

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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June 26, 2017

Funding Requests – Laura LaValley and Rick Friesen of the Bezanson Agricultural Society made a request for an additional \$350,000 in bridge financing and \$350,000 in grant funding for the development of the new Regional Community Cultural Centre. Council approved \$175,000 over 2017 and 2018 to fund the project as well as directed administration to work with the Bezanson Agricultural Society to identify additional sources for bridge financing. This will bring the County's total contribution to \$2.19 million for this project

Council approved a contribution of \$25,000 to go towards the Wembley & District Agricultural Society to have a Feasibility Study completed for the Wembley Recreation Centre. The study will include an assessment of the structural integrity of the building, a concept design for upgrades and additions, and a construction cost estimate.

Clairmont Transit – Council directed Administration to continue looking for options to have a public transit system in the Hamlet of Clairmont and ensure that the implementation of transit is included in upcoming Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) discussions with the City of Grande Prairie. The County sees the benefit of collaborating on transit with the City of Grande Prairie with the County absorbing any associated costs.

Council will also write a letter to Alberta Infrastructure requesting an extension on the GreenTRIP grant funding deadline; and a letter to the City of Grande Prairie to start discussions on the ICF as required by the Province.

Regional public transportation was identified as a critical issue in the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Gap Analysis report.

Aquatera Utility Bylaw 3070 – Council gave the County Aquatera Utility Bylaw 3070 third reading with amendments.

Sponsorships – Council approved the following contributions:

- \$5,000 gold sponsorship for the 2017 Kids Zulu Challenge taking place on August 26-27 at the Crosslink County Sportsplex
- \$1,000 bronze sponsorship for the Big Lakes Regional Charity Golf Tournament
- \$1,000 sponsorship for the Mackenzie Regional Charity Golf Tournament
- \$500 game day sponsor for the County Brewers Baseball Team

Communities in Bloom Funding – Council approved a contribution of \$1,000 to the Communities in Bloom committee in Clairmont.

Bridge Replacement Tenders – Council awarded the tender for the replacements of bridges BF.71051 and BF.5040 for \$477,707.80 and bridges BF.72462 and BF.76070 for \$429,370.60 to MPD Oilfield Services Ltd.

Beaverlodge Shop Addition Tender – Council will be resubmitting the tender for the Beaverlodge Shop addition in the fall for 2018 budget as all bids for the tender were over the allotted budget.

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Sanitary Sewage Lagoon Desludging Tender – Council awarded the tender for the sanitary sewer desludging of the Bezanson and La Glace lagoons to Taber Solids Control for \$279,000.

Next Council meeting will take place on July 17, 2017.

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