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County holds 5th annual recreation and culture volunteer appreciation celebration

Over 100 volunteers representing cultural, recreation and sports organizations were recognized for their contributions to improving quality of life for County residents at an appreciation dinner held on Thursday, September 19 at Saskatoon Lake Hall.

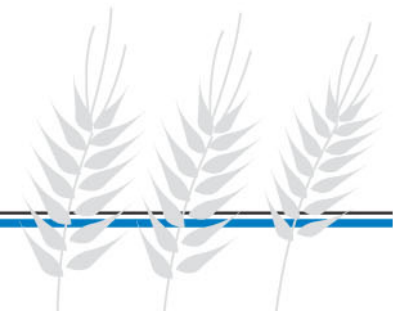
Sixty-five non-profit organizations and volunteer groups received operating assistance grants from the County of Grande Prairie this year totaling \$183,468 and \$547,400 in grants to 26 sports, recreation and cultural facilities to cover utility expenses. Approximately \$888,000 was handed out to 36 organizations to provide capital assistance to organizations that own and operate facilities that provide recreational and cultural opportunities to County residents.

Reeve Leanne Beaupre on behalf of County Council personally recognized volunteers at the dinner, saying, “We are very fortunate to have so many community-minded, hardworking individuals and groups in the County dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and keeping our communities strong. One of the County’s goals is to ensure recreational and cultural opportunities are available to our residents; however this goal wouldn’t be attainable without the help and commitment from our volunteers.”

Reeve Beaupre explained that the County providing grants to groups is a well-worthy investment because they strengthen the volunteer sector which in turn makes the community stronger. “It’s really a win-win situation what our grant programs do for our region – they allow organizations to further develop and build on their assets all while helping our communities grow stronger, healthier and more sustainable.”

The grants provide operating assistance to non-profit organizations and volunteer groups that provide recreational or cultural services to their community. These groups must be open to County residents, provide proof of volunteerism and fundraising, and achieve identified goals. Funds are distributed by six area County Recreation Boards to eligible community-based volunteer groups, non-profit organizations, municipalities, schools and sports clubs.

Operating assistance grant monies were allocated to:



- Beaverlodge-Elmworth-Hualien Recreation Board - \$26,802.00
- Clairmont-Bezanson Area Recreation Board - \$36,037.00
- Grande Prairie Recreation Board - \$36,080.00
- Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Recreation Board - \$24,963.00
- Sexsmith-LaGlance-Teepee Creek Recreation Board - \$31,847.00
- Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board - \$27,739.00

Beaverlodge - Elmworth - Hualien		
Beaverlodge Boys and Girls Camp Society	Purchase cots/operating costs	\$ 4,000.00
Beaverlodge Senior Citizen Association	Operating costs	\$ 4,000.00
Beaverlodge Skating Club	Skating program	\$ 4,000.00
Hinton Trail Hall Community Association	Operating costs	\$ 3,000.00
Mountview Curling Rink	Operating costs	\$ 3,802.00
South Peace Centennial Museum Association	Operating costs	\$ 4,000.00
The Beaverlodge Daycare Society	Purchase supplies	\$ 4,000.00
	Total Funds Allocated	\$ 26,802.00

Clairmont-Bezanson		
Bezanson Agricultural Society	Upgrade facilities	\$ 7,000.00
Clairmont & District Agricultural Society	Operating costs	\$ 7,000.00
Clairmont Communities in Bloom	Operating costs	\$ 1,725.00
Crystal Creek Recreational Society	New doors/facility maintenance	\$ 7,000.00
Grande Prairie Lacrosse Association	Operating costs	\$ 1,000.00
Peace Country Thunder	Travel expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Clairmont School	Swim lessons/other sports opportunities	\$ 4,656.00
Bezanson School	Swim lessons	\$ 4,656.00
Clairmont Seniors Centre	Youth program	\$ 2,000.00
	Total Funds Allocated	\$ 36,037.00

Grande Prairie Area		

Camp Tamarack Association	Archery course/sports supplies	\$ 3,000.00
Game Country Archers	Upgrade signage	\$ 2,500.00
Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities	Expand programs	\$ 3,330.00
Grande Prairie Boys' Choir	Operating costs	\$ 3,000.00
Grande Prairie Centaurs Rugby Football Club	New clubhouse	\$ 4,000.00
Grande Prairie Curling Club	New rock sets/brooms	\$ 3,250.00
Grande Prairie Indoor Playground Society	Operating costs	\$ 2,500.00
Grande Prairie Ski Club	New kitchen exhaust fan	\$ 1,500.00
Nitehawk Alpine Ski Team	Ski equipment	\$ 2,000.00
Northern Lights Pony Club	Operating costs	\$ 1,500.00
Wapiti Dunes Development Society	Operating costs	\$ 3,500.00
Wapiti Nordic Ski Club	Operating costs	\$ 3,500.00
Wolverines Wheelchair Sports Association	Operating costs	\$ 2,500.00
	Total Funds Allocated	\$ 36,080.00

Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla		
Demmitt Cultural Society	Operating costs	\$ 1,500.00
Hythe & District Agricultural Society	Repair floors/facility maintenance	\$ 2,500.00
Hythe & District Recreation Society	Facility upgrades	\$ 3,000.00
Hythe Athletic Association	New lighting	\$ 3,000.00
Hythe Curling Club	Facility maintenance	\$ 2,500.00
Hythe Heritage & Historical Society	Operating costs	\$ 500.00
Hythe Municipal Library	Operating costs	\$ 3,000.00
Lymburn Community Association	Operating costs	\$ 1,500.00
Spring Lake Parent Group	Ski equipment/upgrade ski facilities	\$ 2,000.00
Valhalla Archery Club	Operating costs	\$ 2,500.00
Valhalla Community School	Maintain archery equipment	\$ 1,500.00
Valhalla Recreational Centre	Facility upgrades	\$ 1,463.00
	Total Funds Allocated:	\$ 24,963.00

Sexsmith-LaGlace-Teepee Creek		
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LaGlace Ceramics	Operating costs	\$ 500.00
LaGlace School	Swim lessons	\$ 5,000.00
LaGlace School Grade 5/6	Field trips	\$ 1,323.50
Northern Anarchy Women's Football Club	New protective equipment	\$ 2,000.00
Robert W. Zahara Public School	Swim lessons	\$ 3,000.00
Sexsmith Mixed Minor Ball Society	Purchase equipment/build batting cage	\$ 3,000.00
Sexsmith Sabres Boys Football	Travel expenses	\$ 500.00
Sexsmith Sabres Girls Football	Travel expenses	\$ 500.00
Sexsmith Shamrocks Bantam Football Club	New protective equipment	\$ 3,000.00
Sexsmith Vipers Jr. B Hockey Club	Operating costs	\$ 1,000.00
Sexsmith Wellness Coalition	Operating costs	\$ 1,500.00
St. Mary's Catholic School	Swim lessons	\$ 3,000.00
St. Mary's Sexsmith School	Purchase piano	\$ 1,000.00
Teepee Creek Booster Club	Swim lessons	\$ 4,700.00
Teepee Creek School	Outdoor camp program	\$ 500.00
Teepee Creek School Grade 5/6 Class	Field trip	\$ 1,323.50
	Total Funds Allocated:	\$ 31,847.00

Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake		
1st Wembley Pathfinders	Purchase equipment	\$ 3,000.00
Dimsdale Recreational Society	Operating costs/replace flooring	\$ 3,000.00
Helen E. Taylor School	New recreational equipment	\$ 4,500.00
Town of Wembley FCSS Seniors Fitness Program	Fitness program	\$ 3,000.00
Wembley & District Agricultural Society	Purchase equipment	\$ 5,000.00
Wembley & District Arts Culture & Historical Society	Operating costs	\$ 1,000.00
Wembley Demolition Derby	Operating costs	\$ 3,239.00
Wembley Elementary School	Swim lessons	\$ 5,000.00
	Total Funds Allocated:	\$ 27,739.00

More Info Attached:
2013 Grants for Utility Expenses
Capital Assistance Grant Recipients

2013 Grants for Utility Expenses

Hythe Swimming Pool - \$21,410

West County Pool - \$180,250

The following indoor ice arenas will receive \$35,290 each:

Beaverlodge Arena

Clairmont Arena

Hythe Memorial Arena

La Glace Igloo

Sexsmith Arena

Wembley Arena

The following curling rinks will receive \$10,000 each:

Beaverlodge Curling Club

Bezanson Curling Rink

Grande Prairie Curling Club

Hythe Curling Club

La Glace Curling Club

Mountview Curling Club

Sexsmith Curling Club

The following community halls will receive \$4,000 each:

Albright Community Hall

Rio Grande Sports Association

Bezanson Community Hall

Crystal Creek Hall

Demmitt Hall

Homestead Hall Association

Teepee Creek Hall

Dimsdale Hall

Hinton Trail Community Hall

Goodfare Community Hall

Clairmont Community Hall

Five Mile Hall

Lymburn Community Association

Valhalla Community Association

Webster Community Hall Association

Saskatoon Lake Hall

Major Capital Community Grant (50K+) recipients are as follows:

- **\$300,000 to be paid over five years (2009-2013) to Grande Prairie Minor Ball Association** – facility development at Evergreen Park
- **\$450,000 to be paid over two years (2013-2014) to Teepee Creek Stampede Association** – to build indoor riding facility
- **\$100,000 to be paid over two years (2012-2013) to Wembley Seed Cleaning Plant**
- **\$100,000 to be paid over five years (2012-2016) to Compassion House Foundation**

Capital Assistance Grant (5K-50K) recipients are as follows:

- **\$50,000 to Beaverlodge Agricultural Society** – to expand arena
- **\$50,000 to Lymburn Community Society** – to assist in building renovations
- **\$50,000 to Sexsmith Agricultural Society** – to purchase new arena boards
- **\$42,500 to Bezanson Fire Department** – to build outdoor skating rink
- **\$25,000 to Clairmont Agricultural Society** – to purchase wheelchair lift and air unit for arena
- **\$25,000 to Clairmont Community School** – to develop outdoor field and fund programs
- **\$25,000 to Five Mile Agricultural Society** – to upgrade hall
- **\$25,000 to Grande Prairie Regional Agricultural and Exhibition Society** – to purchase portable bleachers
- **\$20,000 to Hythe Golden Age Centre** – to replace roof
- **\$15,000 to Bezanson Agricultural Society** – to assist in hall improvements
- **\$15,000 to Glen Leslie Preservation Society** – to restore Glen Leslie Church
- **\$15,000 to Rio Grande Sports Association** – to renovate community hall
- **\$15,000 to Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society** – to upgrade outdoor facilities
- **\$15,000 to Wembley Agricultural Society** – to replace condenser in recreation centre
- **\$15,000 to West County Lightning Football** – to assist in concession and goal post improvements
- **\$12,500 to Grande Prairie Ski Club** – to upgrade hill equipment
- **\$12,000 to Hythe Public Library** – to purchase shelving
- **\$11,000 to Beaverlodge Senior Citizens Association** – to upgrade Seniors Centre
- **\$10,000 to Clairmont Participarent** – to purchase equipment for school gymnasium
- **\$10,000 to Goodfare Community Hall** – to renovate kitchen
- **\$10,000 to Grande Prairie Performing Arts Guild** – to upgrade fly tower and facility
- **\$10,000 to Hythe Athletic Association** – to purchase new compressor
- **\$10,000 to Hythe & District Agricultural Society** – to repair pool
- **\$10,000 to Hythe Royal Canadian Legion** – to repair roof
- **\$10,000 to Valhalla Archery Club** – to upgrade lighting and renovate bathroom
- **\$9,750 to Beaverlodge Curling Club** – to repair roof
- **\$8,250 to Teepee Creek Museum** – to purchase office trailer
- **\$7,500 to Hythe Curling Club** – to install Well
- **\$7,000 to Mountview Curling Club** – to replace aging electrical
- **\$6,500 to Beaverlodge Boys and Girls Camp Society** – to upgrade dorms
- **\$6,000 to Peace Wapiti Speed Skating Club** – to purchase equipment for outdoor oval
- **\$5,000 to South Peace Centennial Museum** – to restore grain elevator

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