

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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September 16, 2019

Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with the MD of Greenview

– Council approved Bylaw 3123, Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with the MD of Greenview. The purpose of an ICF is to provide integrated delivery and funding of intermunicipal services. This framework formalizes existing collaborative works between the municipalities.

As part of the updated Municipal Government Act (MGA), these agreements are required between municipalities that share a border. The MD of Greenview approved the agreement at their August 26 Council Meeting.

Cost Benefit Analysis of Highway 40 Twinning – Council accepted the Cost Benefit Analysis of Highway 40 Twinning for information. According to the analysis, twinning the first 19 km of Highway 40 is expected to generate a net social benefit of approximately \$483.7 million (real 2018 Canadian dollars), through reductions to travel time and improvements to highway safety, with net social benefits of between \$210 and \$602 million over a 30-year time frame.

Strategic Planning – Council will engage strategic planning expert Western Management Consultants (WMC) to facilitate a two-day session to update the County's three-year Strategic Plan. Council will allocate \$35,000 in the County's 2020 Operating Budget for the update.

Tender Awards – Council awarded the tender for a two-year community recycling bin servicing contract to Prairie Disposal for \$334,728.

Council awarded three tenders for engineering services for 2020 road construction projects, including engineering services for overlay, grading and base paving projects to Pro Eng Consulting for \$531,961.67 and engineering services for rehabilitation work in Clairmont to Helix Engineering for \$135,200.

Engineering Study for Second Access to Pipestone Creek

Campground – Administration requested \$250,000 in funding from the Municipal Infrastructure Reserve be allocated in the 2020 Budget deliberations to complete an engineering study on options to establish a second access to Pipestone Creek Campground.

Additional Crossing over Wapiti River – The County will begin discussions with the MD of Greenview and industry about the possibility of an additional crossing over the Wapiti River in the area of Range Road 90.

Range Road 62 and Highway 43X Intersection – Council directed Administration to look at developing a traffic circle at the intersection as an interim solution to a flyover, also known as an overpass, as indicated in the County long-term Transportation Master Plan.

Alignment of Highway 43 to Highway 40X East – The County will re-engage Alberta Transportation regarding the alignment of Highway 43 to the Highway 40X East Connector.

Provincial Advocacy – Council will engage the advocacy firm Alberta Counsel to assist with the County's lobbying efforts. Council will meet with the firm to discuss more specifically how they can assist in meeting the County's lobbying objectives.

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Public Hearings – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 3124 to cancel an existing subdivision plan. This will allow the landowner to apply to rezone the land from a Country Residential (CR-5) District to an Agricultural (AG) District to align with the rest of the quarter section. Council gave the bylaw first and second reading.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-041 to redesignate 11.49 acres of land, located two miles south west of the Town of Sexsmith, adjacent to Range Road 63 and Highway 672 from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Highway Industrial (RM-4) District and 9.76 acres of land from a Rural Light Industrial (RM-1) District to Highway Industrial (RM-4) District to facilitate a boundary adjustment to expand their current lot. Council gave the bylaw three readings.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-042 to redesignate 10.87 acres of land, located four and a half miles south east of the Town of Wembley, adjacent to Range Road 81 and Township Road 704 from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District to allow for the subdivision of one lot for the existing country residential use. Council gave the bylaw three readings.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-043 to redesignate 6.62 acres of land, located within the Dunes subdivision, adjacent to Township Road 704A from a Country Residential (CR-1) District to Rural Estate (RE) District to allow for subdivision of ten lots for rural estate and country residential use. Council gave the bylaw three readings.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-044 to redesignate 9.89 acres of land, located two miles southeast of the Village of Hythe,

adjacent to Range Road 105 from Country Residential (CR-5) District to Limited Institutional and Recreational (L-IR) District to accommodate the development of a Group Care Facility. Council gave the bylaw three readings.

Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-045 to redesignate 40.89 acres of land, located one and a half miles east of Grande Prairie, adjacent to Range Road 53 and Township Road 712 from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Country Residential (CR-2) District to facilitate the development of 13 lots for country residential use. Council recessed the public hearing to allow the applicant to bring back more information on stormwater management and Administration to bring back more information on the connection to Highway 43X and possible zoning options.

Requests for assistance from landowners – A landowner requested that the County level a section of their land to allow for water to flow into the adjacent ditch and to replace a section of fence along Range Road 111. In 2016, the County upgraded and paved Range Road 111 and removed some trees and brush from the land, in agreement with the landowner, as part of the project. Council took no action.

Wapiti Farms Ltd. requested support from the County to assist in maintaining a private road leading to the Wapiti River. Council took no action.

Funding Requests – Council sponsored the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum's A Night for Museum fundraiser taking place on September 28. Council sponsored a table of eight for \$3,500.

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Council sponsored the Suicide Prevention Resource Centre (SPRC) for their 9th Annual Chair Extraordinaire fundraiser taking place on October 19. Council sponsored a table of eight for \$580 and will contribute a gift basket for the silent auction.

Council sponsored the Friends of the Grande Spirit Foundation's Annual Harvest Dinner taking place on October 5. Council sponsored a table of eight for \$550 and will contribute a gift basket.

Council sponsored the Grande Prairie Aboriginal Circle of Services' (GPACOS) for \$500 for their Orange Shirt Day Event taking place in Muskoseepi Park on September 30.

Council approved a request from the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association Zone 3 Planning Committee to supply 200 County-branded tote bags valued at \$300 for their 2020 Provincial Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Symposium taking place in Grande Prairie on February 21 – 22.

Hospitality Event – The County, in partnership with neighbouring municipalities, will host hospitality events on February 18 and 20, 2020. Invitations will be extended to Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) members, Growing the North Conference attendees, municipal neighbours and members of the Provincial Government as a way to continue building relationships.

Letter of Support – Council will write a letter of support for the Hythe Athletic Association to include in their application for a Community Facility Enhancement Program Grant from the Province. The grant application is for major upgrades to the Hythe Arena.

Physician Recruitment – The Town of Sexsmith requested the County's participation in a physician recruitment task force specific to their municipality. Council will be sending a letter to the Town of Sexsmith encouraging them to work with the existing recruitment South Peace Physician Attraction and Retention Committee, of which Sexsmith and the County are members.

Staff Introductions – Council welcomed Mandy Van Dresar and Tonia Roffey to the County. Mandy will fill the role of Human Resources Advisor while Tonia joins as an Accounts Clerk I.

Meeting Cancellation – The October 1, 2019, Municipal Planning Commission meeting is cancelled to accommodate a budget meeting.

Next Regular Council Meeting will take place on September 30, 2019.

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