

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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October 7, 2019

Repairs to Spring Creek Road Taking Place this Season – Council approved slope and repair work on a section of Township Road 711 crossing Spring Creek to go ahead this construction season. With federal permits still outstanding, the complete bridge rehabilitation cannot go ahead; however, preliminary work will relieve the pressure on the area of the slide, allowing water to flow through the culvert and traffic to safely resume travel on the section of road.

The start date of this work will be confirmed in the next few weeks. The complete bridge rehabilitation is planned for next construction season. Council previously approved \$5 million for the project tender. For details on road and bridge construction projects in the County, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/roadconstruction.

Speed Reduction on section of Highway 672 – Council will support Alberta Transportation's proposal to decrease the posted speed limit from 100 km/hr to 80 km/hr on a section of Highway 672, for 225 metres west of the intersection with Highway 723.

County Health and Safety Policy – Council adopted policy L15 Health and Safety Policy. Previously, the policy was developed, updated and approved by Administration. Council has adopted the policy and will approve future updates to establish their role and responsibility in health and safety within the County.

Five Mile Community Hall – With Five Mile Community Hall and the surrounding land being transferred to the County at the end of this year, Council is exploring options for its future use. Representatives from the

Gursikh Missionary Society presented to Council on their request to lease Five Mile Community Hall. Council accepted the presentation for information. Council directed Administration to prepare a Request for Interest (RFI) to allow interested businesses or organizations to indicate their interest in leasing the community hall and continuing operations that are consistent with its location near a future school site and the existing Area Structure Plan. Details about the RFI will be available at www.countygp.ab.ca/bidding.

Council moved that costs for maintaining the Five Mile Community Hall outdoor space be forwarded to the 2020 budget deliberations

Historic County Grant Reimbursed – Council approved that \$15,000 be added to the Community Grant Reserve. The funds are being reimbursed to the County after a grant was provided for the establishment of the West County Animal Clinic, with the agreement that the County be refunded the amount if the clinic was sold.

New Tractor for the Grande Prairie and District Ag Society – Council directed Administration to assist the Grande Prairie and District Agricultural Society in finding vendor options to purchase a new tractor for their organization.

Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-047 to redesignate 4.30 acres of land, located within the Hamlet of Clairmont, adjacent to Range Road 63 and Township Road 730 from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Highway Industrial (RM-4) District and 8.87 acres of land from a Country Industrial (CM) District to a Highway Industrial (RM-4) District to facilitate the subdivision of two lots for industrial development. Council gave the bylaw third reading.

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50th Anniversary of Volunteer Services Bureau – Council proclaimed October 5, 2019 as the 50th Anniversary of the Grande Prairie Volunteer Services Bureau in the County of Grande Prairie.

Letter of Congratulations – Council will send a letter congratulating the Grande Prairie and District Pipes and Drums Band on their success at the World Pipe Band Championships.

County Winter Holiday Office Closures – Council approved an additional holiday for staff and County office closure from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24, 2019.

Next Regular Council Meeting will take place on October 21, 2019.

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