October 23, 2017 Council Meeting

Meeting Type : Regular Council Meeting
Date : Monday, October 23, 2017
Start time : 10:00 AM
Location : County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Administration Building

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Present were:
1. Reeve
   • Leanne Beaupre

2. Deputy Reeve
   • Ross Sutherland

3. Council
   • Corey Beck
   • Daryl Beeston
   • Harold Bulford
   • Peter Harris
   • Bob Marshall
   • Karen Rosvold
   • Linda Waddy

4. Chief Administrative Officer
   • Bill Rogan

5. Directors
   • Arlen Miller
   • Dale Van Volkingburgh
   • Dawn Sauvé
   • Matthew Konowalchuk, Acting Director of Planning and Development

6. Manager of Legislative Services
   • Sheryle Runhart

7. Recording Secretary
CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 1:21 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #CM20171023.1001
MOVED by B. MARSHALL that the agenda for the October 23, 2017 Council Meeting (2017/10/23) be approved with the following additions:

- Electoral Boundaries Review (Item 10.7).

Carried

1:15 p.m. - Annual update presentation from STARS
(DELEGATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS)
(Issue #20170809012)

Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison for STARS Foundation was in attendance to present Council with the annual update from STARS. The STARS update included the number of missions flown across Alberta, the number of helicopters in the fleet, and critical care training and partnerships with rural physicians. STARS currently works with 161 communities and have over 41,000 donors in addition to municipal and provincial funding. The County has been a significant leader in providing funding to STARS. There were further updates provided on:

- Link Center located in Calgary that specializes in rural mapping, with the ability of municipalities to call in and register sites for special events;
- SOLUS Emergency Assistance Application provides a direct link to STARS centre for individuals;
- STARS averages one mission per week in the County of Grande Prairie and three to four per week when including Saddle Hills, MD of Greenview, Birch Hills, and the City of Grande Prairie;
- 80% of STARS funding comes from fundraising and 20% is provided by government funding;
- The County has been a part of the Rural Municipalities Initiative from the beginning and STARS has now reached 90% participation in municipalities across the province;
- The County has made a commitment of $200,000 per year through 2018;
- STARS Lottery tracks ticket sales and at this time ticket sales in the area would not support a home lottery;
- STARS works with HALO in southeastern Alberta to more precisely coordinate responses in that area;
- In the Grande Prairie region 60% of calls are scene calls and 40% are hospital transport calls;
- Will be speaking to the Provincial Government about continued funding.

AUMA

At the September 18, 2017 Council a motion was made to allow
two Council Members to attend the 2017 AUMA Conference in Calgary. Administration is requesting the names of the two Councillors that wish to attend so that they may be registered. The conference is taking place November 22-24, 2017 in Calgary. Councillors Rosvold and Marshall expressed interest in attending.

**Resolution #CM20171023.1002**
MOVED by P. HARRIS that Councillor Marshall and Councillor Rosvold be able to attend Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Conference taking place November 22-24, 2017 in Calgary.

Carried

**Home Support Appreciation Proclamation**

The County of Grande Prairie provides Home Support Services to residents who need extra help due to illness, injury or medical conditions that limit their ability to manage day to day upkeep of their homes, drive to appointments and or prepare healthy meals. The County's Home Support staff are recruited for their compassion, caring attitudes, skills and their ability to use sound judgment. Home Support staff can be found in homes all across the County, working hard to support their clients. This year Home Support Appreciation is taking place the 3rd week of October and Administration is requesting Councils affirmation of this by issuing this proclamation.

**Resolution #CM20171023.1003**
MOVED by B. MARSHALL to proclaim October 22nd - 28th 2017 Home Support Appreciation Week.

Carried

**Request to Waive Property Taxes - Grande Spirit Foundation**

Grande Spirit Foundation is requesting the County of Grande Prairie waive the property taxes on a residential property located at 9715 105 Avenue within the Hamlet of Clairmont. The property has been used as a youth shelter for the past 10 years. Of the 2017 property taxes outstanding for this home of $2,032.42, school requisition fees are $790.93 which continue to be owed to the provincial government and if waived will be expensed through the current operating budget. In the past the Provincial Government has paid the taxes on these properties, however they have indicated they will not be doing that this year. Section 362(1) of the Municipal Government Act applies to this request, and deals with tax exemptions for Government, churches and other bodies.

**Resolution #CM20171023.1004**
MOVED by C. BECK to approve the waiver of the 2017 municipal property taxes and school requisition payments on the property located at 9715 105 Avenue, Clairmont and direct Administration to flag this property as exempt until such time as the residence no longer is used as a youth shelter.
In previous years Council has approved office closure and additional holiday time for staff around Christmas, sometimes a full day and sometimes a half day. This year Christmas and Boxing Day fall on Monday and Tuesday so County offices will be closed. The offices will also be closed on Monday January 1st for New Year’s Day. There was discussion surrounding past year’s days off allowing for travel and what constitutes a statutory holiday.

**Resolution #CM20171023.1005**

MOVED by B. MARSHALL to take no action on the ask for additional County Office closures over the Christmas holidays.

Councillor Beeston and Bulford spoke against the motion. Councillor Harris spoke in favor of the motion.

Members of Council are asked to attend Remembrance Day Ceremonies on Saturday, November 11, 2017 to place wreaths at the locations throughout the County. Councillor Harris will attend Beaverlodge, Councillor Sutherland will attend Wembley, Councillor Waddy will attend Hythe, Councillor Bulford will attend Sexsmith, Councillor Beeston will attend Grande Prairie (Revolution Place), and Reeve Beaupre will the Army & Navy Veterans (Grande Prairie Cenotaph).

Approval is requested for a first subdivision time extension for file number PLSUB20160372. The applicant is requesting the subdivision endorsement time extension in order to fulfill the conditions of approval that applies to this subdivision application. Administration is recommending approval of the time extension request.

**Resolution #CM20171023.1006**

MOVED by D. BEESTON to approve the first subdivision endorsement time extension request for File No: PLSUB20160372, Legal: SE-15-73-6-W6.

The County has received a petition from residents in the Wedgewood Subdivision urging the County of Grande Prairie to continue with the SNC Lavalin Final Draft Report Dated July 2017. They are requesting that the County reconsider taking no action and start work on the proposals and recommendations set forth by SNC Lavalin. The petition itself was deemed by the CAO to be "insufficient" as it does not meet the requirements in the Municipal Government Act s. 224 and 225. There was discussion regarding work recommended by the study on
County owned land in the vicinity. It was noted that Administration is currently working on the drainage pond. There was discussion surrounding:

- The cost of doing further work on the study;
- Administration pursuing with the Province for potential disaster relief funding;
- Residents have not shared in the cost of the study to date, and have not indicated an interest in doing so in the future;
- Short term mitigation recommended in the report has yet to be completed by the residents; and
- Whose responsibility it is to clean up the trees that SNC Lavelin took down in the course of completing the study. Administration noted that all homeowners signed a waiver that the trees would be taken down, and clean up was not included. Public Works has since returned to lay down any trees that were blocking a trail in the area.

Resolution #CM20171023.1007

MOVED by P. HARRIS to accept the petition from Wedgewood Residents as information.

Reeve Beaupre spoke against the motion.

Carried

Electoral Boundaries Review

Some members of Council have been asked about the County’s position on the recently released Electoral Boundary Report. It was noted that Council has not had time to review the report and requested that it come back at a future Council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Sutherland commented on:
- Nothing to report.

Councillor Beck attended and commented on:
- Nordbord Advisory Committee Meeting; there was discussion at the meeting about FireSmart and some of the projects they work on with Nordbord.

Councillor Rosvold attended:
- Odyssey House Gala Night of Empowerment.

Councillor Waddy commented on:
- Nothing to report.

Councillor Beeston commented on:
- He has heard from residents in West Lake and Whispering Ridge about poor cell phone service and dropped calls
Resolution #CM20171023.1008
MOVED by D. BEESTON to write a letter to Telus Mobility in regards to poor cell phone service and dropped calls in the County of Grande Prairie, specifically in West Lake and Whispering Ridge Subdivisions.
MOVED by K. ROSVOLD to amend the motion to include the entire County and not specific subdivisions.
The amendment was not accepted as friendly.
Defeated

Resolution #CM20171023.1009
MOVED by K. ROSVOLD to write a letter to Telus Mobility in regards to poor cell phone service and dropped calls in the County of Grande Prairie.
Carried

Councillor Bulford commented on:
- Nothing to report.

Councillor Harris commented on:
- Nothing to report.

Councillor Marshall attended and commented on:
- Semcan Open House; there was some discussion about the possibility of partnering to pave Range Road 85 or including it in development permits. AER will have final approval of that development.

Reeve Beaupre attended and commented on:
- Luncheon for Small Business Week for Women in Business;
- Was the presenting sponsor for the Marketing Spot for the Chamber of Commerce Business Awards;
- AAMD&C Resolutions Meeting. There will be 18 resolutions presented;
- Met with Board of Directors of the Odyssey House Group. They will be having a two year anniversary for Serenity Place and will be sending an invitation to Council to tour the facility.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Bill Rogan commented on:
- Indigenous Consultation Workshop taking place in Edmonton next week. Councillor Sutherland is interested in attending if he is available.

Resolution #CM20171023.1010
MOVED by D. BEESTON to grant Councillor Sutherland
permission to attend the Indigenous Consultation Workshop in Edmonton on October the 30th if arrangements are able to be made.

**Carried**

- AAMDC registration is Tuesday afternoon and the County will be meeting with Pario Planning that afternoon;

Dale Van Volkingburgh commented on:

- New water well in Clairmont Landfill was drilled last week;
- Metal recycling at the Landfill;
- Plow trucks have sanders on to preparing for winter weather;
- Main gravel haul should be completed this week dependent on weather.

Matthew Konowalchuk commented on:

- After MPC tomorrow Council will be provided with packages for the Design Guidelines and Standards to review. A meeting will then be set up in mid November to discuss;
- Interviews taking place this week for the Planning Clerk position;
- Nick Lapp, Chris King, and Matthew Konowalchuk are working with Pario Planning on a growth scenario plan they will be presenting plan in November;
- The top 3 contractors for the IDP have been chosen and they will be coming to present to Administration this week;
- The City of Grande Prairie has opposed the Correction Line ASP. The next step will to be to have a Joint Council Meeting to discuss. There have been no timelines set to date.

Dawn Sauvé commented on:

- Noted they have hired 2 new contract positions in the Finance Department to assist with budget.

Arlen Miller commented on:

- Nelson family has signed the lease for FCSS space. The County will take possession as of November 1st with plans to occupy by February;
- The Province has accepted the offer to sell the County land at Kleskun Hills. There was some discussion on expanding the campground there and keeping the museum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #CM20171023.1011**

**MOVED by P. HARRIS** that the meeting adjourn at 2:43 p.m.
These minutes approved the __________ day of _________________ 2017.

Reference # _______________________________________

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REEVE

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR