

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



An Initiative Designed to Keep YOU Better Informed of Council Decisions and Initiatives

January 30, 2017

Community Ice Facilities – Council approved a process that would allow community groups to apply for up to \$1,000 annually in funding from the Operating Assistance Grant program for permanent Natural Community Ice Rinks in the County, as well as for the recently approved seasonal Neighbourhood Ice Surface program.

Traffic Sign and Speed Reduction Request – A County resident presented a petition to Council on behalf of area residents requesting the speed limit on Range Road 92, north of Highway 43 to Township Road be reduced to 60 km/hr in order to reduce the noise caused by hauling trucks travelling to and from well sites in the area. The petition also included a request that speed reduction signs be installed in the area. Council directed administration to bring back more information regarding the possibility of changing the bylaw for Jake brakes on certain sections of roads to mitigate noise concerns.

Letters of Support – Council will write a letter to local MP Chris Warkentin in support of Bill C-323. Bill C-323 would create a 20 per cent tax credit for rehabilitation work done on designated heritage buildings and create a three-year accelerated write-off period for spending on these buildings.

Council will write a letter to local MLA Wayne Drysdale seeking his support for a Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) grant for funding assistance to overlay/pave the Saskatoon Lake Park Road.

Council will also write a letter to the Watino Riverboat Association supporting the development of a new boat launch in Watino Park, which would serve as a reliable access point to the Smoky River for Emergency Services and the public.

Letter of Request – Council will write a letter to the Minister of Indigenous Relations requesting that they review the file for the acquisition of land in the name of the County of Grande Prairie.

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Review – Council will submit the County's position to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission for the review of Alberta's electoral boundaries. The County supports maintaining the current boundaries to ensure effective representation.

Staff Introductions – Council and staff welcomed Lisa Watson to the County. Lisa will be working for Family and Community Support Services as the Team Lead for Child and Family Programs.

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week – Council proclaimed May 7-13, 2017 as North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week in the County of Grande Prairie. Participating in NAOSH week demonstrates the County's cooperation and commitment with NAOSH in promoting the important of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home and the community.

Next Council meeting will take place on February 6, 2017.

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