

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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June 10, 2019

2019 Operating Assistance Grants - Council approved \$181,345 in operating assistance grants to numerous non-profit organizations and volunteer groups. Council also authorized \$730,890 in grants to 30 sports, recreation and cultural facilities to cover utility expenses. See the media release, "County Distributes Operating Assistance Grants to Community Groups" at www.countygp.ab.ca.

Public Hearing – Council held a public hearing for Bylaw 2680-19-024 to amend the County Land Use Bylaw to re-designate 11.86 acres of land, located southwest of the Town of Wembley, adjacent to Township Road 710, from Agriculture (AG) District to Rural Industrial – Direct Control (RM-DC) District to allow for the construction of a fluid disposal facility. Council gave the Bylaw third reading.

Bylaws – Council gave second and third reading to Bylaw 3105 to allow for the partial closure of 95 Avenue, in the Westmount North Industrial Park, located in Clairmont, for the purpose of leasing. This portion of the road is not necessary for public travel.

Council gave a second, third and final reading to Bylaw 3100, to close a portion of Township Road 734, near La Glace. The purpose of the closure is to close Road Plan 7470AU and consolidate that portion into proposed Lot 1, Plan 192 and the balance of NE-22-73-8-W6.

Paver Purchase - Council agreed to enter into a purchase agreement with SMS Equipment, through the RMA Group Purchasing program, to supply a new Vogel 700-3i Paver, at a total contract value of \$230,527 (including GST), with funds approved in the 2019 Final Budget.

Pension Plan Policy Review – Council, reviewed and modified the County's Pension Plan Policy. Changes made reflect:

- amendments to legislation (new governance act),
- improved clarity of language,
- reflections of current administration practices related to probationary service and reciprocal transfer agreements,
- updates to not eligible employee groups,
- addition of retirement information.

Grading Tender Approved - Council awarded a tender for grading work on Township Road 724 and Township Road 730, to the low bidder Northern Road Builders, in the amount of \$2,238,661. The project cost includes construction, engineering and contingency.

Sewer Servicing - Council made a motion to invest \$400,000 to construct a sewer system from 94 Street to 100 Street., along 148 Avenue in Clairmont.

Grande Prairie Pride Celebration – Council authorized the purchase of event tickets for any Council Members (and their spouse) who wish to attend the Grande Prairie Pride Society's Party in White on June 15, at Maddhatters.

Employee Introductions & Recognition – Council and staff welcomed several new staff members including Cara Conway and Stephanie Doucet to the County. Cara is currently settling into her role of Human Resources Advisor: Recruitment & Training and Stephanie has filled the vacant position of Payroll Clerk.

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Nicole Pielle was also introduced as the Finance Department Summer Student.

Next Regular Council Meeting will take place on June 24, 2019.

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