

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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**February 6, 2017**

**County and TSR Renew Mutual Aid Agreement** – Council renewed the mutual aid agreement with the Grande Prairie chapter of Technical Search and Rescue (TSR).

**Canada 150 Grant Program**– Council approved the Canada 150 Grant Program which will allow communities within the County boundaries who plan to commemorate Canada's 150 anniversary of Confederation with a public event, program or legacy event, to apply for up to \$10,000 in funding. The County will be distributing up to \$100,000 in funds for this program. Stay tuned to the County's website at [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) for further information.

**Regional Enforcement Services Year-End Report** – Peace Officer Sergeant Dave Campbell and Sergeant Stuart Fry; RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit Corporal Christina Wilkins; Rural RCMP Detachment Staff Sergeant Kyle Palfy; and GIS Unit Staff Sergeant Mike Lefebvre presented the 2016 year-end reports for the County's Regional Enforcement Services, RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit, and the RCMP Grande Prairie and Rural Detachments to Council. Superintendent of the Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment Don McKenna attended to provide additional support and answer any questions Council had arising from the RCMP report.

**Regional Enforcement Services Report** – A total of 2,856 violation tickets were issued in 2016 of which 94.2 per cent were traffic safety related. Approximately 1,744 complaints were received and investigated.

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

**RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit** – A total of 226 traffic violation tickets and 60 criminal code investigation related to driving offences were issued in 2016.

The unit will continue focusing on a number of infractions such as impaired driving, speeding, seatbelts, school zones, distracted driving, intersection related infractions as well as green space, waterway and other specialized patrols.

Regional Enforcement Services remained active in delivering several crime prevention initiatives such as special events coordinating, various patrols, Checkstops, Rural Crime Watch, and Report-A Drug House; 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.

**Highway to Mexico Firefighting Gear Donation**– Council approved donating two pallets of firefighting equipment for Swan Rotary Club's Highway to Mexico program. The clubs and others have made regular donations of firefighting gear to groups in Mazatlan, Mexico since 2002, when the project began.

**Speed Limit Changes** – Council approved speed limit changes for the following roads in the County:

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- 50 km/hr to 60 km/hr on 102 Street and 156 Avenue in Clairmont
- 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr on 101 Street and 163 in Clairmont
- 50 km/hr to 60 km/hr on 107 Street south of 79 Avenue in Clairmont
- 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr on Range Road 62 from 70 Avenue to 84 Avenue in Clairmont
- 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr on 70 Avenue from Range Road 62 to 104 Avenue in Clairmont
- 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr on Township Road 704A south of Wapiti Heights Estates

**Public Hearings** – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-005 to redesignate 19.05 acres of land located approx. 4 ½ miles northwest of the Hamlet of Teepee Creek, adjacent to Twp Rd 744 and Rge Rd 35 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) to allow for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

**Bylaws** – Council gave Bylaw 2680-16-015 third reading, which allows 17.97 acres of land located within the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Range Road 63 to be redesignated from a Country Residential (CR-5) District to Agricultural (AG) District.

Council gave Bylaw 3058 first reading to borrow \$7,049,000 to grade, base and pave 5.6 km of Township Road 714/Richmond Avenue from Range Road 51 west to Grande Prairie city limits.

**Staff Introductions** – Council and staff welcome Parm Kler and Will Horan to the County. Parm will be working as the Project Support Lead, and Will Horan as a Sign Shop Labourer in the Public Works department.

**Employee Achievements** – Council and staff recognized County staff Deryle Penner for his completion of the Northern Lake College Certificate in Advanced Skills for Leadership; Ed Robles for his completion of the Solid Waste Association of North America's Landfill Operator Certificate; and Kamryn Smith for her completion of the Alberta Water and Wastewater Operators Association Small Water and Wastewater Certificate.

**Next Council meeting will take place on February 27, 2017.**

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