



County of Grande Prairie No. 1

February 6, 2017 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, February 06, 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
- Bob Marshall
- Brock Smith
- Karen Rosvold

4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Dale Van Volkingburgh
- Nick Lapp

6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Westwater

Absent:

3. Council

- Peter Harris

5. Directors

- Dawn Sauv 

CALL TO ORDER

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

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O'Canada.

Staff Recognition

(RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS)

(Issue #20170116004)

Jennifer Besinger, Technical Service Manager, noted the following accomplishments of staff:

- Deryle Penner, Resource Coordinator, received his Advanced Skills for Leadership through the Northern Lakes College.
- Ed Robles, Clairmont Landfill Equipment Operator for successfully achieving his Landfill Operators Certificate from Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA).
- Kamryn Smith, Project and Regulatory Technologist for getting her Small Water and Wastewater Certification with Alberta Water and Wastewater Operators Association (AWWOA).

Public Works Staff Introductions

(RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS)

(Issue #20170130007)

Dale Van Volkingburgh, Director of Public Works, welcomed Parm Kler and Will Horan to the Public Works team. Parm Kler has accepted the position of Project Support Lead and Will Horan has accepted the position of Sign Shop Labourer.

This past year Parm has been working with the GIS/Systems department as a temporary technician. Parm graduated from SAIT with a Bachelor of Geographic Information Systems. He has 4 years of combined experience in Information Technology and GIS.

Will Horan was employed with the County this past summer as our temporary Sign Shop Labourer and is now returning to us as a full-time permanent employee with the approval of this position in the 2017 budget.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #CM20170206.1001

MOVED by B. MARSHALL that the agenda for the February 6, 2017 Council Meeting (2017/02/06) be approved with amendment as presented:

- Item 11.1 - Mutual Aid Agreement for Technical Search and Rescue: advanced to after Adoption of the Agenda.

Carried

Mutual Aid Agreement - Technical Search and Rescue

(NEW BUSINESS)

(Issue #20170112007)

Trevor Grant, Fire Chief, noted that on December 31, 2016 the Agreement between the County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service (CGPRFS) and the Grande Prairie Chapter of Technical Search and Rescue (TSR) has expired. He was in attendance to present the 2017-2021 Agreement for Council's review and signature.

The benefit of this agreement, like that of the agreements we have with our surrounding Municipalities, is that it provides a systematic approach when responding to assist one another as well as indemnification and a clear understanding of each other's responsibilities. Both organizations share the desire to continue working and training together, raising the level of response and capabilities throughout the region.

The CGPRFS and TSR have called upon one and another, trained together and worked together on various incidents throughout the region. Prior to the agreement signed in 2014 there was only a verbal agreement

in place, this meant having to request their services through the RCMP, which caused unnecessary delays.

Resolution #CM20170206.1002

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that the County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service sign the three (3) year Mutual Aid Agreement with Grande Prairie Technical Search and Rescue as presented.

Carried

**MINUTES
APPROVAL**

Resolution #CM20170206.1003

MOVED by H. BULFORD that the minutes for 2017 Interim Budget & 2018 Fiscal Plan (2016/12/06) be approved with corrections as presented:

- Beaverlodge Fire Hall capital grant noted as \$1 million over two years (\$250,000 in 2018 and 2019) and it should be \$500,000.
- Loon Lake Steering Committee should be Saskatoon and Little Lake Steering Committee.

Carried

**BYLAW
2680-17-005/ PT
SE-30-74-3-W6/
BEAIRSTO &
ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERING
LTD./ KURT
ALLAN MCQUAIG
(PUBLIC HEARINGS)
(Issue #20170130001)**

Resolution #CM20170206.1004

MOVED by H. BULFORD that a Public Hearing be held to hear comments regarding the application to re-designate PT. SE-30-74-3-W6 from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District. The Public Hearing commenced at 10:11 a.m.

Carried

Yasmin Aidun, Planner, noted that this application is to amend the County Land Use Bylaw by re-designating 7.71 hectares (19.05 acres) of part of SE-30-74-3-W6 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) to allow for the subdivision of one new lot for residential use. This lot would be the second parcel out of the quarter section. The site has been given a Farmland Assessment Rating of 44%. The topography is described by the applicant as mixed with an open yardsite and a large tree stand. An unnamed creek is present within the proposed lot area in addition to existing infrastructure including an approach (to County Standard) and driveway.

The land uses in the area consists of predominantly Agricultural (AG) with a few Country Residential (CR-5) Districts. The policies set forth in Section 6.0 of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) are most applicable. The application is consistent with the MDP.

Comment received from Alberta Environment: "band of bush running along the east side which may contain a watercourse and wetland... Impacts to any wetland that may be present would likely require a Water Act Approval be in place and compensation paid before any work to construct a driveway can occur... I would recommend this band of bush be assessed by a qualified professional (QWSP)... In general, the act of subdividing land or rezoning it is not in itself a concern. However, the activities associated with development of and operations on the land must comply with existing legislation (Water Act) and associated policy."

Bruce Tattrie, Beairsto & Associates Engineering Ltd., and Mr. McQuaig

were in attendance to speak to the application.

Councillor Smith inquired about the watercourse referenced by Alberta Environment. Mr. Tattrie responded that the driveway is historically pre-existing and was constructed when the first lot was subdivided.

Resolution #CM20170206.1005

MOVED by C. BECK that the meeting come out of Public Hearing at 10:17 a.m.

Carried

Resolution #CM20170206.1006

MOVED by C. BECK that Bylaw 2680-17-005 to re-designate PT. SE-30-74-3-W6 from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) district to be read a first time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20170206.1007

MOVED by H. BULFORD that Bylaw 2680-17-005 be read a second time.

Carried

Resolution #CM20170206.1008

MOVED by K. ROSVOLD that Bylaw 2680-17-005 be given consent for third and final reading.

Carried

Resolution #CM20170206.1009

MOVED by D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-17-005 to re-designate PT. SE-30-74-3-W6 from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

**Richmond Ave
Reconstruction
Borrowing**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20170127007)

Nichole Belcourt, Financial Analyst, was in attendance to present the Richmond Ave Reconstruction Borrowing Bylaw #3058. This project will consist of grade base pave of 5.6 kms of Township 714/Richmond Avenue (Range Road 51 West to Grande Prairie city limits).

Only first reading is required then the bylaw will be advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. During budget deliberations in December 2015, there was a resolution made by Council to borrow \$7,049,000 to do grade base pave of 5.6 km of Township 714/Richmond Avenue (Range Road 51 west to Grande Prairie city limits).

Reeve Beaupre inquired if this project was for a total rebuild and a lift of asphalt. Dale Van Volkingburgh, Director of Public Works, responded that there are some portions of the road that will require the then existing grade to be lower prior to base pave.

Resolution #CM20170206.1010

MOVED BY C. BECK to give first reading to Bylaw 3058 - Richmond Ave Reconstruction Borrowing.

Carried

**Evergreen Park
Signalization
Borrowing**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20170127008)

Nichole Belcourt, Financial Analyst, presented the Evergreen Park Signalization Borrowing Bylaw #3059. This project will consist of installing traffic signals at the intersection of Resources Road and TWP 710.

Only first reading is required then the bylaw will be advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. During budget deliberations in December 2016, there was a resolution made by Council to approve the borrowing of funding for Evergreen Park Signalization at Resources Road and TWP 710 in the amount of \$778,000.

There was considerable discussion on the Bylaw, the annual interest cost to borrow, and previous presentations from Evergreen Park. If Council passes First Reading, Bylaw 3059 would come back to Council for Second and Third Readings on March 13, 2017.

Resolution #CM20170206.1011

MOVED BY C. BECK to give first reading to Bylaw 3059 - Evergreen Park Signalization Borrowing.

Defeated

Resolution #CM20170206.1012

MOVED BY K. ROSVOLD to defer the Evergreen Park Signalization Borrowing project in the amount of \$778,000 to Final Budget deliberations in April 2017 for further discussion.

Carried

**BYLAW
2680-16-015/
PLAN 0422934;
BLOCK 1, LOT 1;
PT.
SE-16-72-6-W6/
BEAIRSTO &
ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERING
LTD./ DRYSDALE**

(BYLAWS)
(Issue #20170131006)

Jeremy Dela Cruz, Planner, noted that the rezoning application was brought forward on April 18, 2016 to amend the County Land Use Bylaw by re-designating approximately 7.27 hectares (17.97 acres) of part of SE-16-72-06-W6M; Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 042 2934 from a Country Residential (CR-5) District to an Agricultural (AG) District to allow for agricultural use.

At the April 18, 2016 Public Hearing, the applicant was looking to amend the parcel (Plan 0422934; Block 1; Lot 1) of 7.27 hectares (17.97 acres) from Country Residential (CR-5) to Agricultural (AG) District. In the Municipal Development Plan it states that all Agricultural Districts must be a minimum of 160 acres. Administration recommended to Council that prior to receiving Third and Final Reading of the bylaw for the rezoning application, the applicant consolidate the lot back into the quarter section. They have complied with the request from Administration and have supplied a new title for SE-16-72-06-W6M.

Resolution #CM20170206.1013

MOVED by D. BEESTON that Bylaw 2680-16-015 to re-designate Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 042 2934; Pt. SE-16-72-06-W6M from a Country Residential (CR-5) District to an Agricultural (AG) District be read a third time and finally passed.

Carried

**Canada 150 Grant
Policy - K13**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170118001)

Christine Rawlins, Manager of Parks and Recreation, was in attendance to present draft Policy K13 to manage the distribution of \$100,000 allocated by Council to celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary of

Confederation.

Multiple federal, provincial and municipal agencies have initiated grant policies to mark Canada's sesquicentennial in 2017. In lieu of a single celebratory event hosted by the County, Administration were directed to develop a new policy to govern the distribution of funds under the County's one-time Canada 150 Grant program. A total budget of \$100,000 was assigned to this grant from the CAP Levy Reserve during the Budget meeting on December 6, 2016.

Upon approval of the Canada 150 policy, the Communications team will immediately launch a County wide awareness campaign and grant applications will open February 15, 2017. The nature of the grant requires an immediate decision rather than deferring it to the March 16, 2017 Recreation Advisory Committee. Input is being requested from Council on the following items within the draft policy to ensure it is representative of the County's vision for this grant:

- Need to define "community";
- Need to determine if the groups will present their applications to Council similar to grant deliberations; and
- Can Parks & Recreation staff develop a spreadsheet with all the group grant requests and make recommendations to Council.

There was considerable discussion on:

- the definition of "community";
- whether subdivisions should be included in the definition of "community"; and
- whether the Canada 150 Grant funding could be used for a permanent (legacy) project for the communities rather than just one-time events, or local project enhancements.

Resolution #CM20170206.1014

MOVED BY B. SMITH to have Parks and Recreation bring back specific criteria for the policy including: applications for capital and improvement projects, removal of "city", "town", and "village" from the definition of "community", and that the applicants must be within the borders of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

There was considerable discussion on the nature of the grant and how it should be used.

Defeated

Resolution #CM20170206.1015

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that the definition of "community" read as "a town, village, hamlet or localized residential area with a minimum of five households or a school or church located wholly within the boundaries of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, including individual County Subdivisions"; and that the Canada 150 Grant funding can be used for capital projects and/or events.

Defeated

Resolution #CM20170206.1016

MOVED BY C. BECK that applicants are not required to make a presentation to Council for their Canada 150 Grant applications.

Carried

Resolution #CM20170206.1017

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that "community" be defined as "towns, hamlet, and villages wholly within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 boundaries.

Councillor Beck made an amendment to include, "community groups that may represent the hamlets". The amendment was accepted as friendly.

Reeve Beaupre spoke in favour of including subdivisions.

Councillor Sutherland made an amendment include "city" in the definition. The amendment was accepted as friendly.

MOVED BY B. MARSHALL that "community" be defined as "town, hamlet, city, village or a recognized community group that represent the hamlet, wholly within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 boundaries".

Council voted on the amended motion.

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that there will be some flexibility with locations and applications because of the size of hamlets.

Defeated

Resolution #CM20170206.1018

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that "community" be defined as "town, hamlet, and village wholly within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 boundaries".

Defeated

Resolution #CM20170206.1019

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that "community" be defined as "town, hamlet, city, and village wholly within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 boundaries".

Carried

Discussion on the events that could be approved for the Canada 150 Grant funding.

Resolution #CM20170206.1020

MOVED BY K. ROSVOLD that the Canada 150 Grant policy include enhanced programs and legacy capital projects, as long as the projects meet the criteria outlined in the draft policy as presented.

Mrs. Rawlins noted that Administration will develop a spreadsheet and present all the applications and recommendations to Council at same time for approval.

Carried

Mr. Miller commented on the gas line fire east of the City of Grande Prairie (Secondary Highway 670 and Range Road 52). The EOC has been activated and because residents could be without natural gas over night, Evergreen Park has been set up as an Evacuation/Warming Centre. There is potential that waterlines could be affected; and Mr. Miller will update Council as more information becomes available.

Resolution #CM20170206.1021

MOVED by K. ROSVOLD that the meeting be recessed 11:29 a.m. for a short break.

Carried

The meeting was reconvened at 11:39 a.m.

**11:30 a.m -
Donation of Fire
Equipment to
Rotary**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20170104010)

CAO, Bill Rogan provided background information on the Highway to Mexico program. The County of Grande Prairie received a request by Felix Seiler of the Swan City Rotary Club, seeking donations of Fire Service equipment for their expedition to Mazatlán, Mexico.

Mr. Seiler and Rick Conrad were in attendance and provided some background on the "Highway to Mexico" expedition. This is the 16th year for the program.

In recent years, the County of Grande Prairie has donated two fire vehicles and 12 pairs of turn out gear to the Rotary group to support their program. The County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service has two pallets of gear available for donation including twenty (20) sets of bunker gear, training manuals, fire hose, and fall protection harnesses. Mr. Seiler and Mr. Conrad thanked the County for the ongoing support for the Highway to Mexico expedition.

Reeve Beaupre and Councillor Bulford thanked the gentleman for their dedication to the program and their ongoing involvement. It was noted that the round-trip will take them about two weeks.

Resolution #CM20170206.1022

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Council approve the donation of two pallets of equipment identified as surplus by Administration to the Swan City Rotary Club for the Highway to Mexico expedition.

Carried

**Recommendations
for Speed Limit
Changes**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170112002)

Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted verbally and on maps presented that Public Works is recommending the following speed limit changes:

- Recommending the speed be changed from 50 km/hr to 60 km/hr on 102 Street and along 156 Avenue and to also be changed from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr on on 101 Street and 162 Avenue.
- Recommending the speed be changed from 50 km/hr to 60 km/hr on 107 Street south of 79 Avenue and to also be changed from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr on RGE RD 62 and on 70 Avenue.
- Recommending the speed be changed from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr on TWP RD 704A just south of Wapiti Heights Estates, speed to resume back to 80 km/hr once past the residential subdivision.

The sign shop staff work diligently to ensure the safety of County residents and the visiting public by following best practices. It was noted that the speed limit changes are a result of a review of internal functionality, rather than complaint driven from County residents.

Resolution #CM20170206.1023

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Council accept the speed limit changes recommended by the Public Works department in Map Appendix 1, 2 and 3 as presented:

- Map Appendix 1 - recommending the speed be changed from 50 km/hr to 60 km/hr on 102 Street and along 156 Avenue and to also be changed from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr on on 101 Street and 162 Avenue.
- Map Appendix 2 - recommending the speed be changed from 50 km/hr to 60 km/hr on 107 Street south of 79 Avenue and to also be changed from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr on RGE RD 62 and on 70 Avenue.
- Map Appendix 3 - recommending the speed be changed from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr on TWP RD 704A just south of Wapiti Heights Estates, speed to resume back to 80 km/hr once past the residential subdivision.

Carried

**SUBDIVISION
TIME EXTENSION
REQUEST -
SE-24-72-6 and
NE-13-72-6 -
PLSUB20150902 -
Crosslink
Leaseholds Phase
4**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170130005)

Approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:

Our File No: PLSUB20150902

Legal: SE-24-72-6 and NE-13-72-6

Name: Helix Surveys for Crosslink Leaseholds

Division: 2

Date Approval Extended to: February 8, 2018

Recommend: **first time extension approval**

The applicant is requesting the subdivision endorsement time extension in order to fulfill the conditions of approval that applies to this subdivision application.

Administration recommends that the subdivision endorsement time extension request be approved.

**SUBDIVISION
TIME EXTENSION
REQUEST -
SE-24-72-6 and
NE-13-72-6 -
PLSUB20150903 -
Crosslink
Leaseholds Phase
5**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170130006)

Approval is requested for the following subdivision time extension request:

Our File No: PLSUB20150903

Legal: SE-24-72-6 and NE-13-72-6

Name: Helix Surveys for Crosslink Leaseholds

Division: 2

Date Approval Extended to: February 8, 2018

Recommend: **first time extension approval**

The applicant is requesting the subdivision endorsement time extension in order to fulfill the conditions of approval that applies to this subdivision application.

Administration recommends that the subdivision endorsement time extension request be approved.

Resolution #CM20170206.1024

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that Administration approve that the subdivision endorsement time extension requests for PLSUB20150902 and PLSUB20150903 on SE-24-72-6 and NE-13-72-6 for Phase 4 and Phase 5.

Carried

**Forestry at the
Legislature Day -
March 7, 2017**

(WORKSHOPS,
CONFERENCES,
SEMINARS)
(Issue #20170201004)

An email has been received from the President and CEO of the Alberta Forest Products Association, inviting Reeve Beaupre to attend the "Forestry at the Legislature" event being held in Edmonton on March 7, 2017.

Last year's Forestry at the Legislature day was a tremendous success. Together, we were able to inform decision makers about the importance of forestry to our communities and the challenges and opportunities that face the sector. This event undoubtedly helped elevate the profile of forestry and forestry communities.

Reeve Beaupre confirmed she was not able to attend the meeting on that date.

Resolution #CM20170206.1025

MOVED BY H. BULFORD that Council approve Deputy Reeve Sutherland or an alternate to attend the "Forestry at the Legislature" event on March 7, 2017 in Edmonton.

Carried

**COUNCIL
MEMBER
REPORTS**

Councillor Smith commented on:

- the water and sewer work in Clairmont, what the developer has done to date, and when Aquatera will be involved;
- Evergreen Park; and
- Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce: noted that the Aquatera connection fee for starter homes is massive (about \$20,000). CAO, Bill Rogan noted that the fee is due to the shift from a land-based to a building-based levy.

Resolution #CM20170206.1026

MOVED by R. SUTHERLAND that the meeting be recessed at 12:04 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

Carried

The meeting was reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

**1:00 p.m. -
Regional
Enforcement 2016
Year End Report**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20170125004)

Dave Campbell, Peace Officer Sergeant, was present to facilitate the Regional Enforcement Services Department 2016 annual reports. Regional Enforcement Services report presented by Sgt. Stuart Fry. Reviewed the highlights and events from 2016. Discussion on the AFRCCS radio system and whether it would help reduce the dispatch time for the area. Sgt. Fry responded that there are some areas that will go to a central hub, but he is not certain if it will reduce the dispatch time. Regional Pound figures were also included in the agenda package. Reeve Beaupre inquired about the amount of charges and fines collected. Sgt. Fry noted that they cannot always enforce the payment of fines; and that if people have been picked up because of any additional warrants, they are able to collect at that point.

Discussion on an update from the SPCA. Mr. Miller noted that the SPCA is still working on their business plan, but we should have something back

by the end of the month, or early March. The Humane Society has communicated with them to determine their future plans, and have committed to continuing with assistance until the plan is finalized.

RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit report by Cpl. Christina Wilkins. Reviewed the RCMP Year-End Report. Positive comments on the increased waterway patrols. Councillor Smith inquired if there has been a benefit to having the additional Enhanced RCMP Member housed in the City. The Detachment Commander will respond during the following presentation from the RCMP Commander.

Councillor Sutherland provided positive feedback from his residents on the increased RCMP presence on the Correction Line as well as in his Division. He also noted that residents are becoming more comfortable giving tips and providing information to the RCMP. Reeve Beaupre also provided positive feedback from the residents in her area on the increased Greenspace and Park patrols, especially in areas like the Dunes.

RCMP Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge Rural report presented by S/Sgt. Kyle Palfy and S/Sgt. Michael Lefebvre. There is a consistent drop in crime types throughout the 2016 year in comparison to previous years. Reeve Beaupre inquired about whether cost recovery is done when Enhanced Members are dispatched to assist other municipalities (ex. Peace River). S/Sgt. Palfy responded that policing resources are borrowed from various different municipalities and not done as cost recovery because in the event assistance was needed in the County, surrounding members would be dispatched to assist here as well.

CAO, Bill Rogan commented on whether the RCMP Member working with the Horse Lake First Nation was an Enhanced position. S/Sgt. Palfy responded that they are a regular member of the Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment and they are working on improving relations and increasing the RCMP presence at Horse Lake by visiting the area one day each week.

Councillor Marshall inquired about the only crime statistic that continued to increase in 2016 (sexual assaults), and whether the Members could comment on the increase. S/Sgt. Palfy responded that they are generally isolated incidents, there are a couple historic files included in 2016 because the reporting was done in 2016; but he cannot speak specifically to a reason for the increase in those types of crimes.

**1:45 p.m. - Report
from RCMP
Detachment
Commander**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20170123002)

S/Sgt. Mike Lefebvre, Officer in Charge, GIS Unit, and S/Sgt. Palfy, Officer in Charge, Rural Operation, reviewed the statistics for Criminal Code activities from 2012 through 2016. The report from the County Crime Reduction Unit (CRU), and a report from the Plain Clothes officer, Constable Carlos Da Ponte (GIS), were attached to the agenda package for review.

The General Investigations Section (GIS) and Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) units are active in assisting in the ongoing ALERT activities in the

area. Currently the ALERT team is not at a full compliment because of various transfers of members. S.Sgt. Palfy noted that if Council or their residents have any specific crime-related issues they can call Crime Stoppers, the RCMP Complaint Line, or 911 and one of the Rural RCMP Enhanced Members will follow-up on the call. Reeve Beaupre commented on illegal activities in the Dunes and along the Wapiti River; S/Sgt. Palfy responded that AESRD have been specifically dealing with offenders who are using the forest lands improperly.

Councillor Marshall inquired when the K9 units will be receiving the training to detect fentanyl. S/Sgt. Lefebvre responded that all of the RCMP K9 units in the province will receive that training, but he does not have the timeline for completion. It was also noted that all officers have received training on how to handle air-borne fentanyl; and they have been given medication that will counteract any exposure.

Mr. Miller introduced Deborah Durban and Kim White, Regional Enforcement Administrative Assistants, who were in attendance because they have now received the security clearance to provide CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre) information and support to the GIS, CRU and other Enforcement units. They have also been assisting in various ongoing investigations with the RCMP.

Councillor Rosvold thanked the Enhanced RCMP Members for the ongoing work they have done in her Division.

Superintendent Donnan McKenna was in attendance and commented on the General Investigations Section (GIS) and Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) and provide an update on the next Enhanced position for the County. He responded to Councillor Smith's previous question of whether there was a benefit to having the GIS member in the City by noting that the Enhanced RCMP Members are of great value for the GIS/Drug units. Because of the additional resources, property crime rates have seen reductions.

Superintendent McKenna also noted that the majority of crime is related to addiction problems. A Methadone clinic has now opened up in Grande Prairie and having a dispensary located in the area will help reduce the severity of addiction problems, and hopefully the amount of drug-related crimes. He also commented on a stronger fentanyl that has not made it into our area yet, but there have already been four (4) deaths confirmed in the province. Fentanyl is now cheaper, more easily accessible, and easier to take than many other street drugs.

Councillor Smith inquired if there is a market for stolen vehicles in the area. Superintendent McKenna responded that offenders typically steal vehicles in order to drive them around and use them to commit other crimes (ex. F-350 truck will be smashed into a closed store to steal an ATM machine or other property).

Superintendent McKenna noted that efforts are underway to organize a Regional Emergency Services Ball in conjunction with County of Grande

Prairie Regional Fire and Enforcement Services, Regional EMS, and City of Grande Prairie Fire and Enforcement Services. This will be done in coordination with the various Canada 150 Anniversary events. Council thanked the various Enforcement and RCMP Members for their presentations which concluded at 2:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL
MEMBER
REPORTS**

Councillor Rosvold attended and commented on:

- Strategic Priorities Planning Session at Evergreen Park;
- Farmtech Conference - speaker on GMO's and that there are positives;
- meeting with Chamber of Commerce; and
- La Glace has entered the Big Valley Jamboree Hometown Concert contest and are currently in first place. Encouraged everyone to vote online for La Glace.

Councillor Beck attended and commented on the PREDA Meeting and roundtable items that were presented by the attendees at the meeting.

Councillor Sutherland attended and commented on:

- Evergreen Park Board of Directors Meeting;
- meeting with Chamber of Commerce;
- River of Death and Discovery Dinosaur Museum Society Board of Directors is looking for new members. If Council knows of anyone interested, send their contact information to him. The AGM is in April and there will be at least three vacancies on the Board of Directors; and
- met with Dr. Phil Currie in Edmonton where he commented on some new exciting discoveries in our area.

Councillor Beeston had nothing additional to report.

Councillor Bulford attended and commented on the ribbon cutting for the new Hampton Inn and Suites hotel in the City.

Councillor Marshall attended and commented on:

- Farmtech Conference;
- Strategic Priorities Planning Session at Evergreen Park;
- PAZA Directors Meeting; and
- February 7, 2017 is the WASP Open House beginning at 6:30 at the Wembley Recreation Centre. PAZA will be making a presentation.

Councillor Rosvold noted that she spoke to the Minister of Agriculture at the Farmtech Conference about attending the Farm Family Awards; he is available so may be able to attend the awards ceremony and banquet.

Reeve Beaupre attended and commented on:

- meeting with the Reeves/Mayors of surrounding towns and villages, the Beaverlodge Hospital Task Force members, and Minister Sarah Hoffman. They reviewed the actions and gave her a tour of the

hospital to showcase the necessary upgrades.

- Mayors and Reeves Meeting for upcoming AAMDC Zone Meeting. Received an email from Tom Burton that Minister McQuaig-Boyd cannot attend, so Minister Hoffman set up a meeting with the Northern Reeves. Meeting is on Thursday, February 9, 2017 in the afternoon in Rycroft at the AG Society building. Councillor Sutherland and Reeve Beaupre are unable to attend. Councillor Rosvold commented that she will attend the Northern Reeves Meeting on behalf of the County.

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that there are also two Catholic Separate School openings scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2017. Councillor Beeston will attend the school openings on behalf of the County.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CAO, Bill Rogan had nothing additional to report.

Mr. Van Volkingburgh attended and commented on:

- Presentation Skills Training workshop;
- Public Works is reviewing road bonding for spring works as there are concerns with approaching spring roads bans. Already getting requests on the ability to bond some roads and there will be some policy changes coming forward to Council shortly.
- Working with various energy groups on Dust Control and determining cost sharing based on each companies amount of road use.
- STIP applications were due on Friday and have submitted applications for bridge work and Lake Saskatoon Overlay project. First callbacks will be coming soon.

Reeve Beaupre inquired about the Alberta Transportation presentation in regards to the Highway 2 Corridor; and wondered who to engage in regards to the phone calls and questions about feedback and direction received from residents. Mr. Lapp responded that the consultants will compile input from the Open House then provide a summary report and technical review to the Committee. The report would come to Council and any action would be taken from there. Meetings with the Minister have been requested for the next AAMDC Conference in March.

Mr. Lapp commented on the application to the Community and Regional Economic Support (CARES) Grant program done in December 2016 and have received confirmation of funding for the County's Growth and Economic Development Strategy. Had applied for \$180,000 but they could not verbally confirm the amount the County will receive. As information is available it will be brought to Council.

Reeve Beaupre noted that NADC has pulled candidate selections from Grande Prairie and Whitecourt; and that the Board of Directors at GPRC are still waiting on their appointments as well and their Chair's term is almost up.

Mr. Miller commented on:

- new operator for Players Bench Lounge, with expanded menu and hours, should be open shortly.
- Engineering report on Dunes Fire Hall: received preliminary report and will bring back that report as well as the status report of the other County fire halls at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20170206.1027

MOVED by B. MARSHALL that the meeting adjourn at 2:47 p.m.

Carried

These minutes approved the _____ day of _____ 2017.

Reference # _____

REEVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR