

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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July 17-18, 2017

Strategic Priorities Chart – Council approved the latest update of the County’s Strategic Priorities Chart, which solidifies the County’s upcoming priorities and outlines how the County will continue to be a progressive, forward-thinking municipality while maintaining its values of safe, viable communities, fiscal responsibility, environmental protection, and effective regional partnerships.

Current priorities include Provincial Electoral Boundary Review advocacy efforts, the County Growth and Economic Development Strategy, the Tri-Municipal Partnership Project, the Enhanced Paving Program, the Transportation Master Plan, and working with neighbouring municipalities to develop Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks and Intermunicipal Development Plans. To view the chart, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/stratplan.

Tri-Municipal Partnership – Council approved \$52,500 in funding for 2017 to go towards the Tri-Municipal Partnership Project. Council also approved the revised map and terms of reference for the project.

The Tri-Municipal Partnership is a partnership between the MD of Greenview, County of Grande Prairie and City of Grande Prairie to explore opportunities to develop a world-class industrial park in the Grovedale area. The project will promote healthy regional economic growth by attracting investment and infrastructure development, being competitive on the global stage, and showcasing the region’s diversity. This partnership promotes shared goals between the participating municipalities, while supporting each municipality’s autonomy and perspectives.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-023 to amend the County Land Use Bylaw by proposing a textual amendment to Section 40: Beaverlodge Airport Direct Control District (BA-DC). The North Peace Bracket Racers Association (NPBRA) are looking at providing a clearer purpose under the district, amending the list of discretionary uses, and revising the development regulations.

The proposed amendments would allow the NPBRA to apply for difference uses on site including daily business operations on the lot, site and equipment rentals, advertising on site, required maintenance and camping and RV storage. Other proposed amendments including the addition of 11 new discretionary uses and more leniency and the removal of any unnecessary regulations in the district that are already governed under other jurisdictions such as Nav Canada. Council gave the bylaw second reading. The bylaw will return to Council Meeting on August 14, 2017 for third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-021 to replace the existing Section 38: Village Centre Mixed Use District (MU1) and Section 39: MU1 Design Guidelines, within Land Use Bylaw 2680 with an updated Section 38: Downtown Centre Mixed Use District (MU1). The name of the MU1 District would change from Village Centre Mixed Use to Downtown Centre Mixed Use to reflect the intent of the Clairmont Heights Downtown Area. This proposed change will foster a sense of character in the area, facilitate streetscape activity and establish a destination where people want to live, work and play. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

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Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-022 to redesignate 10 acres of land located approx. 4 ½ miles south west of the Hamlet of Lymburn and adjacent to Rge Rd 131 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 3068 to close and consolidate a portion of a road located half a mile north of the City of Grande Prairie, east of Bear Lake on NW-19-72-6-W6 and SW-19-72-6-W6. Council gave the bylaw first reading. The bylaw will be forwarded to Alberta Transportation for Ministerial approval.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-024 to redesignate 18.6 acres of land located approx. 5 miles south of the Hamlet of Dimsdale and adjacent to Rge Rd 74 and Twp Rd 704. Council recessed the application to the August 21, 2017 Council Meeting.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-017-025 to redesignate 311.58 acres of land located 3 ½ miles south east of the Demmitt area, adjacent to Rge Rd 125 and Rge Rd 130 from Agricultural (AG) District to a Rural Industrial – Direct Control (RM-DC) District to allow for industrial development. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Bylaws – Council gave Bylaw 3066 third reading to close and lease 1st Street East located within part of SW-15-74-8-W6M in La Glace.

Council gave Bylaw 3067 third reading to provide for the license of Environmental Reserve Lands to the Aspen Ridge Community Association.

Council gave Bylaw 2680-16-069 third reading to redesignate 28.43 acres of land located 6 ½ miles east of the Village of Hythe and 8 ½ miles north of the Town of Beaverlodge, adjacent to Hwy 723 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one residential lot.

Employee Introductions – Council and staff welcomed Therron Braseth, Justin Moulun, Colton Dyck, Spencer Galla, Markus Goodhope, Marvin Harder, Brad Waldroff, Spencer Marcy, Braden Lucus, Josee Caron, Andrew Doerksen, Shawn Cameron and Dennis Dyrda to the County. These employees will be working for Public Works in a number of areas including Seasonal Miscellaneous Construction, Spot Construction, Heavy Equipment Operations and the Heavy Duty Mechanic Shop.

Council and staff also welcomed Janice Swanson to the County. Janice will be working for Financial Services as a Data Entry Clerk.

National Health and Fitness Day – Council proclaimed the first Saturday in June as National Health and Fitness Day in the County of Grande Prairie for future years.

Request for Proposals – Council awarded the Request for Proposal (RFP) to enter into a contract with K Shaw & Sons Contracting (2009) Ltd. to perform all required work in the Dunes Fire Station 17 Renovation Projects at a cost of \$591,842.65.

Next Council meeting will take place on August 14, 2017.

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