



County of Grande Prairie No. 1

June 19, 2017 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting

Date : Monday, June 19, 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
- Peter Harris
- Bob Marshall
- Brock Smith
- Karen Rosvold

4. Chief Administrative Officer

- Bill Rogan

5. Directors

- Arlen Miller
- Dale Van Volkingburgh
- Dawn Sauvé
- Nick Lapp

6. Manager of Legislative Services

- Sheryle Runhart

7. Recording Secretary

- Amanda Westwater

CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. with the singing of O' Canada.

Bart Johnson Deputy Chief of

Fire Chief Trevor Grant introduced Bart Johnson as the Deputy Chief of Operations for the County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service.

Operations

(RECOGNITIONS AND
INTRODUCTIONS)
(Issue #20170606002)

Council welcomed Deputy Chief Johnson to the County of Grande Prairie.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Resolution #CM20170619.1001

MOVED by B. MARSHALL that the agenda for the June 19, 2017 Council Meeting (2017/06/19) be approved with the following amendments:

- Mr. Van Volkingburgh added an Addendum to the agenda under In Camera - Land (#20170616014); and
- Mr. Lapp added an Addendum to the agenda under Delegations and Appointments - Grande Prairie Gymkhana Club - Request to Waive Development Permit (#20170617001).

Carried

**10:10 a.m. -
Valhalla
Communities in
Bloom Request
for Street Paving**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20170523008)

Dale Van Volkingburgh, Director of Public Works, noted that a letter was received from Valhalla Communities in Bloom requesting a paved trail from the Viking Centre through to both Highway 59 and Highway 723. Members in attendance were Dave Harder, Chairman, and Mrs. Lawrence, Secretary.

The County of Grande Prairie built the road to the North of the Viking Centre / Church for the purpose of giving the pedestrians a place to walk so as not to be in conflict with Highway 59 and Highway 723. There is a small section of utility right-of-way where a path could be built that would assist in connecting the streets / paths to the Valhalla Recreation Centre costing approximately \$25,000.00. To pave all the roads / paths requested including the construction of a 0.10 km path would be approximately \$233,000.00.

Mr. Harder thanked Council for hearing the request today and for the County's ongoing support for Communities in Bloom in Valhalla. Have received 5/5 blooms for many years and have received other awards and achievements as well. Want to encourage a healthier lifestyle in the community by promoting more walking, but both highways are dangerous so a walking path would be good for public safety. Seniors are also unable to walk on uneven ground and this would help with that. CIB would maintain the trail, clear any debris, clear snow, etc.

There was considerable discussion on:

- whether the current roadway is paved;
- the trail portion from the back of the Valhalla Viking Centre to the easement;
- the \$25,000 option and what work it includes;
- potential to construct a fence on the side of the trail where people reside for safety;
- where the project could be funded from and whether any divisional road bonding funding would be used. It was noted that MR could be used because it is a trail; could also draw from Public Works and

- Parks and Recreation budgets;
- trails in Clairmont were done by the developer, the MR, and other funding as well - not always done with divisional road bonding;
 - other potential routes and roadways that could result in cost savings;
 - what was done in the past and what was proposed to past Council about using the area for bus parking;
 - plans for any connecting roadways in the future. Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that there are no right-of-ways secured to expand lane-ways in Valhalla but there is potential room for growth in the future; and
 - some concerns with the pavement because of younger kids using the pavement as a makeshift "drag strip" and other enforcement-related issues.

Resolution #CM20170619.1002

MOVED BY B. SMITH to construct 0.10 km of gravel path as presented at a cost of \$25,000.00 being funded from Municipal Reserve.

Discussion on the safety for kids traveling on the highway and that neighbours are in favour of the trail system.

Carried

Resolution #CM20170619.1003

MOVED BY K. ROSVOLD to have Administration and Public Works look into the cost of fencing the west side of the proposed gravel pathway in Valhalla and bring back costs for Council's information.

Councillor Marshall spoke against the motion.

Carried

**Proposed
Landscape
Recognition
Program Concept
and Budget**

(UNFINISHED BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170602005)

Baily Lapp, Planner, noted that the proposed Landscape Recognition Program would celebrate a business within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 that met the landscaping standards set out by the County Land Use Bylaw No. 2680. The objective of the program is to encourage and promote higher levels of landscaping cooperation among new and existing County Businesses. Long term, the Planning & Development Department is hopeful that developing a program such as this one; that it will be encouraging and rewarding to commercial and industrial businesses within the County to consistently maintain and develop landscaping into their business plans as an expectation.

The proposed Landscape Recognition Program was brought forward to the Municipal Planning Commission on March 28, 2017, where it was motioned to be brought to a future County Council Meeting for approval and implementation. Mrs. Lapp outlined the proposed concept and budget of the Landscape Recognition Program to Council.

There was discussion on:

- the frequency of the program: 2017 will be the first trial run and it will be advertised early in subsequent years;
- using the program as a positive approach to enforcement of landscaping in industrial areas;

- whether the recognition could be displayed on the property rather than just receiving a plaque (ex. banner given to the business to display);
- giving all businesses who have participated in the program acknowledgement for their participation (ex. window clings); and
- whether any other municipalities have a similar program.

Resolution #CM20170619.1004

MOVED BY D. BEESTON that the proposed Landscape Recognition Program be approved as recommended.

Carried

**Request for
Feedback from
Provincial
Minister of
Indigenous
Relations**

(NEW BUSINESS)
(Issue #20170612002)

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that a letter has been received from Honourable Richard Feehan, Provincial Minister of Indigenous Affairs, thanking the CAO and Deputy Reeve Sutherland for attending the meeting on April 26, 2017 regarding the renewal of the Government of Alberta's Consultation Policy with First Nations on Land and Natural Resource Management, 2013 (Policy) and associated Guidelines, and the Enhanced Consultation Capacity Initiative (ECCI).

During the meeting they discussed the concerns the Indigenous Affairs Department has heard so far from the majority of First Nations, such as insufficient consultation capacity, the interpretation of Treaty rights, short timelines and inflexibility of the consultation process, economic benefits from development, how consultation is assessed, site visits, cumulative impacts, dispute resolution, and a greater role overall for First Nations in the consultation process. They met with industry and municipal stakeholders on April 24 and 26, 2017 as well, and they stated more regulatory alignment between the Aboriginal Consultation Office and the Alberta Energy Regulator is required to create more efficiency and predictability both for industry and First Nations.

The Indigenous Affairs department is asking for further feedback from stakeholders in regards to the above-noted matters, as well as advising of any other concerns, or processes that are working well. A formal written submission further detailing any feedback is encouraged by July 1, 2017 to fncrenewal@gov.ab.ca.

There was discussion on what is currently done, and what could be done better in the future. The County's main relationship is with the Horse Lake First Nation. It was noted that AAMDC will be presenting a paper outlining various concerns.

Resolution #CM20170619.1005

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND to send a response letter back saying that the County will defer any comments until after there has been further consultation done with AAMDC, in regards to providing feedback to the Provincial Minister of Indigenous Relations.

Carried

**FRIAA FireSmart
Grant awarded -
Bear Creek
Phase 1**

(INFORMATION ITEMS)
(Issue #20170602010)

Arlen Miller, Director of Community Services, noted that the County of Grande Prairie has been advised by FRIAA that their proposal for Phase One of the Bear Creek project area has been approved for funding in the amount of \$162,367. The Bear Creek West area is included in the Wildfire Mitigation Strategy as the top priority for thinning and vegetation management, after the completion of the Dunes - Aspen Ridge area. This area represents a very high risk to property along Bear Creek. The creek's path would act as a "wick" to bring wildfire straight up into the rural subdivisions of the County and then into the City.

The total area to be thinned is 68.8 hectares and the project was broken into phases to meet FRIAA's funding criteria. Phase 1 is 26.43 hectares which requires mostly hand-falling due to the creek buffer zone (no-equipment allowed).

FRIAA's contribution is \$162,367, and the County is contributing \$40,750 (funded through previous grants and in-kind contributions).

**Grande Prairie
Gymkhana Club -
Request to Waive
Development
Permit**

(DELEGATIONS AND
APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20170617001)

The addendum was added at the Adoption of the Agenda. Ms. Jan Gass was in attendance to speak to the request.

Mr. Lapp noted that the Grande Prairie Gymkhana Club will be applying for a Development Permit for two seacans for storage purposes, and a timing tower for beside their horse ring at Evergreen Park. The application fee will be \$500.00 and the Grande Prairie Gymkhana Club would like Councils consideration on waiving the development permit fees. It is recommended by administration that the development permit fees be waived for this application.

Resolution #CM20170619.1006

MOVED BY C. BECK that the Grande Prairie Gymkhana Club's development permit fees in the amount of \$500.000 be waived for their application for two seacans for storage purposes and a timing tower.

Carried

**COUNCIL
MEMBER
REPORTS**

Councillor Marshall attended and commented on:

- WASP Open House: about 100 people attended including 65 landowners; presentation from Alberta Surface Land Rights; and
- County East Road Tour.

Councillor Harris inquired who residents that are concerned with reassessments done on their land are supposed to contact. CAO, Bill Rogan noted that any concerns with assessments should be directed to Barry Donovan, Chief Assessor, or the Assessment Department.

Councillor Bulford had nothing additional to report.

Councillor Beeston attended and commented on:

- GP Sport Council Try It Day;
- County East Road Tour; and
- FCSS 50th Anniversary Picnic at Saskatoon Lake Hall.

Councillor Smith attended and commented on:

- County East Road Tour;
- FCSS 50th Anniversary Picnic at Saskatoon Lake Hall; and
- La Glace Ag Society Arena Ground Breaking.

Councillor Rosvold attended and commented on:

- County Library Board Meeting in Valhalla;
- La Glace Ag Society Arena Ground Breaking;
- La Glace Ag Society has received a Canada 150 grant for a fireworks show; and
- tenders are in for the La Glace Arena project, and Committee will be awarding contact in the next few weeks. The shell of the building should be completed by Christmas 2017.

Councillor Beck attended and commented on:

- County Library Board meeting in Valhalla: noted that libraries can also be nominated for awards (not just individuals) and that the Elmworth Library is doing tremendous work given its size;
- Grande Prairie and Area Joint Recreation Committee meeting: want to hire an Executive Director or Assistant for the Committee; and
- Lakeview Senior's Complex tour with Council. Discussion on taking a resolution to AAMDC in the fall speaking to Senior Housing Authorities being able to borrow from the Alberta Finance Authority. It was noted that Councillor Harpe had previously brought this resolution forward, but Council is not sure if it is still on the floor.

Councillor Sutherland attended and commented on:

- WASP Open House: commented on the good presentations provided;
- La Glace Parade;
- FCSS 50th Anniversary Picnic at Saskatoon Lake Hall;
- tour of Lakeview Senior's Complex (only about 30% full right now);
- commented on the amount of visitors to the Dinosaur Museum this year; and
- spoke to Mr. Miller about the Cemetery clean-up.

Councillor Marshall noted that he spoke to Tim Powell and they are so overbooked at the museum that they cannot get all the school programs in.

Councillor Smith commented on the Cemetery Grant and what is done in Hythe. CAO, Greg Gayton noted that Hythe puts \$3500/year in a reserve to address the cemetery, and have also increased the plot fee to \$100. The Village of Hythe would like the Cemetery Grant to be able to go towards operations or capital expenses. Discussion on the grass being ahead this year and hearing complaints about cemetery and subdivision mowing being behind.

Reeve Beaupre attended and commented on:

- interview with Eastlink television on "What Canada means to me";
- opening reception and conference for 55 North;
- will be beginning the next phase of the County's photo contest soon;
- ARPA has put out the nominations for annual Parks and Recreation Awards;
- Community Readiness Group Meeting hosted by the GP Chamber of Commerce: commented on gaps in transportation (transit to and from hospital, as well as parking); and that if the City is doing a Transportation Master Plan they should be involving the County; representatives from GPRC and AHS also attended.
- Grande Prairie and Area Joint Recreation Committee meeting;
- FCSS 50th Anniversary Picnic at Saskatoon Lake Hall: very well attended, thanked FCSS for the great job done; and
- this week is Pride Week: various activities being held in the City this week/weekend; first annual Pow Wow in City this year, with plans to have it at Evergreen Park next year.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CAO, Bill Rogan noted that the County's Community Open Houses are this week; and the Aquatera Annual Shareholders Meeting is tomorrow night.

Mr. Van Volkingburgh commented on:

- spot construction should be done by end of the week - RR 74;
- micro-surfacing done in Sandy Ridge; now starting on Pine Valley road;
- County Road Tours: bring any suggestions to him for next year's tours. Want a larger bus with a PA system next year.
- main gravel haul started in Metcalf pit last week; and
- noted that in the Public Works bullpen there is a monitor on the wall that contains all the contract start dates.
- Councillor Marshall inquired about the spot construction carryover from last year. Mr. Van Volkingburgh noted that those projects are in the RFP state for pricing consistency. Project on RR 111 is being worked on right now. Will get day labour pricing back soon and then start the projects (missed about 4-5 from last year).
- Reeve Beaupre commented on the last phase of the Dunes trails and that there are water issues because the trail is lower than the ditches and road surface. She inquired if the County had signed off on the final acceptance. Mr. Miller responded that he heard about the water issues and will check to see if it is signed off on. He noted that Jim Hammond was involved in the project as well, and that himself and Mr. Lapp will bring the information back to Council.
- Councillor Sutherland noted that residents of Richmond Hill Estates want walking trails into Grande Prairie and inquired if the County has ever discussed that with Alberta Transportation. CAO, Bill Rogan responded that Alberta Transportation will not allow trails in their right-of-ways unless under special circumstances, and that the residents should be sending a request letter to the County who will

facilitate any further conversations with Alberta Transportation or any other stakeholders. The County would have to acquire the additional right-of-ways if we were running trails from the west.

Mrs. Sauvé had nothing additional to report. Reeve Beaupre inquired how many residents had paid their property taxes to date. Mrs. Sauvé responded that tracking is not done until the last 2 weeks of June, but it has been quiet so far. The Finance Department is ready to do extended hours and already have the cash office set up to accept cash payments. Received many calls from people in the Clairmont corridor as there have been significant improvements done to many areas so that increased their property values and taxes.

Mr. Miller noted that the highway and ditch mowing in Clairmont will be done by the County's Agriculture Department because Alberta Transportation won't be here to mow until late summer. Agreement has been made that County AG will mow, and Alberta Transportation will deal with the garbage clean-up.

Land

(IN CAMERA)

(Issue #20170612001)

Resolution #CM20170619.1007

MOVED by B. MARSHALL that the meeting go in to In-Camera, at 11:44 a.m., pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, and Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter F-25 and amendments thereto, to discuss Privileged Information with regards to the Land.

Carried

In Camera - Land

(IN CAMERA)

(Issue #20170616014)

Resolution #CM20170619.1008

MOVED by B. MARSHALL that the meeting come Out-of-Camera at 12:23 p.m.

Carried

Resolution #CM20170619.1009

MOVED BY R. SUTHERLAND that the County provide a letter of support to Parks and Recreation for the individual discussed In Camera.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #CM20170619.1010

MOVED by P. HARRIS that the meeting adjourn at 12:25 p.m.

Carried

These minutes approved the _____ day of _____ 2017.

Reference # _____

REEVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR