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**February 25, 2019**

**Public Feedback Sought on Community Standards Bylaw** – Council passed first reading of the draft Community Standards Bylaw, which presents regulations in a range of areas, including noise, nuisance behaviours and safety of citizens, in one all-encompassing bylaw.

Before the bylaw comes back for second and third reading, the County is seeking public input on a number of sections of the proposed bylaw to determine if any modifications are needed, what should be considered in evaluating this new bylaw and how soon the bylaw should be reviewed after it is put in place. Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts through the County's engagement website – [engage.countygp.ab.ca](http://engage.countygp.ab.ca), between March 4 and March 24, 2019. The engagement website will also provide a list of events at which residents can get information and provide input in person.

**Appointment of Fire Guardians** – Council appointed Fire Guardians for the County of Grande Prairie, effective March 1. These Fire Guardians will be in place for the 2019 and 2020 fire seasons. The updated list will be available March 1 at [www.countygp.ab.ca/fireguardians](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/fireguardians).

**Tender Awards** – Council awarded a tender for the amount of \$722,621 to Wapiti Gravel Suppliers Ltd for the Dunkley Meadows base pave project. The anticipated project total is \$813,863, which includes construction, engineering and contingencies.

Council awarded a tender for the amount of \$2,476,970 to Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd for overlay work in the Northgate Industrial Park and

on Range Road 93 and 156 Avenue. The anticipated project total \$2,949,485, which includes construction, engineering and contingencies.

**Successful Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure Grant** – The County was awarded \$75,000 through the Intermunicipal Collaboration Component of the Alberta Community Partnership Program. The County is the managing partner working with the municipalities of the City of Grande Prairie, the Towns of Beaverlodge, Wembley, Sexsmith, and Village of Hythe, on a feasibility study to identify the current Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure in each of the participating municipalities.

**IDP Exemption Approval** – Saddle Hills County's application with the County of Grande Prairie to the Province for exemption from the IDP agreement required by the Municipal Government Act (MGA) have been approved.

**Beaverlodge Storm Water Management Plan** – The Town of Beaverlodge was awarded a grant of \$140,000 through the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program to complete a Storm Water Management Plan. The County provided a letter of support for their application.

**Detailed Design for Intersection of Range Road 62 and Highway 672** – Council approved proceeding with detailed design for improvements at the intersection of Range Road 62 and Highway 672. Once the detailed design is completed, any upgrades to the intersection will be considered during final budget deliberations in April.

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**Bylaws** – Council passed Bylaw 3112, an amendment to Bylaw 3070 with update rates for Aquatera customers in 2019. County residents who are Aquatera customers will be impacted differently depending on the wastewater system they connect to. Aquatera will be providing their customers with updated rate information.

Council gave second and third reading to Bylaw 3099 to purchase 136.64 acres of land adjacent to 5 Mile Hall for a future school site for Peace Wapiti School Division and other potential land development.

Council gave second and third reading to Bylaw 3109, a borrowing bylaw for the construction of a new fire hall in the Hamlet of La Glace.

**Sponsorship Requests** – Representatives from Veterans Memorial Gardens requested funding from Council to move Veterans Memorial Gardens programming from their current location to the site of the Veterans Memorial Gardens, which is estimated at \$9,600. Council deferred the request to final budget deliberations in April.

Representatives from the West Peace Aviation Association and Peace Country Recreational Flyers Association presented to Council on their proposed Snowbird 8 Memorial. The project will feature a replica Tutor-style plane placed on a pedestal near the Grande Prairie Airport, and is in honour of Captain Gord de Jong, a member of the Snowbirds aerobatic team who fatally crashed during a performance in Grande Prairie in 1978. The organizations requested \$50,000 in support from County Council. Council deferred the request to final budget deliberations in April.

**Public Hearings** – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-010 to redesignate 4.38 acres of land, located 3 miles west of the City of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Range Road 73, from a Country Residential (CR-2) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District. This would allow for the opportunity to apply for a Home Occupation, Major development permit to bring into compliance the existing business operating from the property. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-008 to redesignate 121.77 acres of land, located 1.5 miles west of the City of Grande Prairie within the Correction Line West Area Structure Plan (ASP), from an Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Light Industrial (RM-1) District. The purpose of the Correction Line West ASP is to provide a framework for rural industrial development. A portion of the future 40X highway bypass alignment is located within the area, which future subdivision and development will accommodate. At this time, there is no subdivision application associated with the rezoning. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-009 to redesignate 19.60 acres of land, located 4.5 miles north east of the Town of Beaverlodge, adjacent to Range Road 94, from an Agriculture (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one (1) lot for country residential use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

**Development Permit Request** – Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd. has applied for a development permit for the building of a 56'x130' accessory building on their site, located approximately 5 miles south east of the City of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Resources Road. As this

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land is designated as a Rural Industrial Direct Control (RM-DC) District, Council must approve any proposed developments. Council approved the development permit.

## **Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Spring 2019**

**Municipal Leaders' Caucus** – Council passed a motion allowing any interested members of Council to attending the AUMA Spring Conference.

**Employee Introductions** – Council and staff welcomed Jeanette Reum and Linette Hodges to the County. Jeanette has joined the Finance team as a Temporary Financial Analyst and Linette has joined Parks and Recreation as a Project Coordinator. Both new additions are providing maternity leave coverage.

**Next Council meeting will take place on March 4, 2019.**

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