

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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January 23, 2017

Aquatera Update – Aquatera Utilities CEO Bernd Manz presented the 2017-2018 Business Plan as well as the proposed updates to the Utility Rates Bylaw 3057 to Council.

The updated Utility Bylaw would include an increase to water and wastewater rates of an additional \$9.50 per month over 2017 for customers in Clairmont, which would take effect on March 31, 2017. The rate increase would accommodate the current and future growth in the Clairmont area. The increase will help cover costs for required upgrades including the construction of the Clairmont Lagoon Discharge Project

Council gave Bylaw 3057 first reading and requested more information be brought back about the proposed rate increase, as well as the amount of money that Aquatera would be investing in the County portion of the wastewater line versus all other communities connected to the line.

Bylaw 3056 – Council gave Bylaw 3056 first reading to allow the service road plan 013350 located within NW-11-72-5-W6M, 1 ½ miles east of the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Hwy 43 and Rge Rd. 52 to be closed and consolidated back into the quarter section. The bylaw will now be forwarded to Alberta Transportation for Ministerial approval.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-001 to redesignate 4.72 acres of land located three miles south each of the Hamlet of Huallen, adjacent to Twp Rd 712 from Country Residential (CR-2) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-002 to redesignate 10.17 acres of land located five miles east of the City of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Twp Rd 714 from an Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) to allow for country residential use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-003 to redesignate 9.49 acres of land located ½ mile north of the City of Grande Prairie and ½ mile east of Bear Lake, adjacent to Twp Rd 724 and Rge Rd. 70 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) to allow for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-004 to redesignate 3.5 acres of land located five miles northeast of the Hamlet of Teepee Creek, adjacent to Twp Rd 744 and Rge Rd. 32 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) to allow for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Development Permit Application – Council approved the Development Permit Application for Scheduled Auto Racing Events for 2017 for the North Peace Bracket Racing Association (NPBRA) with a number of conditions on Lot B, Plan 822 0528; Pt. NE-27-71-10-W6M. Council also approved the Development Permit Application for Scheduled Auto Racing Events for 2018 for the North Peace Bracket Racing Association (NPBRA) with a number of conditions to be on Lot B, Plan 822 0528; Pt. NE-27-71-10-W6M. Council tabled the Development Permit Application for Scheduled Auto Racing Events for 2019 for the North Peace Bracket Racing Association (NPBRA) until January 2018. The application will be brought back at that time for consideration.

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Council approved International Paper's development permit application with conditions for an additional building to house electrical switchgear for truck chip dumps, which will be located 12 feet away from the Hydraulic Pump Room on the International Paper property. The conditions being that the site follows the site plan submitted; the development complies with the district requirements of the Rural Industrial-Direct Control (RM-DC) District; and the applicant obtains safety code permits to ensure the development complies with the Alberta Fire Code and Alberta Building Code.

Staff Introductions – Council and staff welcomed Geordie Lund and Michelle Rieger to the County. Geordie will be working for the Public Works department as the Spot Construction Foreman, and Michelle will be working for Financial Services as a temporary Financial Analyst.

Letter of Request – Council directed administration to send a letter to Alberta Transportation Minister Brian Mason requesting to meet during the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC) Spring Conference on March 20-22 to discuss intersection improvements on the Highway 43X bypass.

Letter to Aquatera – Council directed administration to write a letter to Aquatera inquiring about what the County's share of the oversized water transmission line to Wembley and tee off at Dimsdale is, as well as inquire about how much the Town of Beaverlodge and the Village of Hythe are contributing to this line.

Next Council meeting will take place on January 30, 2017.

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