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County of Grande Prairie adopts Canadian Open Government Licence

The County of Grande Prairie is the first municipality in Alberta to adopt the Canadian Open Government Licence.

"The County is proud to be the leading municipality to adopt this Licence in Alberta," says Natalia Madden, County Information Systems Manager. "We remain committed to being open, transparent, accountable and accessible with the information we share with the public."

The County's Open Data being licenced opens many more doors for its users and application programmers. With the adoption of this licence, they will be able to use the County of Grande Prairie's Open Data Catalogue under the same verified and consistent legal framework as those applied by the governments of Canada, Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario.

"Open Data is a really wonderful thing – it's revolutionized the way the County shares information by making various, non-personal types of municipal information accessible to the public anytime, anywhere and free-of-charge online through our Open Data Catalogue," says Madden, "The information we share is not only valuable but can be applied in a number of creative ways. Two or more data sources can be combined with a simple click of the mouse creating a completely different set of information."

The Government of Canada published a new Open Government Licence, formed through extensive public consultation and in collaboration with other provincial governments.

Over 40 datasets are available to the public on the County's Open Data Catalogue including: Points of Interest; Recycling and Services; Garbage Collection Routes; Municipal Boundaries; Roads; Fire Guardian Zones; Fire Zone Permits; Land Use Zoning; Annexation; Councillor Divisions; Area Structure Plan; among many more.

The County's Open Data Catalogue is available at http://data.countygp.ab.ca. To learn more about the Canadian Open Government Licence and its terms and conditions, please visit http://www.countygp.ab.ca/EN/main/community/maps-gis/open-data/open-data-license.html

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