



# County of Grande Prairie No. 1

## January 30, 2017 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, January 30, 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
- Harold Bulford
- Bob Marshall
- Brock Smith
- Karen Rosvold

#### 5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Dale Van Volkingburgh
- Dawn Sauvé
- Nick Lapp, Acting CAO

#### 6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

#### 7. Recording Secretary

- Tatiana Catana

Absent:

#### 3. Council

- Daryl Beeston
- Peter Harris

#### 4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

**CALL TO ORDER  
AND QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

**Staff Introduction  
- Lisa Watson,  
FCSS Team Lead  
for the Child and  
Family Programs**

(RECOGNITIONS AND  
INTRODUCTIONS)  
(Issue #20161222002)

Kathleen Turner, FCSS Director, introduced to Council Lisa Watson - new Team Lead for the Child and Family Programs.

Mrs. Watson worked with both MD of Greenview and the City of Grande Prairie FCSS department. Mrs. Watson started with the County in January and is familiarizing herself with FCSS programs and the team members.

Council welcomed Mrs. Watson to the County of Grande Prairie.

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

**Resolution #CM20170130.1001**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** that the agenda for the January 30, 2017 Council Meeting (2017/01/30) be approved with the following amendment:

- Alberta Electoral Boundaries Review - County Position (#20170127009)

**Carried**

**10:10 a.m. -  
Traffic Sign  
Request**

(DELEGATIONS AND  
APPOINTMENTS)  
(Issue #20161213006)

Dale Van Volkingburgh, Director of Public Works, noted that County of Grande Prairie received a request from a rate payer for a traffic sign to be posted that is a commercial traffic only speed limit sign of 60 km/hr for the 2 km stretch of RGE RD 92 just north of HWY 43 to TWP RD 720.

Mark and Karen Balaski reside on RGE RD 92 and are being impacted by the traffic and noise from trucks hauling to and from well sites in the area. Currently, the primary producer in the area has posted their own speed reduction signs along RGE RD 92.

Mr. Balaski presented Council with their concerns and mentioned that he represents all the residents from the area that signed the submitted petition.

The residents identified in the petition represent all of the resident locations on this 2 km stretch of RGE RD 92. The residents are in agreement that the increased volume of heavy truck traffic related to the oil and gas development has resulted in an adverse effect to the quality of life. The impacts are:

- safe egress and ingress to access the road from their residences;
- safe recreational use on the road for bicycles and walking or running or horseback riding;
- increased noise levels.

There was general discussion on:

- traffic and existing signage;
- Jake breaks;
- enforcement of the speed signs.

Council thanked Mrs. and Mr. Baliski for the presentation.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1002**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** to direct Administration to bring back more information to update the bylaw on Jake breaks with options including section of the roads and also for Administration to bring back information and options on consistency of per km signage on County roads in areas with any type of industrial activity.

**Carried**

**Bylaw 3055 -  
Borrowing Bylaw**  
(BYLAWS)  
(Issue #20161208003)

Dawn Sauv , Director of Corporate Services, noted that Administration requested Council to pass Bylaw 3055 - Borrowing Bylaw in case cash flow is limited during the months of April and May 2017 until the tax revenue is received.

Administration drafts a Borrowing Bylaw every year in the event a situation arises where the County may need to borrow for operating cash flow.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1003**

**MOVED by B. SMITH** that Bylaw 3055 - Borrowing Bylaw to be read a first time.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20170130.1004**

**MOVED by H. BULFORD** that Bylaw 3055 be read a second time.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20170130.1005**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** that Bylaw 3055 be given consent for third and final reading.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20170130.1006**

**MOVED by R. SUTHERLAND** that Bylaw 3055 - Borrowing Bylaw be read a third time and finally passed.

**Carried**

**2017 fRI MPB  
Ecology  
Research Forum**  
(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170116006)

Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, noted that the Mountain Pine Beetle Ecology Research Forum will be held on April 25 and 26, 2017, at the University of Alberta's Lister Conference Centre in Edmonton. The County of Grande Prairie has received an invitation to speak at the 2017 Forum as a panel participant under the broad heading of considering the efficacy of science that will address the question: How do community leaders view the collective effort of scientists in supporting operational decisions for managing and controlling the beetle?

This year, the forum agenda is designed to provide a better opportunity for students to promote their research and engage in meaningful discussion with Forum participants. It also serves as a key opportunity to stimulate discussion under two broad ideas related to science supporting solutions and considering the efficacy of science in controlling/managing the beetle from the stand point of practitioners, scientists, legislative land managers, and community leaders.

The panel is scheduled to be approximately 75 minutes in duration that will allow for four 10-15 minute presentations, followed by a facilitated discussion. The forum organizers suggest that a conference call in mid February be convened to discuss ideas and approaches to the subject and logistics of this panel.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1007**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** that Council agrees to participate on the panel and determine Mr. Arlen Miller as the presenter for the 2017 fRI MPB ecology Research Forum.

**Carried**

**Recreation  
Advisory  
Committee  
Motions**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170110003)

Christine Rawlins, Temporary Manager of Parks and Recreation, noted that two remaining recommendations from the Recreation Advisory Committee listed below require approval by Council by individual motions:

1. Motion by B. Marshall to add Bezanson to the list of communities that receive \$1,000 for Agricultural Fairs from the Community Assistance grant and amend the 2017 Final Budget to reflect this change.
2. Motion by B. Smith to fund natural ice surfaces facilities through the Operating Assistance grant at \$1,000 per year to help cover operating expenses.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1008**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** to add Bezanson to the list of communities that receive \$1,000 for Agricultural Fairs from the Community Assistance grant and amend the 2017 Final Budget to reflect this change.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20170130.1009**

**MOVED by H. BULFORD** that communities with natural ice surfaces facilities can apply through the Operating Assistance grant at \$1,000 per year to help cover operating expenses. - Elmorth, Valhalla, Teepee Creek and Bezanson, and accept Administration's recommendation that natural ice surfaces are here forward referred to as Permanent Natural Community Ice Rinks so as not to confuse with seasonal Neighbourhood Ice Surfaces.

**Carried**

**Resolution #CM20170130.1010**

**MOVED by B. SMITH** that communities with seasonal neighbourhood ice surfaces can apply through the Operating Assistance grant at \$1,000 per year to help cover operating expenses.

**Carried**

**Request for letter  
of support - Bill  
C-323 - Tax  
Credit for the**

Nick Lapp, Acting CAO, noted that Administration received a memo requesting to support Bill C-323 to create a tax credit for restoration of historic places. Bill C-323 creates a 20% tax credit for rehabilitation work done on designated heritage buildings. It also creates a three year accelerated write-off period for spending on this buildings. Build heritage creates cultural value for our communities. It enriches our lives and connects us to our history. Currently, Canada has no policy to

**Restoration of Heritage Properties**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170124001)

help those who spend heavily on this public benefit. With the 150th anniversary of Confederation fast approaching, the adoption of this policy is appropriate.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1011**

**MOVED by R. SUTHERLAND** to direct Administration to write a letter to MP Chris Warkentin to support Bill C-323.

**Carried**

**Request for Letter of Support from Watino Riverboat Association**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170124003)

Nick Lapp, Acting CAO, noted that County of Grande Prairie received a request for a letter of support from Watino Riverboat Association to support their new boat lunch project. Their goal is to build and maintain a reliable public boat lunch in Watino Park, directly adjacent to the Town of Watino, Alberta.

The new boat launch will provide reliable access to the Smoky River for Emergency Services and the public.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1012**

**MOVED by B. SMITH** to write a letter of support to the Watino Riverboat Association to support their new boat lunch project.

**Carried**

**North American Occupational Safety & Health Week (NAOSH) Proclamation**

(NEW BUSINESS)  
(Issue #20170125003)

Nick Lapp, Acting CAO, noted that the Canadian Society of Safety Engineers (CSSE) requested a proclamation of May 7-13, 2017 as North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) week in the County of Grande Prairie. In doing so the County demonstrates its cooperation and commitment with NAOSH in promoting the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace and at home.

The goal of NAOSH Week activities and events is to focus the attention of all stakeholders on this important topic and encourage them to equip themselves with tools, information and knowledge, educate each other with positive attitudes and behaviours that will convey commitment and confidence at work, at home and in the community.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1013**

**MOVED by H. BULFORD** to proclaim the week of May 7 - 13, 2017 as North American Occupational Safety & Health Week in the County of Grande Prairie.

**Carried**

**Fire Smart Community Series Conference - March 7 - 9, 2017**

(WORKSHOPS,  
CONFERENCES,  
SEMINARS)  
(Issue #20170125002)

Nick Lapp, Acting CAO, noted that the 2017 Fire Smart Community Series is taking place March 7 - 9, 2017 at the Westward Centre in Whitecourt.

This conference has not been budgeted for.

At this time there are no conflicts in Council's calendars except the City/County Recreation Committee which is tentative on March 9th.

The FireSmart Community Series brings together municipal and Indigenous community leaders, community planners, fire response

personnel and wild management experts to tackle the complex issue of protecting communities and homes from wildfire. Participants will leave with the tools, expertise and contacts they need to help build a FireSmart Alberta.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1014**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** that those members of County Council that want to attend the Fire Smart Community Series March 7 - 9, 2017 in Whitecourt may attend.

**Carried**

**Action List up to and Including December 19, 2016**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20170119005)

The Action List up to and including December 19, 2016 was presented for review.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1015**

**MOVED by B. SMITH** to direct Administration to write a letter to the Minister of Indigenous Relations Alberta and to the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada requesting them to review and move along the file for the acquisition of the two parcels of land in the name of the County of Grande Prairie.

**Carried**

**Letter from Alberta Transportation**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)  
(Issue #20170124002)

Nick Lapp, Acting CAO, noted that the County of Grande Prairie received a letter from Alberta Transportation regarding HWY 724; County's application to the Alberta Municipal Water and Wastewater Program for Clairmont lift station; HWY 43 initiatives and HWY 40 twinning.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1016**

**MOVED by B. SMITH** to invite Ryan Konowalyk, Regional Director, Alberta Transportation, to speak to County Council prior to the AAMDC Meeting.

**Carried**

**Alberta Electoral Boundaries Review - County Position**

(ADDENDUM)  
(Issue #20170127009)

Nick Lapp, Acting CAO, noted that the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission is undertaking a review of the current constituency boundaries throughout the province. Based on population estimates, the average population for each of Alberta's constituencies should be around 48,884. Under current legislation the population of a proposed electoral division should not vary more than 25% from the provincial average. Administration has prepared a report with suggested County position for Council's review. This report is being proposed to be presented to the Alberta Electoral Boundary Review Commission on behalf of the Council and citizens of the County of Grande Prairie. The significance of proper electoral representation whether it is at the municipal, provincial or federal level is an important concept to the preservation of our democratic principles. It is with this principle in mind that the County has prepared our comments. The County has reviewed the mandate of the Commission and the implementing legislation. The County fully understands that the boundaries of Provincial Electoral Districts must be reviewed and revised from time to time. Moreover, any changes that are contemplated must

have public scrutiny and be open and transparent. It must follow certain criteria that enable fairness and equity to exist particularly in a representation by population democracy.

The County has studied the information provided on the existing population base within each of the constituencies and the variances to the proposed average as required by law. The population of the future ridings must be plus or minus 25% of the average population per riding. This average number was identified as 48,884 persons. Current population estimates for the two Grande Prairie ridings are 57,580 and 56,975 which is approximately 18% and 17% above the Provincial average and within the allowable variance.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1017**

**MOVED by B. SMITH** to support the proposed submission to the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission and to direct Administration to submit the same.

**Carried**

**COUNCIL  
MEMBER  
REPORTS**

Councillor Smith noted that between September 25th and October 23rd there is no Council Meeting and strongly suggested that County Council has to be open for business and proposed to have a Council Meeting on October 16, 2017.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1018**

**MOVED by B. SMITH** to approve an additional Council Meeting on October 16, 2017.

**Carried**

Councillor Smith attended:

- ASB Conference in Edmonton.

Councillor Rosvold attended:

- Library Meeting in Valhalla;
- HWY 2 Corridor Public Open House;
- Grande Spirit Building Committee Meeting;
- Planning Meeting.

Councillor Beck attended:

- ASB Conference in Edmonton;

Councillor Sutherland attended:

- ASB Conference in Edmonton;
- GP Petroleum Association Hangar Dance.

Councillor Bulford attended:

- ASB Conference in Edmonton.

Councillor Marshall attended:

- ASB Conference in Edmonton;
- AGM for Hilltop Residents Association.

Reeve Beaupre attended and commented on:

- Alberta Land Stewardship Act webinar on Conservation Easements
- Divisional road projects.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1019**

**MOVED by R. SUTHERLAND** to add RGE RD 53A to the tender documents for Richmond Road project as a deletable item and to bring back the cost with funding to be determined at the Final Budget Meeting.

**Carried**

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS**

Nick Lapp, Acting CAO attended and commented on:

- HWY 2 Corridor Public Open House.

Dale Van Volkingburgh, Director of Public Works, noted that the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) has now added a new part to the program called Local Municipal Initiative that has to do with park roads. One of the criteria for County's application to Alberta Transportation to provide grant funding for the surface road rehabilitation on RGE RD 81 to Saskatoon Island Provincial Park is to request a letter of support from the local MLA. Administration requires a motion from Council in order to send a letter to Honourable Wayne Drysdale, Grande Prairie MLA, requesting a letter of support for the Saskatoon Island Provincial Park access road.

**Resolution #CM20170130.1020**

**MOVED by R. SUTHERLAND** to write a letter to Honourable Wayne Drysdale, Grande Prairie Wapiti MLA, requesting a letter of support in County's application to Alberta Transportation with regards to the Local Municipal Initiatives Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program for the Saskatoon Island Provincial Park access road.

**Carried**

Mr. Van Volkingburgh commented on:

- crack sealing line painting RFP is out;
- Public Works Committee Meeting minutes and Terms of Reference will be send to the board members for review.



Dawn Sauvé, Director of Corporate Services, noted that she just finished her 2nd residency of the MBA program and thanked Council for the support.

Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, commented on:

- RCMP meeting with Council;
- RFP for the fire engine in out;
- Dunes fire hall;
- SPCA update.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #CM20170130.1021**

**MOVED by B. MARSHALL** that the meeting adjourn at 12:14 p.m.

**Carried**

These minutes approved the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

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REEVE

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR