

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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May 15, 2017

**County Awards Operating Assistance and Cemetery Improvement Grants to Community Groups** – Approximately \$183,078 in operating assistance grants and \$51,700 in cemetery improvement grants have been awarded by the County of Grande Prairie to numerous non-profit organizations and volunteer groups and \$683,785 in grants to 31 sports, recreation and cultural facilities to cover utility expenses. See media release, **County Awards Operating Assistance and Cemetery Improvement Grants to Community Groups** at [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca).

**County 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. To view the chart, visit [www.countygp.ab.ca/stratplan](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/stratplan).

**Proclamations** – Council proclaimed May 30-June 4, 2017 as Grande Prairie Stompede Week and June 5-11, 2017 as Seniors Week in the County of Grande Prairie.

**Crosslink County Sportsplex Cheerleading Room** – The County will be providing \$36,250 to go towards constructing a Cheerleading Room at the Crosslink County Sportsplex. The Cheerleading Room will be leased by Adrenaline Athletics, a competitive cheerleading club who has committed to contributing \$23,000 for the installation of special flooring for the room.

**Public Hearings** -- Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-012 to redesignate 3.76 acres of land located 1 mile south of the Hamlet of Demmitt, adjacent to Rge Rd 132 from Agricultural (AG) District to Intensive Recreation (IR) to allow for the subdivision of one recreational lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-013 to redesignate 21.98 acres of land located 8 ½ miles south west of the Village of Hythe, adjacent to Rge Rd 112 from Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of two residential lots. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-014 to redesignate 10.25 acres of land located 5 ½ miles north west of the Hamlet of La Glace, adjacent to Rge Rd 92 from Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one country residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-015 to redesignate 5 acres of land located 6 miles east of the Town of Sexsmith, adjacent to Rge Rd 51 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one country residential lot. The motion was defeated.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-016 to redesignate 15.59 acres of land located 5 miles north west of the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Rge Rd 71 from Country Residential (CR-5) District to a Rural Light Industrial (RM-1) District for proposed industrial use. The motion was defeated.

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**Bylaw 3063** – Council gave Bylaw 3062 first reading to close Road Plan 3206CL located 1 mile south of Saskatoon Lake and adjacent to Township Road 715A. Bylaw 3063 will now be sent to Alberta Transportation for Ministerial approval prior to second and third final reading.

**Employee Introductions** – Council and staff welcomed new and returning seasonal staff Rooke Idell, Lawrence MacNeill and Simon Bossen to the County.

Rooke will be working as the Community Services Customer Services Representative, Lawrence as a summer student for the Assessment department, and Simon as a Planning Intern for Planning and Development Services.

**Aquatera Utilities Update** – Aquatera Utilities Chief Executive Officer Bernd Manz and Chief Operations Officer Jeff Johnson provided an update to Council on projects including the Clairmont Lagoon Discharge project, Hawker Water Transmission Line, Water Line to Wembley, Mercer Hill Reservoir, Clairmont Regional Lift Station and Trunk and the Clairmont Sewer Rate.

**Evergreen Park Update** – Dan Gorman, Evergreen Park General Manager and member of the Grande Prairie Regional Agricultural & Exhibition Society; Rob Clayton, Evergreen Park Board President; and Bridget Hennigar, Evergreen Park Finance Chair updated Council on 2016 and 2017 events, capital projects, budget highlights, and the strategic plan.

**Sponsorships** – Council approved the contribution of a silent auction item for the Beaverlodge Victim Services and RCMP Fun Golf Tournament taking place on June 9, 2017 at Pipestone Creek Golf Course.

Council approved the donation of a \$150 silent auction item for the Grande Spirit Foundation Golf Tournament.

**Next Council meeting will take place on June 12, 2017.**

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