

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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October 29, 2018

Rural Transportation Pilot Project – Council approved entering into an agreement with the Town of Sexsmith and the City of Grande Prairie for Phase One of the Rural Transportation Pilot Project. The two-year pilot project will officially be operational starting December 5, 2018, with Phase One providing public bus service in the Hamlet of Clairmont and Town of Sexsmith to the City of Grande Prairie. Phase Two of the project will extend the service to the towns of Beaverlodge and Wembley and the Village of Hythe, to the City of Grande Prairie, which will roll out in early 2019.

Council also approved an official name for the service, *County Connector*. Visit www.countygp.ca/connector for more information about the Rural Transportation Pilot Program.

Strategic Priorities Chart – Council approved the latest update of the County's Strategic Priorities Chart, which solidifies future 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 partnerships.

Current priorities include advocating the Province for improvements to area transportation and infrastructure, working with neighbouring municipalities to develop Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks and Intermunicipal Development Plans, developing long-term strategies for road construction projects and infrastructure, reviewing policies for grants and sponsorships and the Rural Transportation Pilot Project. To view the chart, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/stratplan.

2022 Arctic Winter Games – The County has accepted the City of Grande Prairie's invitation to join in submitting a bid for the 2022 Arctic Winter Games. The County previously co-hosted the Arctic Winter Games with the City of Grande Prairie in 2010.

Landscape Recognition – Council presented awards to the winners of this year's Landscape Recognition Program. Nine Energy Service accepted the Best Landscaped Lot Award; Northstar Sharp's Foundation Specialists accepted the People's Choice Award from Council and last year's winner Brandt Tractor. Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/landscapewinners for details.

FCSS Annual Report – Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) presented Council their 2017 annual report, required by the Provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services. The report includes an overview of their programs and services for the community along with a breakdown of their funding sources; the County provided 58% of annual funding in 2017 with 19% coming from the Province.

County Equipment Replacement – Council approved the replacement of six pieces of heavy equipment used by the Public Works department at the cost of \$3,659,349.

Division 8 Road Repairs – Council approved repairs to Range Road 83, north of Township Road 744, during the 2019 Road Construction Season using specific funds allocated to Division 8.

Request for County Support – Leanne Chartrand, the Advisor of Community Affairs for Veresen Midstream requested County support for their letter to Alberta Transportation requesting upgrades to the

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intersection of Highway 43 and Range Road 125. Veresen Midstream owns the Hythe Brainard Gas Plant, which is the main source of heavy traffic at the intersection, and are expecting activity to increase this year. Council approved supporting Veresen Midstream's request to the Province and will also share the cost of a Traffic Impact Assessment, required by Alberta Transportation, for up to \$10,000.

FCSSAA AGM – Councillors Daryl Beeston and Karen Rosvold were appointed as voting delegates for the upcoming Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta's (FCSSAA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Edmonton.

Development Permit Applications – Council approved a Development Permit for the North Peace Racing Association for their 2019 Race Schedule, which includes six schedule race events including six alternate dates in case of inclement weather. This parcel of land, located 1.5 miles south of the Town of Beaverlodge and adjacent to HWY 722, is designated as a Beaverlodge Direct Control (BA-DC) District, therefore all proposed land uses must be approved by Council. The Development Permit was approved with conditions.

Council approved a Development Permit from Tervita Corporation for additions to their facility, including six new wastewater storage tanks and a 16'x40' accessory building. This parcel of land, adjacent to Range Road 85, is designated as a Rural Industrial-Direct Control (RM-DC) District, therefore all proposed land uses must be approved by Council.

Local Non-profit Events – Council accepted invitations to the following upcoming community events:

- A Celebration of Japanese Culture on November 6. This event is part of the Gallery's upcoming Itchiku Kubota exhibition.
- The PARDS Annual Dine and Dance fundraiser on November 3.

Employee Introductions & Recognition – Council and staff welcomed Larry and Betty Douglas as the new Park Hosts at Pipestone Creek Campground.

Next Regular Council Meeting will take place on November 5, 2018.

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