

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



An Initiative Designed to Keep YOU Better Informed of Council Decisions and Initiatives

**December 9, 2019**

**Engineering Work Moving Forward on Clairmont Arena** – Council approved a quote for \$9,850 from SPA Engineering to complete an engineering study on the Clairmont Arena. The results of this engineering report are expected by mid-January, which will provide the Clairmont & District Agricultural Society and Council with a better idea of what is needed to ensure the safety and integrity of the arena.

On December 3, the County was notified by the Clairmont & District Agricultural Society that they had to close their arena until further notice. The Society, which owns and operates the facility, made the decision to close the arena due to potential safety concerns caused by a leaky roof. County Administration will work with the Society to coordinate the study to take place as soon as possible.

**Retention and Recruitment Strategy for Regional Fire Service** – Administration presented Council with a strategy for recruiting and retaining firefighters, which Council adopted for information. Next, Regional Fire Service will develop a committee of internal stakeholders to review and recommend recruitment and retention activities as outlined in the strategy, and bring an updated draft of the strategy to Council for consideration and support.

Council also approved an updated funding model for retention and recruitment activities at the County Regional Fire Service's three rural stations that are in the hamlets of Bezanson, La Glace and Teepee Creek. Instead of funding for each station based on responses, an annual stipend of \$15,000 will be allocated for retention and recruitment activities to the three stations.

**Use of Crown Land in the Wapiti Area** – Administration provided County Council with options to influence and guide usage of unoccupied crown land south of Highway 668 between Resources Road and Highway 40.

As activity in the area increases, including off-highway vehicle usage, conflicts between user groups have also increased. Council discussed engagement with user groups that took place during the development of the Wapiti Corridor Plan, which was led by the County and City of Grande Prairie along with the Municipal District of Greenview and presented to the Province for approval in 2013.

Council will request that the Province update the 1998 Wapiti Dunes Land Use Zones Plan to reflect changes this area has seen since the original plan was put into place. Council directed Administration to bring back information on a draft bylaw directing proper land usage of crown land in the Wapiti Area.

**Rural Water Supply Master Plan** – Regional Fire Service provided Council with an update on the Rural Water Supply Master Plan. The purpose of the plan is to identify current water sources including standpipes and ponds; analyze areas not currently served by a hydrant or standpipe; and provide informed requests for decision to Council for support.

The next phase of the plan is to analyze the existing data that has been collected and ask residents and businesses to help the County locate water sources and private standpipes that are on their property, that Regional Fire Service may not be aware of.

**Harold Bulford**  
Division 1  
C 780-876-9009  
E hbulford@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Daryl Beeston**  
Division 2  
C 780-933-3464  
E dbeeston@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Leanne Beaupre**  
Division 3  
C 780-814-3121  
E lbeaupre@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Ross Sutherland**  
Division 4  
C 780-512-5385  
E rsutherland@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Bob Marshall**  
Division 5  
C 780-933-2053  
E bmarshall@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Peter Harris**  
Division 6  
C 780-933-3074  
E pharris@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Linda Waddy**  
Division 7  
C 780-897-5609  
E lwaddy@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Karen Rosvold**  
Division 8  
C 780-831-0902  
E krosvold@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Corey Beck**  
Division 9  
C 780-831-6394  
E cbeck@  
countygp.ab.ca

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



An Initiative Designed to Keep YOU Better Informed of Council Decisions and Initiatives

Once complete, Administration will report back to Council identifying where additional standpipes may need to be installed. Using this master plan as a guide to enhance rural water supply will highly benefit Regional Fire Service and improve overall community safety.

**Presentations to Council** – Representatives from the Grande Prairie and District Pipes and Drums presented County Council with a plaque thanking them for their contribution of \$1,000 through an Operating Assistance Grant in support of the group's trip to compete at the World Pipe Band Championships this summer in Glasgow, Scotland.

Representatives from Pembina Pipeline Corporation, along with Women Building Futures, updated Council on their organization, including operations, projects taking place in the County, and community initiatives.

**Sponsorship Requests** – Council approved a \$750 contribution for the Peace Country Beef Forage Association for the 2020 Peace Country Beef Congress being held on January 10-11, 2020 at the Lakota Agriplex in Dawson Creek, British Columbia.

**Seniors and Special Needs Snow Plowing Requests** – Council approved two requests for snow removal from resident driveways through the Snowplowing for Seniors or Special Needs Individuals Program. Residents who are unable to clear their driveway of snow due to health concerns or physical ability can apply to the program, which helps ensure the safety and accessibility of residents.

**Metal Recycling Services Contract Extension** – Council approved extending the County's current agreement with K&K Recycling for an additional two-year term to supply metal recycling services for the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management and the West County Regional Landfill at the negotiated rebate rate of \$35 per tonne.

**Bezanson Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Tender** – Council awarded the tender to complete upgrades to the Bezanson Water Treatment Plant to Norwest Construction & Management Ltd. For \$203,687.08.

**Development Permit Request** – Council approved the development permit application from Pembina Pipeline Corporation for an accessory building on Block 1; Lot 2; PT.NE-7-73-8-W6 with a number of condition including it be developed as per the site plan submitted; the development meets requirements under the Rural Industrial Direct Control (RM-DC) District; compliant with Safety Codes, Alberta Fire Codes and Alberta Building Code; construction debris is contained within an enclosed area and removed within one month of construction completion.

**Landscape Recognition Program** – Council directed Administration to continue the Landscape Recognition Program in 2020. The program celebrates businesses in the County that meets the landscaping standards set out by the County Land Use Bylaw 2680. The objective of the program is to encourage and promote higher levels of landscaping cooperation among new and existing commercial and industrial businesses through recognition and reward.

**Harold Bulford**  
Division 1  
C 780-876-9009  
E hbulford@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Daryl Beeston**  
Division 2  
C 780-933-3464  
E dbeeston@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Leanne Beaupre**  
Division 3  
C 780-814-3121  
E lbeaupre@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Ross Sutherland**  
Division 4  
C 780-512-5385  
E rsutherland@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Bob Marshall**  
Division 5  
C 780-933-2053  
E bmarshall@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Peter Harris**  
Division 6  
C 780-933-3074  
E pharris@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Linda Waddy**  
Division 7  
C 780-897-5609  
E lwaddy@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Karen Rosvold**  
Division 8  
C 780-831-0902  
E krosvold@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Corey Beck**  
Division 9  
C 780-831-6394  
E cbeck@  
countygp.ab.ca

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



An Initiative Designed to Keep YOU Better Informed of Council Decisions and Initiatives

**Letter to Town of Sexsmith** – Council will write a letter to the Town of Sexsmith in response to the letter they received on November 25, 2019 regarding the multi-vehicle accident on Highway 2 near Highway 674 to clarify the jurisdiction responsible for setting conditions to be met as it relates to safety prior to approving developments near highways, which is the Province.

**Letter to Municipal Affairs** – Council will write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting that municipalities are engaged during the review of industrial and linear assessment models.

**Letter to Neighbouring Municipalities** – Council will write a letter to neighbouring municipalities encouraging their members of Council to attend the Intermunicipal Negotiating Committee Meetings to observe the process and hear the discussion in order to facilitate meeting the legislated deadline of April 1, 2020 to complete Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks.

**Advocating for Access to Digital and eBooks** – Council will write a letter of support to the Canadian Urban Libraries Council for their advocacy efforts to increase access to digital content for library users across Canada.

Council will also write a letter to Grande Prairie-Mackenzie MP Chris Warkentin requesting that the Federal Government investigate the barriers libraries face in acquiring digital content, the problems it poses for rural and remote communities and develop a solution that increases public library access to digital content across Canada.

**Assessment Review Board Member Appointment** – Council appointed Councillors' Karen Rosvold and Linda Waddy to be certified board members; and Guy Beaudoin to be the Chair and a certified board member of the Assessment Review Board which includes Local Assessment Review Board and Composite Assessment Review Board.

**Employee Introductions** – Council and staff welcomed Shari Willms to the County as an Accounts Clerk with the Financial Services department.

**Next Regular Council Meeting will take place on December 16, 2019.**

**Harold Bulford**  
Division 1  
C 780-876-9009  
E hbulford@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Daryl Beeston**  
Division 2  
C 780-933-3464  
E dbeeston@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Leanne Beaupre**  
Division 3  
C 780-814-3121  
E lbeaupre@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Ross Sutherland**  
Division 4  
C 780-512-5385  
E rsutherland@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Bob Marshall**  
Division 5  
C 780-933-2053  
E bmarshall@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Peter Harris**  
Division 6  
C 780-933-3074  
E pharris@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Linda Waddy**  
Division 7  
C 780-897-5609  
E lwaddy@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Karen Rosvold**  
Division 8  
C 780-831-0902  
E krosvold@  
countygp.ab.ca

**Corey Beck**  
Division 9  
C 780-831-6394  
E cbeck@  
countygp.ab.ca