

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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May 25, 2020

Grants totalling \$829,850 Awarded to community groups – Council approved \$596,880 in grants to cover the expenses of local sport, recreation and cultural facilities; \$186,470 in operating assistance grants to non-profit organizations and volunteer groups as recommended by area recreation boards; and \$46,500 in grants for maintenance projects at community-managed cemeteries around the County. Read the media release, “County Distributes Operating Assistance Grants to Community Groups” at www.countygp.ab.ca for details.

Regional Fire Service Annual Report – Fire Chief Dan Verdun presented Council the 2019 Regional Fire Service Annual Report. Fire prevention; education; high levels of service; high-quality training and ongoing recruitment remain priorities for the service. The service responded to 1,891 calls, an increase of 48 from 2018. Of these responses, 905 were medical responses. A total of 1,460 fire permits were issued, a decrease from 1,669 permits in 2018.

Fire Prevention – The Fire Marshall conducted 57 inspections and 86 investigations, down from 60 and increased from 72 in 2018, respectively.

Deployments – Regional Fire Service responded to the Northwestern Alberta Wildfires with personnel, apparatus, and equipment to the area, as well as supporting the activation of the Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership (GPREP) to support evacuees in our area.

La Glace Fire Hall Project Update – Council accepted an update about the La Glace Fire Hall Project for information. Regional Fire Service is anticipating moving into the new facility this summer.

Design Work on Range Road 62 Flyover – Council directed Administration to engage an engineering firm to bring a conceptual design presentation to Council for input on the Range Road 62 and Highway 43X flyover project. Council approved that the project be advanced to the Province as shovel ready at the April 27, 2020, Council Meeting.

Tender Awards – Council awarded a tender for road rehabilitation projects in Clairmont to Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd. For \$1,612,351.

Council awarded a tender to replace the bridge on Range Road 83, south of Township Road 750 (Mulligan Creek Bridge) to DCL Construction Services for \$972,635.

Public Hearings – Council gave three readings to Bylaw 2680-20-008 to redesignate 19 acres of land, located half of one mile southeast of the JD Barr Estates subdivision, adjacent to Highway 2 and Range Road 52, from an Agricultural (Ag) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of two residential lots.

Council gave three readings to Bylaw 2680-20-009 to redesignate 9.6 acres of land, located five miles east of the border of British Columbia, adjacent to Range Road 131 and Township Road 714, from an Agricultural (Ag) District to a Country Residential (CR-5) District for the subdivision of a residential lot.

Tax Relief Requests – Council approved waiving penalties for late tax payments until October 31, 2020, as well as an additional option to enter into a payment plan. Council took no action on two requests to reduce the amount of taxes owing.

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Request for Relocation – Council took no action on a request from a property owner for relocation assistance due to flooding. Council directed Administration to provide the property owner with resources for disaster assistance.

Assessment Review Board Bylaw – Council gave three readings to Bylaw 3136 to replace Bylaw 3115. The Bylaw has been updated to better align with municipal procedures as directed by Council at a previous meeting, including more flexibility with Board Member attendance at hearings. The Bylaw must also be approved by the Councils of the other municipalities represented on the Joint Review Assessment Review Board.

Proclamation of Seniors Week – County Council proclaimed June 1 to 7, 2020, as Seniors' Week in the County of Grande Prairie. The Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) department and partner organizations are hosting a Virtual Seniors' Tea event in recognition.

Seasonal Staff – Council welcomed seasonal staff to the Public Works and Agriculture departments to assist with road construction, data collection, as well as pest, disease and weed inspection.

Meeting Cancellation – The Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) Meeting Scheduled for June 16, 2020, has been cancelled. Applications have been rescheduled to the May 26 or June 30, 2020 meetings.

Next Regular Council Meeting will take place on June 15, 2020.

Council meetings can be accessed electronically through the events calendar on the County website.

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