

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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**September 11, 2017**

**Bylaw 3074** – Council gave Bylaw 3074 to update the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) first reading. The MDP addresses future land uses, policies for subdivision and land use bylaw amendments, the provision of required transportation systems and environmental matters with the municipality in accordance to Section 632 of the Municipal Government Act. The County has had a municipal plan to guide growth since 1982. The MDP has been amended and updated periodically to ensure that it functions as a dynamic and current planning tool. The MDP update was initiated in response to Council's direction as part of Council's Strategic Priorities Chart. Bylaw 3074 will return to the September 18 meeting for further discussion and public hearing.

**United Way Week** – Council proclaimed November 1-7, 2017 as United Way Week in the County of Grande Prairie.

**Roska DBO Inc. Tree Removal Request** – Administration brought back back the cost estimate of \$11,000 to have select trees removed along Highway 668 between the Roska DBO Inc. property's fence line and the highway. Roska DBO Inc. had requested that select trees be removed due to a high number of break-in's and vandalism events.

Council directed administration to complete public consultations with landowners who will be affected by the removal of trees from the west and east access into the County Industrial Park prior to any tree removal.

**Letter of Support** – Council will write a letter of support for County Administration in their application for a Federation of Canadian

Municipalities (FCM) Sustainable Communities Award for their Landscaping Recognition Program. The awards program celebrates the most innovative sustainability and environmental initiatives in municipalities of all sizes and in all regions across Canada.

**FCM Municipal Asset Management Program** – Council directed administration to apply for a grant opportunity from the FCM Municipal Management Program for Road Condition Assessments. If grant funding is approved, it will cover up to 80 per cent of the County's costs to have road condition assessments complete. Council also forwarded the \$93,000 cost to complete these assessments to 2018 budget deliberations.

**National Joint Powers Alliance Program Pricing** – Council approved the purchase of a 14M Grader with Finning Canada under the National Joint Powers Alliance Program through the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties for \$730,000.

**Request for Engine Retarder Brake Signage** – Council directed administration to look into the request from residents to have No Engine Retarder Brakes signs installed on Highway 59 approximately 2 km west of Highway 2 before the railway tracks and bring back this information to forward to Alberta Transportation.

**Letter to Canadian Nation Rail and Alberta Transportation** – Council will write letters to Canadian National Rail and Alberta Transportation requesting the approach at the railway crossing be repaired on Highway 59 near Sexsmith.

**Next Council meeting will take place on September 18, 2017.**

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