

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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February 26, 2018

Request for Proposal – Council awarded the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Road Pavement Crack Sealing & Road Pavement Markings Application to Federal Joint Sealing for the Supply & Installation for \$504,958.47.

Appointments – Council approved the appointment of fire guardians to assist the County with issuing Fire Permits during the 2018 fire season as well as educating and informing residents on safe burning practices. Contact information for the fire guardians of each division is available at www.countygp.ab.ca/firepermits.

Presentations – Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce Chair of the Board Cris Seppola-Podsada, Member Services Manager Leah Fujarczuk and CEO Dan Percy presented Council with a plaque to recognize the County of Grande Prairie with 25 years of Membership.

Changes to FCSS Advisory Board Meeting – Council approved the requested meeting change from April 11, 2018 to April 10, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Delegations – Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association President Johnathan Clarkson and Vice President Don Whiteford made a presentation to Council requesting increases of \$.50 per capita in 2018 and again in 2020 to the Destination Marketing Fund (DMF), as well as a \$ 25,000 grant for the Visitor Information Centre. The Grande Prairie Regional Tourism Association is a not for profit society and is the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for Grande Prairie & Region. They work to promote the region as well as operate the Visitor

Information Centre located in Centre 2000 in Grande Prairie. Council forwarded the request for discussion at budget deliberations.

Peace Area Riding for the Disabled (PARDS) Executive Director, Jennifer Douglas and Board Treasurer, Tyla Sevard provided an update on the remaining projects for facility completion. The County has supported PARDS historically by granting them a 20-year lease for their new location as well as additional grant funding to assist in the construction of the new facility.

Telus General Manager for Northern Alberta Brian Bettis addressed the Council's concerns surrounding cellphone service and discussed other programming within the County.

Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation Executive Director Keith Curtis updated Council on the Foundation's fundraising efforts to date and status of the new regional hospital. The primary purpose of the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation is to enhance the quality of health care in the community by raising money for the priority and specialized needs of the Regional Secondary Grande Prairie Regional Hospital. The Foundation plays a critical role in funding essential specialized equipment, major projects, patient care programs and education.

Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd. Senior Director of Capitol Projects Grant Shomody and Project Manager Rob McNeil provided Council with an overview and update on their project in the Wembley area.

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Public Hearing – Council gave third reading to Bylaw 2680-18-004, which 12.59 acres of land located 9.5 miles east of the Town of Sexsmith, adjacent to Rge Rd 44 to be redesignated from an Agricultural District to a Country Residential (CR-5).

Council approved Bylaw 3068 to close and consolidate Road Plan 5485NY, located 0.5 miles north of the City of Grande Prairie and east of Bear Lake, into Pt. NW & SW-19-72-6-W6.

Invitations – Council approved the Reeve or alternate and guest to attend the 15th Annual Paleo Gala on April 13, 2018 at the University of Alberta.

Next Council meeting will take place on March 12, 2018.

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