

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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March 11, 2019

Strategic Priorities Chart – Council approved the latest update of the County’s Strategic Priorities Chart, which solidifies the County’s upcoming 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 regional partnerships.

Current priorities include recruiting a new CAO, public engagement on the draft Community Standards Bylaw, a detailed review of the County’s financial position, and working with neighbouring municipalities to develop Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks and Intermunicipal Development Plans. To view the chart, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/stratplan.

Letter of Support for Air Monitoring in the Saskatoon Mountain Area – Council will provide a letter of support to the petitioners of the Saskatoon Mountain Area addressed to the Peace Airshed Zone Association (PAZA) requesting that air monitoring be installed in the area to obtain a baseline air quality reading before proposed industrial development takes place.

Tax Sale Date Set – Council set September 20, 2019 at 2 p.m. as the Tax Sale date and time for 2019. Council appointed the Director of Corporate Services or alternate as the Auctioneer.

Letter to the Grande Prairie Catholic School District about St. Mary’s School in Sexsmith – Council will write a letter to the Grande Prairie Catholic School Board of Trustees outlining the potential impacts of a closure of grades 10 to 12 at St. Mary’s School. In particular, the County is interested in knowing more about any increases to bussing times for students.

At a recent Board meeting of the Grande Prairie Catholic School District, a motion was passed to begin community consultation about the possibility of removing grades 10 to 12 from St. Mary’s School due to low enrollment. The school currently educates students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Waived Permits for Viking Cultural Centre – Council approved waiving the associated permit fees for the Viking Cultural Centre and Historical Group as they do renovations of the kitchen at Silverwing Hall.

Grants for local churches – Council approved Manse Grants for the St. Johns Evangelical Church and Valhalla Evangelical Lutheran Church, for a total of \$1,458.57. Each year Council has the option to approve Manse Grants for qualifying churches, reducing their residential taxable assessment by 50%, as long as the residence is being used as a Manse, which is a house for a member of clergy.

Congratulations to the Grande Prairie Regional Agricultural & Exhibition Society – Council will write a letter of congratulations to the organization on another successful Peace Country Classic Agri-Show.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-012 to redesignate 10 acres of land, located 3.5 miles east of the Town of

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Sexsmith, adjacent to Range Road 52 from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one lot for country residential use. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-011 to redesignate 33.58 acres of land, located 8.5 miles south east of the Town of Wembley from an Agricultural (AG) District to an Extractive Industrial (EX) District. This redesignation will allow for the development of a new gravel pit, called the “Rhinstone Gravel Pit.” Council gave the bylaw third reading.

Access to the site will be provided through a private road with connection to Township Road 702 and Range Road 80. An agreement for access and joint road maintenance has been established with Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd., who own and operate an adjacent gravel pit. The MD of Greenview expressed concern that noise and flood lighting may impact nearby residential development in their municipality, ranging from 1.1 to 1.5 km from the site.

Wedgewood Estates – Council defeated a motion, voting to take no action on the request to provide financial assistance to landowners in the Wedgewood Estates with respect to the erosion of their property. County Council understands and appreciates the difficulty faced by a small number of landowners and is extremely sympathetic to their situation.

It is essential to recognize however, that the County is not responsible for the situation and cannot be responsible to financially support remedial work on privately-owned land. While the County is sympathetic to the property owners involved it would be unfair and inappropriate to

ask other County taxpayers to assume the cost burdens to resolve issues that are the responsibility of individual private property owners and contributed to by the actions and decisions of individual property owners.

Employee Introductions – Council and staff welcomed Quintin Williams to the County as an Assessor I. Council congratulated Megan McCormick, from the Legislative Services team, on the completion of her Legal Assistant Diploma.

Next Council meeting will take place on March 25, 2019.

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