

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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**September 18, 2017**

**Public Hearings** – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-028 to redesignate 9.98 acres of land located 2 ½ miles west of the Town of Beaverlodge, adjacent to Rge Rd 104 from an 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 2680-17-029 to redesignate 2.47 acres of land located two miles east of the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Rge Rd 52 from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District to facilitate a boundary adjustment. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-17-030 to redesignate five acres of land located 6 ½ miles northwest of the Hamlet of Teepee Creek, adjacent to Rge Rd 42 from Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one country residential lot. Council recessed the public hearing until after September 29.

**Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 3074** – Council held the Public hearing for the Municipal Development Plan (MDP). The changes proposed to the MDP were deemed appropriate to rescind the original (Bylaw 2360) and adopt Bylaw 3074 as the new Municipal Development Plan. The Municipal Development 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 MDP update was initiated in response to Council's direction to

review subdivision and land use policies as part of Council's strategic priorities. Through a process undertaken by the County, four key areas of the MDP were presented at the Public Hearing for updating including:

- 1) Farmland Assessment Rating, including the definition of 'better agricultural land' and permitted parcel size and density in the Rural area;
- 2) The opportunity for smaller, more intensive Agricultural parcels;
- 3) Facility Home Occupations and entrepreneurship in the County while ensuring impacts on the infrastructure are mitigated, and
- 4) Recognizing and protecting viewscales within the County.

Following the Public Hearing, Council requested five separate motions to refine the proposed updates to the MDP. Administration will present the proposed refined changes at a future Council meeting and will recommend 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Bylaw 3074.

**Development Permit** – Council approved a development permit on land located 1 ½ miles south of the Town of Beaverlodge, adjacent to Hwy 722 for an accessory building/hangar, outdoor storage, signage, and public, recreational and intensive use.

**Road Closures** – Council gave third reading to Bylaw 3060 to close and consolidate the portion of Road Plan 5883 JY located within SE-26-72-6-W6. Council gave third reading to Bylaw 3063 to close and consolidate remainder of Road Plan 3206CL, within NW-36-71-8-W6.

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**Local Improvement Petition** - Council will take no action on proceeding with the Local Improvement of paving internal roads in Jersey Meadows, as a petition objecting to the Local Improvement was deemed sufficient.

**Tender Award** - Council awarded the project to base and pave Range Road 60 for 5.3 km from Highway 2 north to Township Road 744 to Wapiti Gravel Suppliers for \$3,999,904.59 with an anticipated project total of \$4,612,659.32, which includes construction, engineering, and contingencies.

**Letters of Support** – Council will provide a letter to the Town of Sexsmith in support of their grant application to the Alberta Community Resilience Program for the construction of infrastructure to help protect the Town from potential overland flooding events. Council will provide a letter of support to the Sexsmith and District Museum Society to accompany their grant application to preserve the Sexsmith grain elevator.

**Employee Introduction** – Council and staff welcomed Rooke Idell as temporary Legislative Service Administrative Assistant and Nancy Mayo was appointed as Pest and Disease Inspector.

**Next Council meeting will take place on September 25, 2017.**

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