

**BY-LAW NO. 2970
OF THE
COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1**

A by-law of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of designating the site known as the Crystal Creek Hall as a Municipal Historic Resource.

WHEREAS Section 26 of the Historical Resources Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter H-, as amended, permits Council to designate any Historic Resource within the County of Grande Prairie, whose preservation Council considers to be in the public interest, together with any land on which it is located as a Historical Resource upon giving 60 days notice to the owner of the Resource in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS the preservation of the Crystal Creek Hall in the County of Grande Prairie is deemed to be in the public interest; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the County of Grande Prairie, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

BUILDING AND LANDS DESIGNATED AS A MUNICIPAL HISTORIC RESOURCE

The Crystal Creek Hall, which was constructed in 1937, is a rectangular, gable-roofed, wood framed structure. The heritage value of the Crystal Creek Hall lies in its significance as a public multipurpose facility used for events such as school Christmas concerts, dances, chicken/turkey suppers, baseball and gymnastics, weddings and family reunions for more than seven decades. The Crystal Creek Hall is located on lands legally described as:


PT. SW 5-72-4-W6M

The building shall not be destroyed, disturbed, altered, restored, removed or repaired other than with the written approval of Council or a person appointed by Council.

The Director of Planning is hereby appointed and has absolute discretion to refuse to grant an approval or make the approval subject to any conditions the Director considers appropriate.

Maintenance or repairs to the facility, if applicable, with an estimated value of \$1,000.00 or less, do not require the approval of the Director of Planning.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 17TH **DAY OF** DECEMBER
,A.D. 2012.



DEPUTY **REEVE**



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR


BYLAW 2970

CRYSTAL CREEK HALL

HISTORICAL RESOURCE

READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS

17 DAY OF DECEMBER A.D. 2012.


DEPUTY REEVE


COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



Crystal Creek Hall

Description of Historic Place:

Built in 1937, Crystal Creek Hall is a rectangular gable roofed wood frame structure located in the country on Pt. SW 5-72-4-W6M on the north side of Hwy 670, 14 km east of Grande Prairie.

Heritage Value:

The heritage value of Crystal Creek Hall lies in its historical significance as a public multipurpose facility used for events such as school Christmas concerts, dances, chicken/turkey suppers, baseball and gymnastics, weddings, and family reunions for more than seven decades.

It is typical of a dozen such rural community halls built in the area, and its value to the community lies in its initial construction, its later renovation and continuous maintenance carried out by volunteers through the years. Swedish carpenter Carl Johnson supervised volunteers who constructed the hall. Lumber for Crystal Creek Hall was re-used from the previous hall, originally the 1915 Deep Creek Baptist Church. Volunteers from the Crystal Creek Community Club used horses to move the church in 1926. A kitchen added 1929 was integrated into the new hall in 1937. Light was provided by gas lanterns hanging off truss rods until power was installed circa 1951-52. Originally a large, wood burning barrel stove beside the original door provided heat.

A circa 1985 addition increased the size of the hall, provided better kitchen facilities and new siding. The space that was formerly the stage right wing was converted to a hallway to new bathrooms. The original floor was planks, later covered by masonite, and now linoleum.

Character Defining Elements:

The character defining elements of the Crystal Creek Hall include:

Exterior:

- Sympathetic addition to enhance usability
- Long rectangular shape; roofline reveals original form and mass
- Simplicity; lack of ornamentation

- Original chimney no longer used

Interior:

- Large open area with character of a 1930s hall
- Tongue and groove cladding on ceiling and interior walls
- Original exterior wall now an interior wall, original position of windows and doors visible
- Original built-in stage, wing and staircase at stage left
- Rods for gas lamps
- Original chimney for wood stove supported on a corbel
- Original rope used to open attic hatch to allow hot air and smoke to go out through the attic