

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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October 16, 2017

AAMDC Long Service Recognition – Division 7 Councillor Brock Smith was recognized by the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) through a presentation by District 4 Director Tom Burton for over 25 years of service in municipal government. Council also congratulated and thanked Councillor Smith for his dedication to the County. Councillor Smith is retiring after 28 years of service.

Landscape Recognition Program Review – Nick Lapp, Planning and Development Services Director presented the outcomes of the Landscape Recognition Program, which ran over the summer. Some of the outcomes of the program included recognizing participating businesses who comply with the County's Land Use Bylaw; as well as social, economic and environmental benefits to the participating organizations and the County as a whole.

Council commended staff for their collaboration with several departments in ensuring the first year of the program's success. Council also approved the suggested changes made by the Landscape Recognition Program Committee and implementation of program in 2018 from April to September.

Employee Introductions – Council and staff welcomed Marie Andre Fortin to the County. Marie will be working for Financial Services as a fulltime Customer Services Representative in the Administration Building Front Reception.

Letter to Peace Wapiti School Division – Council will write a letter to the Peace Wapiti School Division requesting that they consider a busing program for Westlake and Whispering Ridge area for the new Whispering Ridge School, which will be opening in 2018.

Sponsorships – Council approved a \$1,500 sponsorship for the Ronald McDonald House Superhero Soiree, which is taking place on October 28, 2017 at the Pomeroy Hotel & Conference Centre in Grande Prairie.

Crosslink County Sportsplex Ice Resurfacer Replacement – Council approved the Crosslink County Sportsplex's request to move the Ice Surfacer replacement to 2018 capital budget for deliberation. The item was originally scheduled for replacement in 2019 but due to ongoing mechanical issues is at the end of its life span.

Road Tenders – Council awarded the following road tenders. These projects are part of the additional \$20 million in road projects last June. These projects will be completed in the 2018 construction season:

- Improvements to the Township Road 704A and Range Road 60A intersection to Wapiti Gravel Suppliers for \$742,393.
- Grading of Range Rad 84 from Highway 43 north for 1.6 km to FMC Contracting Ltd. for \$770,526.
- Grade, base and paving of Range Road 64 from Township Road 710 north for 1.6 km to Wapiti Gravel Suppliers for \$1,203,490.
- Grading of Township Road 730 from Range Road 44 to Range Road 45, grade, base and pave Township Road 730 from Range Road 45 to Range Road 50, and complete a divisional project to Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd. for \$2,972,703.

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North West Clairmont Area Structure Plan – Two County residents from Clairmont and within the area of the North West Clairmont Area Structure Plan (ASP) expressed their concerns with the North West Clairmont ASP. Council directed administration to continue to work with landowners within the plan area.

Next Council meeting, which includes the Annual Organizational Meeting, will take place on October 23, 2017.

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