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December 11, 2017

Wapiti Recreation Area Public Consultation Report – Arlen Miller, Community Services Director presented the public consultation report for the Wapiti Recreation Area. The County’s plans to convert two gravel leases to create a low-impact outdoor recreation area with new habitat and ecosystems is based on positive public support for the project received through public consultations held last month and previously with Horse Lake First Nation, as well as from Alberta Environment and Parks. The gravel leases to be remediated are located on 130 hectares just south of Grande Prairie, north of the Wapiti River and east of Highway 40. The first stage of development includes multi-use trails for snowshoeing, walking and cycling, as well as a day-use area. Additional components will be determined upon further analysis of public feedback.

For more information, see media release “Positive Public Support for Outdoor Recreation Area Moves Plan Ahead” at <http://www.countygp.ab.ca/EN/meta/whats-new/latest-news.html>.

Regional Enforcement Services Quarterly Report – Superintendent of Regional Enforcement Services, Stuart Rempel; Sergeant Stuart Fry; and RCMP Constable Alex Holdway presented Council the 2017 third quarter report for the County’s Regional Enforcement Services, RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit, RCMP Grande Prairie Rural Detachment and the Crime Reduction Unit.

RCMP Staff Introductions –Beaverlodge RCMP Sergeant Dave Gallant presented the Beaverlodge Detachment policing report and introduced Corporal Colin Thorne. Sergeant Neal Fraser was also

introduced to Council. Sgt. Fraser will be the new Staff Sergeant in charge of Grande Prairie Rural Detachment in the new year.

Superintendent Don McKenna addressed Council and answered their questions on General Investigative Section (GIS), Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT), and Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) activities in general.

Regional Enforcement Services Report – From January to September 2017, a total of 1,994 violation tickets were issued as opposed to 2,275 in 2016.

Traffic safety and road/infrastructure protection, adhering to road safety, parking, unsightly premises, regulatory municipal bylaws, animal control, community safety, special events coordination, actioning the Traffic Safety Plan, and traffic safety and crime prevention will remain as Regional Enforcement Services main priorities.

RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit – A total of 146 traffic violation tickets were issued in the third quarter (July-September). Thirty-three other criminal charges were laid during the third quarter.

The majority of the RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit’s time in the third quarter focused on special events policing as well as greenspace and other specialized patrolling, impaired and distracted driving, speeding, seatbelts, school zones, distracted driving, intersection related infractions, and delivering the DARE program in schools.

Regional Enforcement Services remains active in delivering several crime prevention initiatives such as special events coordinating, various

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patrols, Checkstops, Rural Crime Watch, and Report-A Drug House; seasonal parks patrol; and traffic safety programs and presentations to various groups, schools, and communities throughout the County such as DARE, Bike safety, Detachment Tours, Internet Safety, Bullying, and Cyberbullying.

Rio Grande Rodeo Special Events Policing Request – Council approved Beaverlodge RCMP’s request to provide additional special events policing due to the significant growth of the event over the past few years. Special events policing coverage will include having two overtime RCMP members and two RCMP Enhanced Policing members on site for the 2018 Rio Grande Rodeo.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-038 to redesignate 13.4 acres of land located approx. 4 miles east of the Hamlet of Demmitt, adjacent to Twp Rd 750 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one country residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-039 to redesignate 5 acres of land located adjacent and southwest of the Town of Sexsmith, and adjacent to Rge Rd 62 and Hwy 672 from an Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Medium Industrial (RM-2) District to allow for subdivision of one medium industrial use; as well as redesignate 6 acres of land from an Agricultural (AG) District to Highway Industrial (RM-4) District to allow for the subdivision of one lot for highway industrial use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Correction Line West Area Structure Plan – Council gave Bylaw 3062 for the Correction Line West Area Structure Plan (ASP) second reading.

The Correction Line West ASP is located approx. 2.5 miles southwest of the City of Grande Prairie with boundaries along Twp Rd 710 and between Rge Rd 64 covering approx. 400 acres of land. The plan proposes future industrial and commercial development and consists mainly of Rural Light Industrial (RM-1) District. Administration will now move forward with discussing the bylaw with the City of Grande Prairie.

Bylaw 3075 – Council gave Bylaw 3075 third reading to designate 1.25 acres of located on Pt. NW-10-71-7-W6M as a Public Utility Lot (PUL) to house a booster station for the Wembley/West County Waterline Project. The Wembley/West County waterline will be located along Township Road 712 and located within the Dimsdale Area Structure Plan.

Development Permit Request – Council approved a development permit application from All Peace Petroleum for a Bulk Fuel Storage (Diesel – 25,000 litre tank) located within the Rural Industrial District Control (RM-DC) District approx. to be erected 5 miles southeast of the City of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Resources Road.

Smoky Valley Aggregate Inc. Road Construction Partnership – Council approved the request to enter into the a 50/50 partnership with Smoky Valley Inc. to a financial maximum of \$237,500 pending the Municipal Planning Commission’s approval to construct, realign and extend Township Road 744 for the subdivision of two residential lots on Pt. SW-27-74-2-W6.

County Design Guidelines – Council approved new design guidelines and updated minimum design standards from 2003. The design guidelines and standards are a set of principles that the County use as a

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guide to help shape communities through the arrangements and design of streets, blocks buildings and public spaces. The guidelines also assist community members, developers and builders to design neighbourhoods, streets and enhance public spaces in the County of Grande Prairie.

Hamlet of Clairmont Signage – Council approved 22 locations to have signs installed on the boundaries of the Hamlet of Clairmont.

Employee Achievements – Council and staff recognized Laurie Barry, Jennifer Besinger, Kim Donecz, Terry Dueck, Stuart Fry, Tracy Green, Shane Kessler, Coree Ladwig and Scott White for receiving their Certificate in Municipal Management and Leadership.

Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum Approach – Council approved the cost estimate of \$32,975 to have the approach to the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum expanded due to underground storm drains requiring relocation, and pavement of the surface.

Private Gravel Trucks Tender – Council awarded the tender for the supply of private gravel trucks to the 15 lowest bids which including Southwood Trucking, Alberta West Transport, Murtron Hauling and TKS Transport. The Public Works department hires private gravel trucks to help complete the yearly main haul program. The tender is for a two year period.

Next Council meeting will take place on December 18, 2017.

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