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Bezanson Grade 5-6 Students present future visions for their community to County Council

During Monday's Council meeting, Council approved select Bezanson Grade 5/6 Students Mini Area Structure Plans (ASP) to be included in the Bezanson ASP.

Bezanson Wolves' (Chloe Hatch, Tabor Cissell and Dallas Marthaller) Land Use Map; Jill van der Giessen's Development Suggestions Article; Maren Laverick's Promotional Brochure; and Eva Freeman's News Article were selected for inclusion in the Bezanson ASP.

"All of the students did a fantastic job offering great suggestions which made the judges selection of projects to be included in the Bezanson ASP difficult," said Harold Bulford, Area Councillor. "I would like to thank the Grade 5-6 teacher Holly Galbraith, the students, and the County Planning department and specifically County Planner Baily Nagy and Planning and Development Services Director Nick Lapp for taking on this project and seeing it through. It has been a pleasure working with the students on their Mini ASPs."

Over the past few months, the County Planning and Development department staff and Area Councillor Bulford has been working with the Bezanson School Grade 5/6 students to each create a Mini ASP. A fair for the students to display their Mini ASPs was held on April 17. On April 22, each student presented their plan to a panel of judges who then selected the best land use concept map, promotional brochure, development suggestions article, and general news article relating to the Hamlet to be presented to Council and included in the Bezanson ASP.

The County is in the first stage of developing an Area Structure Plan to help guide the future development of Bezanson over the next 30 years. There are four more phases to complete before the Bezanson ASP can be finalized and implemented. An Area Structure Plan is a land-use plan that describes how an area will be subdivided and developed. It lays out the types of land uses proposed for the area and addresses infrastructure plans including water supply, sewage disposal, storm water drainage, environmental issues, and fire suppression.

"We are very appreciative to have had the Bezanson School Grade 5/6 Class partake in this important community growth plan. They have set such a great example for everyone and especially younger generations of how important it is to get involved in their community." said Nick Lapp, Director of Planning and Development Services. "Theirs along with affected landowners' feedback will help the County understand their needs, wants, interests and vision for Bezanson."



Bezanson area residents and affected landowners wishing to learn more and provide input into the Bezanson Area Structure Plan (ASP) are encouraged to attend information and public consultation sessions that will be hosted in the future. For more information please contact Baily Nagy, County Planner at 780-532-9722 or visit www.countygp.ab.ca/bezansonasp

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