Tender Award fo
Township Road
712 (AC.17401)**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170822010)

Shane Kessler, Construction Manger, noted that tenders were open for Township Road 712 (AC.17401) on August 16, 2017.

Helix Engineering Ltd. recommends awarding the contract to the low bid received from Wapiti Gravel Suppliers in the tender amount of \$1,883,686.41. The estimated total cost for the project including construction, engineering and contingency is \$2,303,686.41.

Resolution #CM20170828.1010

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to award the contract to the low bidder Wapiti Gravel Suppliers in the tender amount of \$1,883,686.41 with an anticipated project total of \$2,303,686.41 which includes construction, engineering and contingency for the Township Road 712 Project (AC.17401).

Carried

**Tender Award for
Valhalla Lift
Station Upgrades
SW.VAL17**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170822008)

Jennifer Besigner, Technical Service Manager, noted that tenders were open for Valhalla Lift Station Upgrade (SW.VAL17) on August 9, 2017.

Velocity Engineering Inc. recommends awarding the contract to the low bid received from Norwest Construction & Management Ltd. in the tender amount of \$248,375.00. The estimated total cost for the project including construction, SCADA, landscaping, engineering and contingency to be determined.

A letter from Brian Mason, Minister of Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation, was attached to the agenda package, awarding the County with the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership fund (AMWWP) - Local Municipal Initiatives Component for 75% of the project costs up to a maximum of \$375,000 for the Valhalla Lift Station Upgrade Project.

Resolution #CM20170828.1011

MOVED BY K. ROSVOLD to award the contract to the low bidder Norwest Construction & Management Ltd. in the tender amount of \$248,375.00 with an anticipated final cost with construction, SCADA, landscaping, contingency and engineering for the Valhalla Lift Station Upgrade (SW.VAL17), budget to remain at \$500,000 accepting the 75% Provincial AMWWP Funding to a maximum of \$375,000 with the remaining 25% required to come from Municipal Infrastructure Reserve.

Carried

Resolution #CM20170828.1012

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the meeting be recessed 11:55 a.m. to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Carried

The meeting was reconvened at 1:08 p.m..

1:15 p.m.
Weyerhaeuser
Caribou Range
Planning Project
Update

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20170616001)

Wendy Crosina, Manager Forest Stewardship, Stan Holmes, Alberta Timberlands General Manager, and Terry Jean, Sawmill Unit Manager from Weyerhaeuser were in attendance to provide Council with an update on the Weyerhaeuser Caribou Range Planning Project.

Weyerhaeuser embarked on a project (roughly 18 months ago) 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. There are a series of criteria in the Federal Recovery Plan that will make it difficult to balance the ecological needs of caribou with the potential socio-economic impacts of these constraints. Having said that, Weyerhaeuser has been working hard with a group of stakeholders to develop a series of scenarios that they hope will achieve that balance. Given the deadline is mid to late summer for completion, Weyerhaeuser representative would like to touch base with County Council to review progress and talk about potential barriers.

Ms. Corsina reviewed the information handout that was distributed to Councillors.

There was discussion on:

- only one range plan has been approved to date;
- Council already attends the "Species at Risk" meetings;
- Provincial and Federal governments are not addressing the socio-economic problems before the range plans are developed;
- the Forest Management Agreements (FMA's) and that any monies received from the Provincial government would be used for future planning and reforestation in those areas;
- the Timber Damage Assessment (TDA) funding is received and it goes into an account for well site reclamation programs, growing more trees, and the Caribou Range Planning Project. It is very

difficult to reclaim the land because some companies don't want to give up the dispositions;

- the TDA funding was used to pay salvage timber dues; to replace lost Annual Allowable Cut (AAC); and to purchase timber (which is typically bought from the energy sector as "purchase wood");
- 33% of their FMA is in a caribou range; and they currently source less than 2% of timber from that 33% range;
- effects of Mountain Pine Beetle on the range area;
- plans need to focus on various species, not just caribou;
- borders with BC;
- more grizzly bear and cougar kills than in the past;
- can only work within the forestry sector - have not been allowed to have discussions with energy sector about range plans yet;
- lack of Ministerial involvement, feedback, and guidance;
- Weyerhaeuser's direct and indirect costs/economic losses as that information would give exact figures on the true socio-economic impacts which can then be taken to the various Ministers and the Federal Government;
- Mr. Jean noted that the sawmill has not seen any investment in a number of years and he is working with corporate on the capital project for a complete rebuild of the sawmill.
- Ms. Corsina noted that she will get as much information and figures as they can from the higher levels (# of jobs lost; amount of wages lost; and reduction in housing sales, etc); and
- if they lose the ranges, Weyerhaeuser and International Pulp and Paper will lose the ability to exist.

The presentation concluded at 1:51 p.m. and the delegations from Weyerhaeuser left the meeting.

**Alberta
Environment
and Parks (AEP)
Meeting Topics**

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20170822003)

Jim Hammond, Project Manager, was in attendance to comment. Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) Administration met for the first time with the Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) in June 2017. The purpose of this meeting was to provide a forum where Alberta Environment and Parks could answer questions that Councillors had about the administration of the 23% of the County which is public land. AEP also wishes to use this quarterly forum as an opportunity to update Council on new AEP initiatives which will impact public lands in the County. The purpose of this Council agenda topic is to share the current topics to be covered by AEP at the September 14, 2017 RAC meeting, and determine if there are additional topics to add to that agenda.

Council at the December 2016 RAC meeting indicated that there was a need to interact with AEP Administration to discuss the administration of public lands in the County. In response to this request, AEP Administration agreed to attend the quarterly RAC meetings and discuss administration of public lands in the County. The September 14, 2017 RAC meeting will be the second RAC meeting to be attended by AEP Administration.

Council and Mr. Hammond discussed the topics to be addressed at the September 14, 2017 RAC Meeting which include:

- Follow up from the June 2017 RAC meeting on:

- wetlands policy implementation questions;
 - the history of, and options considered by AEP concerning a weir on the Beaverlodge River;
 - the term of the County's disposition at Kleskun Hills Park, once the area becomes a Provincial Park;
 - the proposed 4 hectare staging area south east of Mandalay Estates;
 - Wapiti Dunes Development Society (WDDS) 17 kilometers of trails: A meeting to be set up between Councillor and Reeve Leanne Beaupre, County Parks and Recreation, AEP and the WDDS to discuss various options available;
 - an update on the County's application to expand DML800162 (the County disposition in the Evergreen Park area); and
 - an update on the three Bezanson dispositions.
- a new agenda topic AEP administration wishes to provide an update on: Public land use zones (PLUZs) in the County; and
 - any other topics Council would like added to the agenda.

There was additional discussion on:

- progress with Saskatoon Mountain;
- how road alignments will be affected by the future Highway 40X East;
- the current status on the Evergreen Park parcels. Mr. Hammond noted that all First Nations consultations are complete, and we are still waiting on a response from AEP on the request.
- The status of the Beaverlodge weir. Mr. Hammond noted that a separate meeting can be arranged with Councillor Smith, AEP, and the decision makers on the weir.
- any further updates on Evergreen Park; and
- the County being considered for grant funding for current and ongoing wetland stewardship projects, as well as being considered as an organization that focuses on wetland reclamation. There was discussion on whether a motion was made at RAC to proceed with further conversations about wetland compensation with AEP. Mr. Hammond will request that AEP bring more information on wetland compensation to the September meeting.

Resolution #CM20170828.1013

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that Administration bring back additional information on the County becoming a Wetland Compensation holder.

Carried

There was discussion on the status of the intersection, staging area, and second access for Evergreen Park.

**Bezanson Fire
Hall Land
Purchase**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170822005)

Jim Hammond, Project Manager for Planning and Development, noted that County Administration is recommending pursuing the purchase of the land that the Bezanson Fire Hall occupies from the Provincial Government.

Currently there are three public land dispositions within the Hamlet of Bezanson. Specifically:

1. The fire hall is on a .52 acre disposition which has been issued to the

County. County Assessment values the land at \$43,510, and the County land use zoning is Rural Industrial. In discussions with AEP, it is believed this land could be purchased by the County for under \$1,000.

2. The Legion Hall is on a disposition of 1.03 acres which is held by the Royal Canadian Legion. This disposition is up for renewal in 2020. County Assessment values the land at \$56,900, and the County land use zoning is Urban Reserve. County Administration has not discussed the purchasing of this land with the Legion.
3. The curling rink and planned recreation complex are on a disposition of 17.52 acres. This disposition is to the Bezanson Agricultural Society, and comes up for renewal in 2019. County Assessment values the land at \$141,100 and the County land use zoning is Intensive Recreation. At the start of the July 2017 monthly County – AEP meeting, the current status of this disposition was discussed with Rick Friesen and Audrey Hewings of the Bezanson Agricultural Society, and Councillor Harold Bulford. The Bezanson Agricultural Society would like to keep this as a disposition to their organization at this time, and only consider the possibility of the County purchasing the land at time of disposition renewal (2019).

Because of both AEP policy (a preference for Municipal infrastructure to be on private land rather than Crown lands), and the administrative requirements of dispositions, AEP has suggested that long term, the County consider purchasing these lands.

AEP has a policy that land be sold at market value. Market value is assessed by AEP according to end use (ie. land destined to be sold for residential development is valued higher than land destined to have a public use).

Resolution #CM20170828.1014

MOVED BY H. BULFORD to attempt to purchase the fire hall disposition land at this time for "fair market value" (likely \$700 per acre for lands put to public use); work with the Ag Society and Legion when their dispositions come up for renewal to determine if they wish to have the County purchase the lands of their dispositions, and sub lease them back to these groups, or if they wish to keep their dispositions and fulfill the AEP disposition renewal requirements.

There was discussion on the motion and that the Province has started moving towards selling land for fair market value rather than the \$1.00 done in previous years. It was also noted that the Province will not sell land to an AG Society.

Carried

**Road
Construction -
Weather Related**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170828009)

This item was added to the agenda by Councillor Marshall. Mr. Lapp exited the meeting at 2:14 p.m. and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

After heavy rain last week there were some people who were from out of town that got stuck on the roads as no additional signage was put up. One ratepayer in Division 5 damaged their vehicle and needed a tow, and their

insurance will not cover the costs.

There was discussion on whether the County insurance covers situations like this.

Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that Public Works has a sign package that is standard for all construction areas. In the event it was severely inclement weather and the road should have been closed, the "Road Closed" signs should have been put up blocking the road to all traffic.

The ratepayer would have to come to the County office and submit a claim through the County's Risk and Insurance Coordinator, Justin Brown, and there will be an investigation done. In the event that the work was being done by a contracted crew, the ratepayer would engage the contracted company to make an insurance claim.

Reeve Beaupre inquired if there was anything included in contracts to ensure that companies who are doing work on the roads actually remove their signage once construction is complete.

Councillor Rosvold commented on a road construction project in La Glace where there are no "Local Traffic Only" signs installed and it is causing issues for larger trucks who cannot avoid the area and cannot turn around.

Land

(IN CAMERA)

(Issue #20170823002)

Resolution #CM20170828.1015

MOVED by D. BEESTON that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 2:23 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 Land and Legal.

Carried

Legal

(IN CAMERA)

(Issue #20170825002)

Resolution #CM20170828.1016

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 2:58 p.m.

Carried

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Sutherland attended and commented on the 150 Year Celebration at the Old Bezanson Towne Site and Bezanson Memorial Hall.

Councillor Beck attended and commented on the Lakeview Senior's Lodge Grand Opening event:

- toured some furnished rooms as some people have moved;
- Steve Madden is the new General Manager for the Grande Spirit Foundation;
- experiencing some problems with phone and television (GPN);
- attended the Retirement party for Debbie Normington; and

Councillor Rosvold attended and commented on:

- congratulated Bezanson on their successful 150 Year Celebration; and
- the GPRC Comprehensive Institutional Plan Consultation Meeting.

Councillor Smith attended and commented on:

- the group of medical students that will be coming to tour the County and a rural medical practice in September;
- the alternate contact at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum so he can discuss the medical students tour of the museum, and who the contact person will be. Councillor Sutherland noted that the contact person would be Linda Side. Board Chair, or Susan Hunter; and
- the Lakeview Senior's Lodge Grand Opening event.

Councillor Beeston attended and commented on:

- Lakeview Senior's Lodge Grand Opening event; and
- 150 Year Celebration at the Old Bezanson Townsite and Bezanson Memorial Hall.

Councillor Bulford attended and commented on:

- Lakeview Senior's Lodge Grand Opening event; and
- 150 Year Celebration at the Old Bezanson Townsite and Bezanson Memorial Hall.

Councillors Harris and Marshall had nothing additional to comment on.

Reeve Beaupre attended and commented on:

- meeting with representatives from SemCAMS in regards to the proposed facility;
- ICF meetings that occurred between the City of Grande Prairie and Darwin Eckstrom on behalf of Horse Lake First Nation; and
- meeting with Mr. Lapp, Chris King, Economic Development Officer, and Mieke DeGroot, Spinal Cord Injury Alberta, in regards to accessibility in the County.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Van Volkingburgh commented on:

- main gravel haul moving from Smoky to south of Wembley - will start Wednesday;
- Spot Construction progress;
- Public Works Committee meeting tomorrow;
- Councillor Bulford noted that he has received multiple positive comments about the gravel roads and keeping up on the maintenance and thanked Public Works;
- Reeve Beaupre commented on a couple residents in Division 3 who had issues with dust control as some was done by oil companies and the grader has gone through and graded it away. Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that Industry does not always tell the County that they will be doing oiling and calcium. They are not supposed to put anything down unless previous approval is given by the County, but those discussions do not always occur prior to material being put on the roads. There area also some similar issues in Divisions 5 and 8.
- Reeve Beaupre inquired about heaving roads in Carriage Lane. Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that there are some settlement issues in that area which will be noted and continually monitored by Public Works.

Mrs. Madden, Acting Director of Corporate Services, noted that:

- nine (9) prospective candidates attended the Candidate Information Session hosted by Legislative Services; and
- provided general update on the upcoming elections.

Mr. Miller commented on:

- after the MPC Meeting tomorrow there is a FCSS Building Committee meeting, as well as Robert Salis' Retirement Party. The FCSS Building Committee Meeting will be moved to the CSB so Council can attend the party; and
- has been invited by the City of Grande Prairie to attend the Transit Master Plan meeting this week.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20170828.1017

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the meeting adjourn at 3:37 p.m.

Carried

These minutes approved the _____ day of _____ 2017.

Reference # _____

REEVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR