

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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**February 27, 2017**

**Fire Guardians** – Council approved the appointment of 48 fire guardians to assist the County with issuing fire permits during the 2017 fire season as well as educating and informing residents on safe burning practices. Contact information for the fire guardians of each division is available at [www.countygp.ab.ca/firepermits](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/firepermits). Fire season starts Wednesday, March 1.

**Bylaws** – Council approved Bylaw 2680-17-006, which corrected technical errors in Bylaw 2680-08-088.

Council gave Bylaw 3057/Utility Bylaw second reading and requested that Bylaw 3016 Schedule F2, which sets the water and wastewater charges in the County be amended to only include 2017 rates.

The proposed updated Utility Bylaw would include an increase to water and wastewater rates of an additional \$5.17 per month over 2017 for customers in Clairmont, which would take effect on March 31, 2017. According to Aquatera, the rate increase would accommodate the current and future growth in the Clairmont area and cover costs for required upgrades including the construction of the Clairmont Lagoon Discharge Project.

The bylaw will return to a future Council Meeting for third reading.

**Wembley Water West Project** – Jennifer Besinger, Technical Services Manager provided Council with information regarding a booster station in Dimsdale for the Wembley Water West Project; as well as identified options that would create synergies. The synergies identified were to

add pumping capacity within the booster station and a reservoir under the booster station that would enable servicing landowners in Dimsdale with water in the future. Council made the motion to over-size the transmission line from the City of Grande Prairie to Dimsdale from 400 mm to 450 mm, upgrade the booster station and acquire adequate land for expansion at a maximum cost of \$ 1 million if no further Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) grants are provided. If more CWWF grant funding is provided, the County will also build a 400 m3 reservoir to support phase 1 and acquire adequate land for expansion to a maximum of \$1.85 million of which \$925,000 would be County funded.

**Highway to Mexico Firefighting Gear Donation** – Council approved the donation of a breathing compressor unit for Swan Rotary Club's Highway to Mexico program. The club and various other organizations have made regular donations of firefighting gear to groups in Mazatlan, Mexico since 2002, when the project began.

**Crosslink County Sportsplex Baseball Diamond** – Council approved \$16,000 to go towards repairing the dugout roofs damaged by a severe windstorm last summer; as well as to purchase benches for the senior baseball diamond at the Crosslink County Sportsplex.

**Sponsorships** – Council approved a \$250 sponsorship to the Grande Peace Minor Midget AAA Storm Provincial Championship, which is taking place on March 23-26, 2017 at the Crosslink County Sportsplex.

**Employee Introductions** – Council and staff welcomed Debbi Ree-Galle to the County. Debbi will be working as the Systems Coordinator for the Systems department.

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**Employee Recognition** – Council and staff congratulated Stacey Dechief on her completion of the Essential Skills for Administrative Professionals Certification; Glen Kilian on his completion of the Advanced Skills for Leadership Certification and the Change Management Certificate Program; and Erin Hogan, Tracy Archibald, Natalia Madden, Tracy Dawe and Lisa Wanke on their completion of the Change Management Certificate Program.

**B-11 Social Media Policy** – Council approved updates to the Social Media Policy for the County. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the use of social media occurs in an effective and secure manner in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

**Request for Proposals** – Council approved the Request for Proposal (RFP) to enter into a contract with Alberta Parking Lot Services for the supply and installation of road pavement crack sealing and road pavement markings application at a cost of \$376,602.

**Next Council meeting will take place on March 6, 2017.**

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