

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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December 16, 2019

Grants for Local Organizations – Council approved over \$2.7 million in grant funding to sport, recreation, cultural organizations and facilities for 2020. More than 55 community groups will benefit through the County’s Major Capital, Capital Assistance and Community Assistance Grant programs. For a complete list of grant recipients and further details, see media release *County Council approves \$2.7 million in grants for local organizations* at www.countygp.ab.ca.

Regional Fire Service Automatic Aid Agreement – Council approved the County entering into a Fire Services Automatic-Aid Agreement with the City of Grande Prairie as part of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) discussions. This agreement would allow 9-1-1 dispatch to quickly access the closest fire resources available when responding to emergency incidents, regardless of whether it is County or City resources, based solely on geographical location rather than municipal jurisdiction the incident is occurring in. This agreement will benefit the Grande Prairie and area by providing more efficient fire and emergency response.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-013 to redesignate 46.72 acres of land located approximately 6 ½ miles north of the Town of Sexsmith and adjacent to Township Road 750 from Agricultural (AG) District to Country Residential (CR-2) District for the subdivision of nine residential lots. Council gave the bylaw second reading. The third and final reading of the bylaw will return to a future meeting for Council decision.

Council Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-045 to redesignate 40.89 acres of land located approx. 1 ½ miles east of the City of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Range Road 53 and Township Road 712 from an AG District to a CR-4 District to allow for the development of 13 residential lots. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-058 to redesignate 22.32 acres of land located approx. 6 ½ miles northwest of the Hamlet of Bezanson and adjacent to Township Road 724A from an AG District to Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow to the subdivision of three residential lots. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-059 to redesignate 5 acres of land located approx. 2 ½ miles north of the Town of Sexsmith and adjacent to Highway 2 and Range Road 55 from an AG District to CR-5 District to allow for the subdivision of one residential lot. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Municipal Reserve Designation removal request – Council approved a request to remove municipal reserve designation from 1.21 acres of land located on Plan 142 1814; Block 3; Lot 1MR; Pt. SE-15-73-6-W6 and 1 mile southwest of the Town of Sexsmith within the Redtail Industrial Park.

Bylaw 3129 – Council approved the fees, rates and charges for 2020/Bylaw 3129. The fees, rates and charges will take effect on January 1, 2020 and will be available at www.countygp.ab.ca/fees.

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Water and wastewater services for County hamlets – Council directed Administration to bring back information to the Finance Committee regarding what the full cost recovery would be for water and wastewater systems in County hamlets.

Aquatera Board of Directors Re-Appointment – Council supported Aquatera’s request to re-appoint Mary Bulmer to a three-year term and Abe Neufeld to a one-year term to serve as a member of the Aquatera Board of Directors. Their appointments to serve on the Board of Directors will commence January 1, 2020.

County Policies – Council approved a new, comprehensive signing authority policy that includes a list of legal and monetary documents requiring authorization as well as authorization requirements such as Council approval, use of the Corporate Seal, and items requiring two signatures.

Council requested further revision regarding the new proposed draft policy for public appointments to boards and committees.

Council Chambers – Council made a motion for an internal committee to examine updating/replacing the audio/visual system in Council Chambers to ensure it is functional.

Meeting Requests with Provincial Ministers– Council will write a letter of request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Kaycee Madu requesting a meeting take place during the Rural Municipalities Association of Alberta Spring Convention taking place March 16-18, 2020 to discuss Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) progress and Assessment models.

Council will also request a meeting with Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Ric McIver to discuss traffic circles at Highway 43X and Range Road 62, care and control of portion of Highway 2 from the City of Grande Prairie limits north to the overpass, Highway 40X West as well as other transportation issues.

Employee Introductions – Council and staff welcomed Stuart Wraight to the County. Stuart will be working for the Planning and Development Services department as a Senior Planner.

Next Regular Council Meeting will take place on January 6, 2020.

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