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### **Reeve's Message**



### FUNDING FOR LOCAL QUALITY OF LIFE

Without question, our local organizations, volunteers and the facilities where people gather are the heart of our communities. Each year, County Council is committed to investing in community vitality and residents' well-being, setting aside funds to support the work of

these organizations. In January, County Council pledged \$2.53 million to more than 80 local community groups to fund sport, recreation, cultural organizations and facilities in 2019. This funding helps support and offset operational costs for organizations in the County, the MD of Greenview and the communities of Beaverlodge, Hythe, Sexsmith, Wembley and Grande Prairie.

### **COUNTY ADVOCACY PRIORITIES**

Last November, the County met with several provincial ministers to advocate for local priorities. Collaborative lobbying efforts in our region include the urgent need for improvements to local highways, with current infrastructure putting both lives and economic growth at risk. These priorities include: upgrading and twinning of Highway 40 and upgrades to the Wapiti Bridge; construction of Highway 40X, which would link Highway 43X to Highway 40; completion of Highway 43X bypass and the 43X interchange; Highway 43 twinning to the B.C. border; and, asking the Province to reconsider its proposed plans for changes to the Highway 733/43 intersection, which neither adequately address safety concerns, nor support economic development in Bezanson.

In December, we were pleased when the Premier announced a 19-kilometre twinning project on Highway 40, including a second bridge over the Wapiti, as well as construction of a full interchange at the intersection of Highways 43 and 43X. We will continue to advocate for timely completion of these projects and for further funding for local highway improvements. The County's advocacy efforts also include the replacement of the Beaverlodge Hospital, as well as provincial support for the Philip J Currie Dinosaur Museum.

### DRIVING THE ECONOMY RESPONSIBLY, INNOVATIVELY AND COLLABORATIVELY

This February, over 450 people gathered at Evergreen Park for Growing the North – the largest economic development conference in the region. The County was pleased to host the event, now in its 10th year, in collaboration with several local partners.

The County prides itself on being progressive and entrepreneurial, striving to balance innovation with strong community values. Two major local projects are already attracting global attention and will be a boost for our region. The Tri-Municipal Partnership (TMIP), a proposed heavy eco-industrial district located in the MD of Greenview, is a partnership between the County, Greenview, and the City of Grande Prairie. It will attract value-added processing in the petrochemical industry, while responsibly and sustainably blending industrial development with the natural environment. In addition, Alberta-based Nauticol is proposing to build a \$2 billion methanol manufacturing facility in the County. The facility will create provincial and local jobs, generate tax revenues, and expand Alberta's petrochemical value chain.

### COUNTY CONNECTOR – URBAN-RURAL CONNECTIVITY

Many of you may have seen the new County Connector out and about in the County. This two-year public transportation pilot project, funded by the Province, is now connecting residents in Sexsmith, Clairmont, Wembley, Beavelodge, Hythe and the City of Grande Prairie. It provides alternative transportation options, linking residents to jobs; healthcare and educational facilities; and shopping and activities.

### **COLLABORATIVE MUNICIPAL PLANNING UNDERWAY**

The initial round of community engagement on our Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDPs) with Beaverlodge, Wembley, Hythe and Sexsmith was completed in June 2018, with further public consultation to take place this year. IDPs set the framework for coordinated land use planning, economic development, and servicing and transportation issues.

Work on our Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) with local municipalities also continues. ICFs show collaboration on planning and service delivery, and service delivery funding. Developing single agreements with each of the municipalities we share a border with ensures each community maintains autonomy in how they want to manage their services. I invite you to stay updated on our IDPs and ICFs at engage.countygp.ab.ca.

### **BEST WISHES TO CAO BILL ROGAN**

This summer, we bid farewell to long-time Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Bill Rogan, who is set to retire after 24 years with the County. Bill has been a strong leader, visionary, and mentor for Administration and Councillors during his time as CAO. We wish Bill best of luck on his future endeavours and extend our sincere thanks for his commitment and leadership. County Council has hired executive search firm Western Management to assist in filling the position.

With spring comes the anticipation of warm weather and new activities. On behalf of Council, I wish you all the best in this new season, and to agricultural producers – a successful growing season this 2019.



### 9th Annual County Open Houses

#### Come and connect with the County!

SOUTH PEACE CENTENNIAL MUSEUM

Monday, June 17 I 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Located: On Highway 43, 2 km northwest of Beaverlodge

WHISPERING RIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Wednesday, June 19 I 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Located: 10320 149 Ave. – Clairmont

#### **KNELSEN CENTRE**

Thursday, June 20 I 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Located: 6466 100 St. – Bezanson (Previously the Bezanson Memorial Hall) Stop by the Open House that's closest to you. You will have the opportunity to meet and talk to your Area Councillor and County staff about upcoming projects, learn about available programs and ask any questions you may have. There will be supper (beef on a bun – yum!) and activities for everyone to enjoy!

For more details, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/openhouse or call 780-532-9722.

### **Over 80 Community Groups Benefit from County Grants**

Council will provide \$2,533,228 in grant funding to sport, recreation and cultural organizations and facilities this year.

These grants support community organizations located in the County, the MD of Greenview and the communities of Beaverlodge, Grande Prairie, Hythe, Sexsmith and Wembley.

"Council continues to invest in local organizations and facilities because the services and opportunities they provide enhance the quality of life, sense of safety and pride in our communities," said Reeve Leanne Beaupre. "These grants are a way to recognize their efforts and positive impact."

The grants awarded fall into three categories: Major Capital Grants; Capital Assistance Grants; and Community Assistance Grants. Major Capital Grants assist non-profit organizations who are making improvements to their facilities or building new facilities. Read about some of this year's Major Capital Grants recipients:

#### **Building the La Glace Regional Recreation Centre**

The County will contribute \$333,333 in each of the six years (from 2018 to 2023) to the new La Glace Regional Recreation Centre. This will bring the County's total contribution to \$3 million for this community facility, which just completed Phase 1 of construction.

#### New Equipment at Nitehawk Adventure Park

This recreation area – which includes a ski hill, tube park, mountain bike park, wilderness campground and community facility – provides an opportunity for residents of the region, including families and youth, to take advantage of our amazing outdoor areas. This year's Major Capital Community Grant of \$133,500 for equipment replacement and Community Assistance Grants of \$50,000 (each year from 2015 to 2019) to offset electricity costs support the organization to continue being a premier facility enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

#### A Brand New Playground for the Bezanson Booster Club

Council's investment of \$75,000 to the Bezanson Booster Club will assist this dedicated group of parents in reaching their goal to build a new playground facility for Bezanson School. Designed for kids from preschool to age 12 and covering 10,000 sq.ft., this addition will be a huge benefit to local families.

### South Peace Centennial Museum

This Museum and Interpretive Centre is a 40-acre agricultural pioneer village where visitors can view restored antique farming equipment, cars and buildings to learn about our local heritage. Located in the County, northwest of Beaverlodge, this grant of \$68,941 will go toward a new shop for the organization. Without the continued support of the grant programs through the County of Grande Prairie, our little non-profit volunteer-based museum wouldn't have been able to do a lot of the major projects we have accomplished in our 51 years of operations. Many buildings have been restored as well new buildings have been built over the years thanks to the County. We greatly appreciate it.

#### - Ericka Dougan South Peace Centennial Museum

#### Modernizing the Grande Prairie Legion Building

The Royal Canadian Legion #54, an organization that has been in the area since 1927, is working to modernize their current facility. The County's grant of \$50,000 will assist with upgrades throughout their building, including a new kitchen and the installation of a wheelchair lift.

Over the years, the County of Grande Prairie has been a major grant provider to the Grande Prairie Royal Canadian Legion #54, including being a major contributor to our 2015/2016 roof project.

This year's grant of \$50,000 will help our facility become more accessible for physically challenged individuals, as well as those suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Operational Stress Injury (OSI). The building updates will also create a more family-friendly facility for fun days, recreational and community meetings or events. The upgrades this grant is contributing to includes our washrooms, food & beverage dispensing areas as well better access to our Corvette Banquet Room.

This grant is supporting important upgrades, which will help the Grande Prairie Legion enhance our membership, attract new members and host successful annual events like Veteran's Day and First Responder Appreciation Day.

Thank you to the County of Grande Prairie! Your continued support it is sincerely appreciated.

- Barry L. Lazoruk Grande Prairie Legion

The Capital Assistance Grant Program offers financial support to non-profit organizations that own or operate facilities that provide recreational, sports and cultural opportunities. Read about some of this year's Capital Assistance Grant recipients:



### **Outdoor Play-Structures for Whispering Ridge Participarent**

Council's support through a grant of \$50,000 will allow this parent-led non-profit to enhance the outdoor play structures at Whispering Ridge Community School. This playschool to Grade 8 school is a community hub for the subdivision of Whispering Ridge and throughout the Hamlet of Clairmont.

The County of Grande Prairie has been an amazing supporter of our new community school and our fundraising efforts. Their generosity helped us in our goal of having our first playground installed prior to the school opening in September 2018. The most recent grant funding will assist in our efforts for picnic tables, benches and garbage recycling bins as well as basketball courts, which not only benefit the students of Whispering Ridge Community School, but the community of Whispering Ridge and neighbouring communities. Without their ongoing support, these projects would not have been possible. Thank you!

- Christine Spronk Whispering Ridge Participarent Society

#### A New Playground for Demmitt Cultural Society

The Demmitt Cultural Society will be receiving a grant of \$41,900 for the construction of a new playground, which will entertain kids and families from the northwestern area of the County along with visitors to their beautiful community hall.

Support from the County of Grande Prairie not only helped us to build the Demmitt Community Centre, but yearly operational support helps to minimize costs, allowing us to have workshops, yoga, documentary nights, Mom's group, and other community events that keep the hall vibrant and active. The recent support for the natural playground was very much appreciated and will be a great addition to the hall, for local families and rental parties alike. Thank you!

- Teresa von Tiesenhausen, Demmitt Cultural Society

#### **Repairing the Hythe Arena**

This grant for \$22,016 suported necessary upgrades and repairs, ensuring this arena continues to be used by residents of Hythe, the County and surrounding communities for years to come.

#### Preparing for a new Community Hall in Albright

Council provided a grant of \$17,500 to the Albright Community Hall Association for site work that needed to be completed to prepare for a new community hall, adjacent to Hommy Campground.

Finally, Community Assistance Grants provide operational funding to non-profit and volunteer groups that promote active, safe and sustainable communities. Read about one of this year's Community Assistance Grant recipients:

#### Supporting STARS

Council dedicated \$200,000 per year from 2019 to 2022. This \$800,000 is just part of the total contribution from the County over the years to support the air ambulance, which provides lifesaving services across Western Canada.

The County of Grande Prairie is a respected municipal leader who continues to demonstrate their steadfast commitment to safety and quality of life for their residents through a life-saving partnership with STARS.

Since the opening of the Grande Prairie Base in December 2006, the County of Grande Prairie has supported STARS every step of the way; contributing over \$1.6M to date in support of more than 600 missions flown within the County itself. This ensures that the highest level of critical care is available for us all.

STARS is honored to have the County of Grande Prairie represented on STARS helicopters serving Alberta and eastern B.C. Every call. Every flight. Every life. We thank you for your unwavering commitment to northern residents. With you by our side, we are all STARS.

- Glenda Farnden STARS Foundation

### About the County's Community Grants

These yearly grants provide operating assistance to nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups that provide recreational or cultural services to their community.

Organizations eligible for funding include community based volunteer groups, nonprofit organizations, municipatilities, schools and sports clubs.

Application forms are available through any of the six area County Recreation Boards. To qualify for funding applicants must be open to County residents, provide proof of volunteerism and fundraising and achieve identified goals.

For grant application timelines and more information visit www.countygp.ab.ca/grants.

### 2019 County Grant Recipients

### Major Capital Community Grant (\$50,000+):

- \$333,333 in each of the six years (2018– 2023) to the La Glace Regional Recreation Centre, which, since 2014, will bring the County's total contributions to \$3-million
- \$133,500 to the Nitehawk Adventure Park for equipment replacement
- \$75,000 to the Bezanson Booster Club to install a new school playground
- \$68,941 to the South Peace Centennial Museum – for construction of a new shop
- \$50,000 to the Royal Canadian Legion #54
   for modernization of the Grande Prairie Legion building
- \$50,000 to the Sexsmith & District Museum Society – for repainting of the Sexsmith Grain Elevator

### Capital Assistance Grant (\$5,000-\$50,000) recipients are as follows:

- \$50,000 to the Whispering Ridge Participarent – for the expansion of outdoor play structures
- \$50,000 to the Valhalla Recreation Centre - for facility upgrades
- \$41,900 to the Demmitt Cultural Society for construction of a new playground
- \$30,000 to the Bezanson Agricultural Society – for the purchase of facility equipment at the Knelsen Centre
- \$22,016 to the Hythe Athletic Association-Arena – for infrastructure upgrades/repairs to the existing building
- \$22,000 to the Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society – for a kitchen renovation to the Saskatoon Lake Hall
- \$20,000 to the Regional EMS Foundation Non-Ambulance Transfer (NAT) Van Capital Project
- \$20,000 to the Wembley Agricultural Society – for plumbing projects at the Wembley Arena
- \$20,000 to the Community Village Society of the Peace Country – for renovations to create a new classroom

- \$17,500 to the Albright Community Hall Association – for site preparation to construct a new community hall
- \$16,583 to the Spring Creek Cemetery for the replacement of the 1915 log church
- \$15,000 to Camp Tamarack for a replacement roof on the woodshed and disposition application for lease expansion
- \$15,000 to the Nitehawk Alpine Ski Team for modular building expansion
- \$12,500 to Evergreen Park for the purchase of a starting gate
- \$12,000 to the Robert W. Zahara Public School – for construction and installation of a new "Loose Parts" Play Structure
- \$6,000 to the Beaverlodge Boys & Girls Camp Society – for the purchase and installation of new dining room flooring at the Beaverlodge Boys & Girls Camp
- \$5,000 to the Beaverlodge Seniors Association – for LED lighting conversion

### Community Assistance Grant recipients include:

- \$400,000 to the Grande Prairie Agriculture & Exhibition Society for operations
- \$400,000 to the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum for operations
- \$200,000 to STARS per year for operational funding over four years (2019–2022)
- \$75,000 to the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie

   per year for operational funding over four years (2019–2022)
- \$64,700 to the South Peace Regional Archives – for operations
- \$56,000 to the Grande Prairie Sports Council – for operational funding
- \$50,000 to the Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park – per year for energy costs for five years (2015–2019)
- \$37,398 per year to the Grande Prairie Museum – for operational funding
- \$25,000 to the Bear Creek Folk Festival for operational funding
- \$22,500 to Grande Prairie Technical Search and Rescue – per year for operational funding (2017–2019)

- \$20,000 to the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta – for Vital Signs Report project funding
- \$14,240 to Kleskun Hills Museum Society for operational funding
- \$10,000 to the Grade Three Reading University – for operational funding
- \$10,000 County of Grande Prairie Recreation Fee Assistance Program
- \$10,000 to Mighty Peace Day
- \$9,000 to the Peace Airshed Zone Association
- \$7,500 to the Community Foundation for the County of Grande Prairie Firefighters
- \$6,000 to Agricultural Fairs in the County

   (six grants at \$1,000 each), Valhalla,
   Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, Clairmont, Hythe and Bezanson
- \$6,000 to Kids Sport Grande Prairie
- \$5,000 to County Seasonal Neighbourhood Ice Surface grants (five grants at \$1,000 each)
- \$4,000 to the Grande Prairie Live Theatre for operational support of the Reel Shorts Film Festival
- \$3,300 to the Peace Draft Horse Club for operational support of the Northern Spirit Light Show
- \$2,500 to the Big Hearts for Big Kids Charity Fundraiser in support of Grande Prairie Youth Emergency Shelter Society
- \$2,500 to the City of Grande Prairie Pursuit of Excellence Program for three years (2016–2019) for a total contribution of \$10,000
- \$1,700 to the Grande Prairie Petroleum Association STARS Hangar Dance
- \$1,250 to the Grande Prairie Regional College – College Classic Golf Tournament
- \$1,200 to the Grande Prairie Regional EMS Foundation Family Golf Classic for Life
- \$1,000 to Hospital Foundations \$500 each for Beaverlodge and Hythe
- \$600 to Dry Grad Committees \$200 each for Beaverlodge Regional High School, Sexsmith Secondary High School and Peace Wapiti Academy
- \$567 to the Grande Prairie & District Rural Crime Watch – for website maintenance

Take a Ride on the County Connector!



The County Connector is a new public transit service linking the County of Grande Prairie, Sexsmith, Beaverlodge, Wembley, Hythe and the City of Grande Prairie. Phase One, which successfully launched December 5, 2018, travels from the City of Grande Prairie to Clairmont and Sexsmith. The second phase of the project, which launched February 4, 2019, connects communities from the west side of the County to the City of Grande Prairie three days per week. On Mondays and Fridays, the service starts in Beaverlodge. On Wednesdays, the service starts in Hythe.

The County Connector does not operate weekends or on statutory holidays.

The County Connector is part of the two-year Rural Transportation Pilot Program funded by the Government of Alberta to look at ways to expand transit options and enhance access in rural communities. The program is proudly supported by the County of Grande Prairie, the City of Grande Prairie, the towns of Sexsmith, Beaverlodge and Wembley and the Village of Hythe.

There are two Park and Ride locations along the Phase Two route, with designated parking spots located at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum and the Town of Beaverlodge office.

Visit **www.countygp.ab.ca/connector** for more information about the project, including frequently asked questions, accessibility information, the Rider's Guide and more!

### CLAIRMONT (ROUTE 90) & SEXSMITH (ROUTE 91) SCHEDULE

Mo	Morning Schedule						
	Stop #	Stop Location	AM Trip 1	AM Trip 2	AM Trip 3	Sexsmith AM Trip 4	
Grande Prairie	M7	Town Centre Mall (TCM)	6:40	7:40	8:40	9:40	
	104	Queen Elizabeth II Hospital	6:42	7:42	8:42	9:42	
	M4	Prairie Mall	6:48	7:48	8:48	9:48	
	900	Clairmont Community School (on 104 Ave. by mailbox)	7:03	8:03	9:03	-	
- <del>-</del> -	902	Lakeview Seniors Home	7:06	8:06	9:06	-	
Clairmont	904	On 109th Ave. at outfall	7:09	8:09	9:09	-	
Ē	906	107A Ave. & 98A St.	7:10	8:10	9:10	-	
ai	908	98 St. & 100 Ave.	7:14	8:14	9:14	-	
0	910	99 St. & 103 Ave. (mailboxes by vacant lot)	7:16	8:16	9:16	-	
	912	99 St. & 101 Ave. (mailboxes)	7:17	8:17	9:17	-	
_	920	97 Ave. at Sunset Homes	-	-	-	10:07	
三支	922	99 Ave. & 99 St. (Library/Civic Center)	-	-	-	10:09	
Sexsmith	924	103 St. at Heritage Point	-	-	-	10:12	
e X	926	100 Ave. across from Denture Clinic	-	-	-	10:14	
S	928	100 Ave. & 96 St. (across from Valhalla Manor)	-	-	-	10:15	
	900	Clairmont Community School (on 104 Ave. by mailbox)	-	-	-	10:28	
ť	902	Lakeview Seniors Home	-	-	-	10:31	
ē	904	On 109th Ave. at outfall	-	-	-	10:33	
<u>.</u>	906	107A Ave. & 98A St.	-	-	-	10:35	
Clairmont	908	98 St. & 100 Ave.	-	-	-	10:39	
	910	99 St. & 103 Ave. (mailboxes by vacant lot)	-	-	-	10:41	
	912	99 St. & 101 Ave. (mailboxes)	-	-	-	10:42	
Grande Prairie	M4	Prairie Mall	7:31	8:31	9:31	10:55	
rai	358	Queen Elizabeth II Hospital	7:34	8:34	9:34	10:58	
<u>ه</u> ی	M7	Town Centre Mall (TCM)	7:38	8:38	9:38	11:03	
Af	Afternoon Schedule						
<i>(</i> )	Stop #	Stop Location	PM Trip 1	Sexsmith PM Trip 2	PM Trip 3	PM Trip 4	
Grande Prairie	M7 104	Town Centre Mall (TCM) Oueen Elizabeth II Hospital	2:50 2:52	3:50 3:52	5:25 5:27	6:25 6:27	
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	900	Clairmont Community School (on 104 Ave. by mailbox) Lakeview Seniors Home	3:13 3:16	4:13 4:16	5:48 5:51	6:48 6:51	
Ĕ	902	On 109th Ave. at outfall	3:19	4:10	5:54	6:54	
Clairmont	904	107A Ave. & 98A St.	3:20	4:19	5:55	6:55	
ai.	908	98 St. & 100 Ave.	3:24	4:24	5:59	6:59	
Ű	910	99 St. & 103 Ave. (mailboxes by vacant lot)	3:24	4:26	6:01	7:01	
	912	99 St. & 101 Ave. (mailboxes)	3:27	4:27	6:02	7:02	
	920	97 Ave. at Sunset Homes	-	4:38	-	-	
it –	922	99 Ave. & 99 St. (Library/Civic Center)	-	4:40	-	-	
E	924	103 St. at Heritage Point	-	4:42	-	-	
Sexsmith	926	100 Ave. across from Denture Clinic	-	4:44	-	-	
Ň	928	100 Ave. & 96 St. (across from Valhalla Manor)	-	4:45	-	-	
<u> </u>	M4	Prairie Mall	3:41	5:04	6:16	7:16	
iri a	358	Queen Elizabeth II Hospital	3:43	5:07	6:18	7:18	
Grande Prairie	M7	Town Centre Mall (TCM)	3:46	5:10	6:21	7:21	

Bus fares are \$5 each way. Children age 11 and under ride free and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Fare payment can be made via SUPERPASS or cash in the form of coins only on the bus (exact change required)

### PRELOADED SUPERPASS CARDS WITH FOUR TRIPS FOR \$20.00 OR EIGHT TRIPS FOR \$40.00 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

• Clairmont Fas Gas 9922-102 Ave., Clairmont

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- Sexsmith Town Office 9927-100 St., Sexsmith
- New Horizon Co-op 9831-100 Ave., Grande Prairie
- Shoppers Drug Mart Prairie Mall 11801-100 St., Grande Prairie
- Grande Prairie City Hall 10205-98 St., Grande Prairie
- Wembley Town Office 9940-101 St., Wembley

- Beaverlodge Town Office 1016-4 Ave., Beaverlodge
- Hythe Village Office 10011-100 St., Hythe
- Philip J Currie Dinosaur Museum 9301-112 Ave. Wembley

### SUPERPASS CARDS CAN BE RELOADED ONLINE AT SUPERPASS.CITYOFGP.COM OR AT THE FOLLOWING CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE FACILITIES:

- Grande Prairie City Hall 10205-98 St., Grande Prairie
- City Service Centre
   9505-112 St., Grande Prairie
- Eastlink Centre 10 Knowledge Way, Grande Prairie
- Ernie Radbourne Pavilion at Muskoseepi Park 102 St. & 102 Ave., Grande Prairie

### WEMBLEY (ROUTE 94), BEAVERLODGE (ROUTE 93) & HYTHE SCHEDULE (ROUTE 92)

Мс	Morning Schedule						
	Stop #	Stop Location	Mon. & Fri.	Wed.			
Hythe	9202	98 St. and Grand Marshal Inn	-	9:00			
	9204	102 Ave. and 99 St.	-	9:01			
	9206	104 Ave. between the Hythe Community Centre and Hythe and District Pioneer Home	-	9:03			
	9208	103 St. and 103 Ave. (by vacant lot)	-	9:04			
	9210	103 St. (across from Tags Food & Gas)	-	9:05			
e r	9302	5th Ave. at the Beaverlodge Cultural Centre	9:21	9:21			
Beaver- lodge	9304	4th Ave. at 9th St.	9:23	9:23			
Be	9306	4th Ave. at Amisk Court	9:25	9:25			
~	9402	Range Road 82 at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum	9:46	9:46			
Wembley	9404	97 St. and 99 Ave.	9:50	9:50			
em	9406	98 Ave. at 100 St.	9:52	9:52			
3	9408	100 St. at 99 Ave.	9:53	9:53			
e e	M4	Prairie Mall	10:22	10:22			
Grande Prairie	358	Queen Elizabeth II Hospital	10:26	10:26			
52	M7	Town Centre Mall (West side)	10:30	10:30			
	Afternoon Schedule						
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	Stop #	Stop Location	Mon. & Fri.	Wed.			
	Stop #	Stop Location Leave Town Centre Mall (North side)	3:00	3:00			
	Stop # M7 104	Stop Location Leave Town Centre Mall (North side) Queen Elizabeth II Hospital	3:00 3:03	3:00 3:03			
Grande Prairie	Stop # M7 104 M4	Stop Location Leave Town Centre Mall (North side) Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Leave Prairie Mall	3:00 3:03 3:08	3:00 3:03 3:08			
Grande Prairie	Stop # M7 104 M4 9402	Stop Location Leave Town Centre Mall (North side) Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Leave Prairie Mall Range Road 82 at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum	3:00 3:03 3:08 3:29	3:00 3:03 3:08 3:29			
Grande Prairie	Stop # M7 104 M4 9402 9404	Stop Location         Leave Town Centre Mall (North side)         Queen Elizabeth II Hospital         Leave Prairie Mall         Range Road 82 at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum         97 St. and 99 Ave.	3:00 3:03 3:08 3:29 3:33	3:00 3:03 3:08 3:29 3:33			
	Stop # M7 104 M4 9402 9404 9406	Stop Location         Leave Town Centre Mall (North side)         Queen Elizabeth II Hospital         Leave Prairie Mall         Range Road 82 at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum         97 St. and 99 Ave.         98 Ave. at 100 St.	3:00           3:03           3:08           3:29           3:33           3:35	3:00 3:03 3:08 3:29 3:33 3:35			
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### What's New with the Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee?

Local community groups and municipalities now have a process to seek input and support for the development of new recreation facilities in our region with the Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee's (GPRRC) new Project Proposal Application.

The GPRRC was formed in 2017 and is comprised of seven regional municipal partners, including the County of Grande Prairie; City of Grande Prairie; Municipal District of Greenview; the towns of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, and Wembley; and the Village of Hythe. The GPRRC is responsible for implementing the Grande Prairie Area Joint Recreation Master Plan.

Are you interested in learning more about the Project Proposal process? Contact Krista Schuett, Regional Recreation Coordinator, at 780-518-9331 or kschuett@countygp.ab.ca.

### New Era for the County of Grande Prairie

In early 2019, long-time Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Bill Rogan, announced his plans to retire after 24 years with the County of Grande Prairie.

Bill has been with the County since 1995 when he left Alberta Transportation to start as the Superintendent of Public Works. In 2001 he was appointed as CAO.

"I've been fortunate to have worked with many outstanding staff members and elected officials throughout the years who were committed to the County and our residents," said Bill. "Leading the County through a period of significant growth while supporting our neighbouring communities in their development has been the most rewarding part of my career."

As CAO, Bill has been an instrumental part of developing the County of Grande Prairie into the municipality it is today. Some highlights of his tenure include the development of the Aquatera partnership; expanding programs and services for residents; enhancing safety and security throughout the County by investing in the Regional Enforcement Services and Regional Fire Service departments; and the construction of world-class facilities like the Crosslink County Sportsplex and the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

"Bill has been a strong leader, visionary and a mentor for Administration and Councillors during his time as CAO," said Reeve Leanne Beaupre. "He has worked diligently and faithfully for the County, and we wish him the best in his retirement."

County Council has retained the executive search firm Western Management Consultants (WMC) to assist in filling the position.

### All about the Wapiti Area Synergy Partnership

Are you interested in energy industry activity in the Wapiti area? Have you heard of the Wapiti Area Synergy Partnership (WASP)?

### WHAT

WASP is a multi-stakeholder group made up of landowners, local elected officials, area oil and gas companies and service providers, as well as the Alberta Energy Regulator.

### WHY

The group was formed to help bring together area landowners, residents and industry with interest in industrial and energy development in the Wapiti area. If you're interested in connecting with representatives from the energy companies operating in the Wapiti area, learning about upcoming projects and listening to expert presentations, stop by one of the regular meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month.

Helen E. Taylor School, 9719 99 Ave., Wembley Starting at 7 p.m.

### **MISSION, VISION & VALUES**

WASP is dedicated to facilitating communication and cooperation

between industry partners, regulators and community members on energy development in the area. Their vision is to foster a proactive and collaborative approach to energy development while maintaining our environment.



### **NOTICE** APPLICATION FOR DUST CONTROL

Rates for 2019 calcium applications: Residential - \$4.40/metre Commercial/Industrial - \$6.60/metre

The County of Grande Prairie is accepting applications for Dust Control on a cost share basis for residents located adjacent to gravel roadways within the County.

The application deadline is Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Applications now available to complete online at www.countygp.ab.ca/dustcontrol.

Application forms can also be completed at the Public Works Building located at: 10001 - 84 Avenue, Clairmont

For more information, contact Public Works at 780-532-7393 or visit www.countygp.ab.ca/dustcontrol.



### **Annual Roadside Clean-up Program**

Watch for community groups along County roadsides and ditches this May as the Annual Roadside Clean-up Program takes place.

Last year, 31 community groups collected over 12 tonnes of litter from 229 kilometres of roadsides in the County, earning \$46,130 for their organizations!

Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/roadsidecleanup to view an interactive map highlighting where the clean-up will take place.

### **The Importance of Ditch Cleaning**



County Council made ditch cleaning efforts a priority last year, after the unusually wet spring of 2018 and the resulting heavy run-off conditions clogged ditches with eroded topsoil, reducing their ability to handle storm water.

Through the enhanced Ditch Cleaning Program, an investment of more \$1.5 million for 2018, and with coordinated efforts from local farmers, crews were able to clean 97 kilometres of ditches across the County! Thank you to our residents for your help to keep our ditches in top shape.

Ditch cleaning was a major focus for the County last year; however, this work continues every year as a forward-thinking step to reduce the risk of future flooding.

If you have farm property where topsoil has been washed into ditches due to flooding and would like assistance in returning topsoil to your field, or would like more information, contact the Public Works department at 780-532-7393 or by email at pubwks@countygp.ab.ca.

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### 2019 Road & Bridge Construction Projects

### ANOTHER BUSY ROAD CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS GEARING UP IN THE COUNTY THIS SPRING.

Council approved over half of the capital budget, \$31.1 million, to go towards capital road and bridge projects this year.

New construction this year includes 18.4 km of road surfacing including the paving of gravel roads, surfaced road overlays, and re-construction, with divisional road projects to be determined. Grant funding for road projects is estimated at \$4.2 million, including a \$1.1 million Federal Gas Tax Grant and \$3.1 million in funding from Provincial Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Grant.

In addition to capital road and bridge construction projects, the County's road maintenance program has a budget of \$17.6 million for 2019, and includes grading, oiling, gravelling, signage, spot and miscellaneous construction and winter road maintenance.

The County would like to thank residents and commuters for their patience through the upcoming construction season.

The following is a list of activities on County roads that are planned for the 2019 construction season. The projects are labelled depending on the type of work and shown on the 2019 Road Projects Map.



Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/roadconstruction to view the interactive map with all roads being upgraded this construction season, project timelines and potential traffic impacts.



PROJECT #	ROAD PROJECT	TYPE OF WORK	
1	Whispering Ridge Community School Roads	Grading, base paving 0.34 km	
2	Whispering Ridge Community School Sidewalks	Sidewalk construction 0.15 km	
3	Township Road 720 – Encana Road Partnership	Grading 3.20 km	
4	Clairmont East – 104 Avenue, 103 Avenue, 102 Avenue and 101 Avenue	Grading, base paving 1.20 km	
5	Range Road 74 from Township Road 712 to Highway 43	Grading 3.20 km	
6	Township Road 721 west from the City of Grande Prairie	Grading 1.20 km	
7	Northgate Industrial Park & Crossroads North Industrial Park	Overlay 11 km	
8	Township 742 (Spruce Meadows Road)	Base paving 3.40 km	
9	Range Road 83 from Township Road 744 to Township Road 750	Base paving 3.20 km	
10	Countryview North – 107 Avenue, 106 Avenue, 105 Avenue and 97A Street	Grading, base paving 0.75 km	
11	Sprucewood Park	Base paving 2.10 km	
12	Range Road 93	Overlay 1.74 km	
13	Range Road 105 (Spring Lake Road)	Base paving 3.20 km	
14	JD Willis Estates	Grade 2.03 km	
15	Althen Corner – 156 Avenue, 101 Street & 102 Street	Overlay 0.40 km	
16	Range Road 83 from Highway 59 to Township Road 744	Base paving 3.20 km	
17	Dunkley Meadows	Base paving 1.30 km	
18	Township Road 730 from Range Road 63 to Range Road 70	Base paving 3.20 km	
19	Range Road 64 from north from Township Road 710	Grading, base paving 1.60 km	
20	Range Road 60 (Saddle Hills Road) from Highway 2 to Township Road 744	Base paving 5.30 km	
21	Township Road 724 from Peregrine Industrial Park to Range Road 70	Grading 5.70 km	
SP1	Township Road 742 from Range Road 30 to Range Road 31	Spot construction 1.60 km	
SP2	Range Road 32 from Township Road 720 to Township Road 721	Spot construction 1.60 km	
SP3	Range Road 95 from Highway 43 to Township Road 720	Spot construction 1.60 km	
SP4	Range Road 82 south from Township Road 724	Spot construction 1.60 km	
SP5	Township Road 730 from Range Road 84 to Range Road 85	Spot construction 0.8 km	
SP6	Township Road 730 west from Range Road 64 to bridge	Spot construction 0.4 to 0.8 km	
SP7	Range Road 105 bridge crossing	Spot construction 1.60 km	
SP8	Range Road 104 north and south of Township Road 752	Spot construction 1.60 km	
PROJECT #	BRIDGE PROJECT	TYPE OF WORK	
B1	Hythe (SE-28-73-77-W6)	Bridge replacement	
B2	Beaverlodge	Adding membrane & paving	
B3	Valhalla Centre (SE-5-75-9-W6)	Adding membrane & paving	
B4	La Glace (SW-3-73-8-W6)	Repair work	
B5	Sexsmith (SW-13-73-5-W6)	Repair work	
B6	Sexsmith (SE-30-73-6-W6)	Repair work	
B7	Grande Prairie (NW-3-72-6-W6)	Repair work	
B8	La Glace (NW-7-75-8-W6)	Repair work	
B9	Beaverlodge (SE-6-72-9-W6)	Repair work	
B10	Sexsmith (NW-4-74-4-W6)	Corrugated steel plate replacement	
B11	Elmworth (SW-20-70-11-W5)	Corrugated steel plate replacement	
B12	Clairmont (NW-20-72-6-W6)	Repair work	

**Grading** involves digging out an existing road structure to re-align level or widen the road, and building a new road from the bottom up.

**Overlay** work involves adding a new layer of pavement. This type of work can also include minor spot fixes and milling the surface on occasion. **Base paving** involves removing the top layer of gravel, repairing the base of the road if needed, then packing of the current road surface, and paving a layer of asphalt.

### It's Fire Season - Do You Have Your Permit?



The County has four different Fire Burning Areas that are displayed in white, yellow, green and red.

**County White Area** – Requires a verbal permit during fire season. Fill out the Fire Permit Request Form at **www.countygp.ab.ca/firepermits** and someone will be in contact about your request.

**County Yellow Area** – Requires a written fire permit during fire season. Contact your Fire Guardian.

**County Red Area** – This is a restricted burn zone. Permits are required year round. Call 780-532-9727 for information on how to obtain your permit.

**County Green Area** – Requires a written fire permit during fire season from a Forestry Fire Guardian as this area is designated as the Forest Protection Area. Contact the Forest Fire Guardian listed at www.countygp.ab.ca/fireguardians.

Residents are reminded that there is no burning of household garbage permitted within hamlets or residential subdivisions (an area of land divided up into building lots containing more than five adjoining residences). An inspection and permit is required prior to burning and burning must take place in an approved incinerator or burn barrel.

Fire Marshal Ken Atamanchuk stresses that burning in any Red Zone is prohibited without a permit, "This entire region is considered to be at extremely high risk for wildfires due to heavy forestation. The amount of vegetation also poses a hazard because it makes it very hard for fire and emergency crews to access the area during emergency situations. Residents are encouraged to visit the County's website for information about fire permits and Burning Areas."

In the event that a Fire Ban is issued in the County, burn permits are no longer valid until the ban is lifted. Notifications of fire bans are made through local media.

For more information about fire permits, to clarify your Burn Area or request an inspection, contact Regional Fire Service at 780-532-9727 or visit www.countygp.ab.ca/firepermits.

### **Protect Your Home this Wildfire Season**

As the snow melts and spring approaches, so does the wildfire season. By doing a simple spring cleaning, homeowners can help protect their yards, home and neighbourhood from the risk of wildfires.

### PROTECT YOUR HOME WITH THE FOLLOWING EASY TIPS:

- Ensure your roof is clear of evergreen needles and leaves, and there are no overhanging trees or branches that can catch fire
- Cover the area below decks and porches with 1/8 wire mesh. This will prevent flammable material (like leaves and branches) from accumulating under the deck
- · Contact your utility company if trees or branches are not clear of power lines
- Keep a watchful eye on fire pits and burn barrels when they are in use. Never leave a fire unattended
- Make sure your chimney is up to code and has a spark-arresting screen installed
- Remove all long grass, shrubs, logs, branches, twigs and needles within 10 metres of your home
- · Have a nearby water supply for emergencies
- · Store firewood at least 10 metres from any structures
- · Lawns should be kept hydrated and maintained
- Any low-hanging tree limbs (6 to 10 feet above the ground) should be pruned to reduce the risk of the tree catching fire

### THESE SIMPLE STEPS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO WILDFIRE SAFETY

Fire prevention experts from Regional Fire Service will be at the 2019 Home and Garden Show, taking place April 12 – 14 at the TARA Centre in Evergreen Park, providing information to homeowners about Firesmart and how to obtain proper fire permits.

### ATTEND THE ANNUAL WOOD WASTE CLEAN-UP

Once again, the County will be hosting our Annual FireSmart Wood Waste Clean-up event to promote wildfire safety. Bring wood debris, branches and deadfall from your yard to the event for our Regional Fire Service to chip and dispose of. Alberta Agriculture and Forestry staff will also be on site to answer questions.

Stay tuned to the County's website, www.countygp.ab.ca and our social media channels for the official event date and more information.



### **Emerson Trail Columbarium**

Purchasing a niche at the grain elevator themed Emerson Trail Columbarium is a wonderful way to honour loved ones from our community. The County's Cemetery Specialist, Gail Temple, will work with individuals or families to discuss your options.

For questions, or to set up your appointment, contact Gail at 780-532-9727.

COSTS: \$1,250 – 36 niches are available. Each niche has room for two standard size urns. \$250 – Opening fee to place a second urn in a reserved niche.

Inscription services are available through Peace Country Memorials.

Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/cemeteries for more information about cemeteries in the County of Grande Prairie.





### **Riparian Livestock Crossing: Building a Bridge**

It can be a challenge to move livestock over a stream (or draw or drainage ditch) without damaging it. Different stream crossing solutions work in different locations; this factsheet shares the experience that a landowner had building one specific livestock crossing structure.

### WHY INSTALL A STREAM CROSSING HERE?

#### The challenges:

- · Long livestock drives on public roads
- A previous crossing had been washed out
- Livestock crossing directly through the stream had negative impacts on the water quality, riparian area (banks, floodplain soils, and vegetation), and livestock health.

#### The benefits:

- Less streambank erosion, which reduces the risk of slumping and loss of land
- Healthier livestock due to reduced stress, dry feet, and lowered risk of drowning
- · Intact riparian vegetation and firmer stream banks
- Cleaner water for fish and for livestock to drink (due to less manure, urine, and sediment in water)
- Potential access route for machinery and people
- · Easier livestock management (time and effort)

### Why a rig mat bridge design?

There are many examples of stream crossings and they can all look very different, but this one worked best in this space:

- · The stream had well-defined and stable banks
- We could build above the high-water level
- Availability of repurposed materials
- The span of the stream was 30 feet and the rig mat was 40 feet in length
- There was an appropriate crossing site with existing alleyways
- The crossing site was on a straight section of the stream
- The stream floods fairly regularly so the concept of a free span bridge was appealing because it would allow water and debris to flow more freely



#### **GETTING STARTED**

Once the decision was made of what kind of stream crossing to use at this site, the producer worked with a group of professionals from multiple disciplines on design, approvals, construction and funding to build a rig mat bridge.

They assessed the stream characteristics, determined the needs and scoped out costs and alternatives. Alberta Environment and Parks, Public Lands, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada were contacted and provided with necessary documentation. No permit was required to move forward with this particular stream crossing and no land zoning issues (e.g., conservation easement, Land Title caveat) were identified at this site.

Anytime construction projects have the potential to impact a watercourse, it is important to check with Alberta Environment and Parks, Public Lands, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada regarding approvals and special permitting. Also be sure to inquire about any bylaws your municipality may have in place.

### CONSTRUCTION

It was a goal of this project to source durable and low-cost materials where possible. Repurposed oil field pipe, I-beams, and pressure-treated bridge timbers were used. The rig mat was purchased new to ensure that it was not contaminated with petroleum products or invasive weed seed. The sides of the bridge deck were lined with new livestock panels and closed in with plywood.

Transporting the rig mats through narrow alleyways was a challenge, but otherwise, construction went smoothly due to contractor and machine operator.

The bridge was installed when ground conditions were dry and before the ground was frozen.

COSTS				
Used Oilfield Pipeline	Salvage			
Transportation	\$700			
I-beams	Salvage			
Pressure treated bridge timbers	Salvage			
Rig mat (delivered)	\$6,500			
Panels (delivered)	\$1,600			
Panel siding	\$500			
Contractor	\$3,400			
Total	\$12,700			

#### WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

Livestock needed to be conditioned to use this new bridge; the hollow sound of the bridge deck or seeing through open panels may be deterrents for livestock. To mitigate these deterrents, straw was laid upon the bridge deck to dampen the hollow sound and plywood was used along the sides of the crossing structure to create a visual barrier.

#### **BUILDING YOUR OWN**

Stream crossings are an integral part of stewardship within the agricultural sector. As a way to help producers install crossings on their land, the Canadian Agricultural Partnership is offering grant funding for a variety of agricultural stewardship projects. If you want to learn more, visit the "Canadian Agricultural Partnership" page on the Government of Canada website.

Thanks to the Alberta Government for funding through the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program.

Questions? Contact the Agriculture department at 780-539-9727.

Feel free to tear away this contact information and place it in a familiar place for your reference.



#### How to reach County Regional Enforcement Services

Do you have questions, concerns or complaints? Would you like information about traffic safety and enforcement? The following is a list of important contacts in case you ever need to reach Regional Enforcement Services.

#### Phone: 780-532-9727

Email: enforcementservices@countygp.ab.ca

Online: www.countygp.ab.ca/occurrencereport

In person: Community Services Building. Open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed between 12:00p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and on statutory holidays Occurrence Reporting form: Pick up a pamphlet at any local municipal office, complete and submit it. Secure Fax: 888-779-5895

#### How to reach the Grande Prairie Regional Animal Care Facility

For animal shelter, pound services and adoptions:

Phone: 780-830-0199 Email: regionalpound@countygp.ab.ca Fax: 780-532-4745 In Person: Brochu Industrial Park, 12220 – 104 Avenue, Grande Prairie. Open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Closed between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and on statutory holidays.

#### How to Report a Drug House

Phone: 780-830-5889

Online: www.countygp.ab.ca/drughouse

Report a drug house form: Pick up a pamphlet at any local municipal office, complete and submit

For Emergencies	
EMERGENCIES (POLICE, FIRE & EMS)	911
RCMP GRANDE PRAIRIE	780-830-5700
RCMP BEAVERLODGE	780-354-2485
LITTER – CROWN LAND/TRAILS	1-800-222-6514
WILDLIFE EMERGENCIES	1-800-642-3800
PUBLIC LANDS ABUSE	1-800-642-3800
REPORT A POACHER	1-800-642-3800
REPORT A DRUG HOUSE	780-830-5889
SAFE COMMUNITIES (SCAN)	1-866-960-SCAN (7226)
WILDFIRE HOTLINE	310-FIRE (3473)
ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES	1-800-222-6514
PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCIES	780-532-7393
ALBERTA SPCA	1-800-455-9003
DANGEROUS GOODS	1-800-272-9600
POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION	1-800-332-1414
PET POISON	1-800-213-6680
ANIMAL POISON	1-888-426-4435
<b>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</b>	1-866-415-8690
CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE CRISIS UNIT	1-800-638-0715
CANADIAN NATIONAL (CN) RAIL	1-800-465-9239



### Be on Noxious Weed Watch this Season!



With spring soon upon us, now is an excellent time to start watching for noxious weeds. You may be wondering, which noxious weeds are found in the County? What is the difference between a noxious weed and a prohibited noxious weed? Are any of those perennials in my garden considered a weed?

There are a few noxious weeds commonly found around the County. Scentless chamomile is one of the first ones to show up. The best time to control it, and many other noxious

### Herbicide Application to Begin on County Rights-of-Way

Please be advised that the County's Agriculture department crews will begin herbicide application on County-owned rights-of-way beginning in late May and extending into October this year. All herbicide application is on a spot-spray basis, which targets noxious and prohibited noxious weeds found on County property. Herbicide application is done in accordance with the Provincial Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act. We do not spray in the direct vicinity of a house unless it is requested. County-owned rights-of-way are subject to herbicide application unless there is a valid No Spray Agreement registered.

Applications for the No Spray Program are available at www.countygp.ab.ca/nospray or in person at the County Community Services Building.

If you have questions about noxious weed management at the County, including weeds to watch out for or the No Spray Program, contact the Agriculture Department 780-539-9727 or stop by the County Community Services Building.



weeds, is early in the season. When the plants are small and actively growing, herbicide application is very effective and new growth is relatively easy to hand-pull. For perennials like tansy and Canada thistle, hand pulling may not prove especially effective, so herbicide application may be your most effective option.

Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/weedcontrol for more information and resources about identifying and controlling or eradicating these pesky plants.

### Your Outdoor Event Tent May Require a Permit!

In order to comply with the Alberta Building Code and Safety Codes Act, a permit is required for any structure larger than ten square metres (108 sq. ft.) in size. This includes non-permanent structures like event tents.

If you're organizing an outdoor wedding, family reunion or other private function this summer, and you're planning to put up a tent, proper permitting and an inspection are required.

Note: five business days are required to process new applications.

More information about permits, and a downloadable application, are available at www.countygp.ab.ca/permits.

Questions? Contact Planning & Development at 780-532-9722

# Exciting things are happening at County Campgrounds and Parks this summer!





### TIPS FOR A GREAT CAMPING EXPERIENCE

To ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience at County Campgrounds, please remember:

- Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is 2:00 p.m.
- For your comfort and safety, individual campsites are limited to one hard sided camping unit + 1 tent + 1 vehicle per campsite
- Please use firewood conservatively be sure to leave some for the next campers
- Never leave a burning campfire or BBQ unattended
- Make sure campfires are fully extinguished before packing up your site
- Please be considerate of your neighbours – quiet time is from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Dogs must be on a leash in your campsite and throughout the campgrounds and parks
- No discharging fireworks or operating off-highway vehicles allowed
- Be careful of the kiddos! Follow all speed and directional signage
- Be respectful to your campsite neighbours and County staff

Explore the natural beauty that the County of Grande Prairie has to offer and consider a staycation when planning your summer holidays. The County is home to eight parks and campground facilities, each with an abundance of exciting recreation options for individuals and families to enjoy.

### NEW AND IMPROVED FOR THE 2019 CAMPING SEASON

The addition of power to 19 sites in D loop means there are now 35 power sites available to book at Pipestone Creek Campground! Other additions for summer 2019 will include a new play structure at the Day-Use Area playground and a new rentable Day-Use shelter. For those seeking a wedding or special event venue, a decorative gazebo will be put up in the lower group Day-Use Area and available for half day or full day rentals. Reserve your spot quickly and easily by using our online reservation system, available at **www.countygp.ab.ca/pipestone**.

Improvements at other County Campgrounds and Parks include:

- A new playground surface at Hommy Campground
- New toilet and shower facilities at Bear Lake Campground
- Upgraded amenities at the Kleskun Hill and the Old Bezanson Townsite Day Use areas

### CALL AHEAD & BOOK TODAY

Reserve your campsite in advance at Bear Lake Campground, Hommy Campground and Kleskun Hill Campground. Simply call to confirm availability & reserve your spot.

Bear Lake Campground Contact: 780-567-4105

Hommy Campground Contact: 780-354-8039

Kleskun Hill Campground Contact: 780-567-3685

These campgrounds now accept payment via Debit, Visa or Mastercard.

Learn more about camping in County campgrounds by visiting www.countygp.ab.ca/campgrounds.

### **RECREATION PROGRAMING FOR SUMMER 2019**

Stay tuned to our social media channels or visit www.countygp.ab.ca/parksandrec for details on recreation programs and events happening at our County parks and campgrounds this summer.

# Fun in the Sun with Summer Camps

Back by popular demand, County FCSS is offering Summer Day Camps in 2019! Summer Day Camps are held over three days and will be hosted in five communities around the County. These Camps are a great opportunity for youth, ages 6 – 12, to enjoy fun and exciting activities this summer, like arts and crafts, outdoor activities (weather dependent) and fun games. Healthy morning and afternoon snacks will be provided while campers will bring their own lunch. Registration is \$30 per child.

More details about this year's Summer Day Camps, including locations, dates and times, will be available by June, 2019. Stay tuned to the County's website and social media channels for information as it becomes available.

If you have questions about the Camps or want more information about the program, please contact FCSS at 780-532-9727 or by email at fcssreg@countygp.ab.ca.

### Parent and Tots Programs

The County invites parents or caregivers and their children ages 0 to 6 to join us at a parent and tot playgroup near you. Children will enjoy crafts, stories, songs and playtime. Parents are encouraged to join in the activities.

Children and their parents or caregivers can make new friends and have fun at these FREE programs!





Bezanson Parent and Tots Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. Knelsen Centre (Bezanson Memorial Hall) 780-933-0964

Beaverlodge Little Tykes Playgroup Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Beaverlodge 780-354-4180

Clairmont Parent and Tots Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. Wellington Resource Centre, Clairmont 780-567-2843

Find information about other programs offered by County FCSS at www.countygp.ab.ca/fcss.

### **Community Support Worker in Beaverlodge**

Every second Tuesday a Community Support Worker is available at the Neighborhood Resource Centre in Beaverlodge to support our residents. The Community Support Worker can assist people who are navigating issues like domestic or genderbased violence or child and family services as well as provide services like court support accompaniment, information on financial and mental health supports or assistance with support applications.

### Private and confidential appointments can be arranged by calling the Neighbourhood Resource Centre at 780-354-4180.

This service is available through a partnership between County of Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge FCSS, Odyssey House and Beaverlodge Victim Services.



### Making Recreation Accessible for all Residents

The County is working to ensure all residents have access to recreation opportunities through the Recreation Fee Assistance (RFA) Program.

The RFA Program helps qualifying low-income individuals and families living in the County of Grande Prairie to access recreation facilities. Residents can apply to the program to access a ten-punch pass to the Crosslink County Sportsplex, Beaverlodge Recreation Centre or the Eastlink Centre.

"I am very grateful that I received this pass. It's helping me to get out more and walk as often as I can"

- Individual who used the Recreation Fee Assistance Program last year

Applicants must be 18 years old, reside in the County and meet all criteria of the program.

For more information about the RFA Program, and to apply, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/rfa or call FCSS at 780-532-9727.



### **Free Family Fishing!**

Have you visited the Crosslink County Sportsplex Fishing Pond? This hidden gem – located behind the playground on the east side of the Crosslink County Sportsplex – is stocked with over 2,000 trout and is open for public access during daylight hours in the summer. Watch for the addition of a second fishing dock later this year!



#### **ATTENTION YOUNG ANGLERS**

The County's popular Kids Can Catch event will be back on July 6, 2019. Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/pond for more information.

### **New Bezanson Truck Fill**

A new truck fill is opening in the community of Bezanson, providing residents with bulk water. For more information, including how to create your account and pre-pay for water, call 780-532-9722 or visit www.countygp.ab.ca/truckfill.

### Planning a Fundraiser? – Borrow the Community BBQ!

Are you part of a community not-for-profit or charitable organization that is hosting a special event or fundraiser? The County of Grande Prairie is pleased to offer our commercial grade, four-burner barbecue for use, free of charge! The barbecue is available to book this season from May 1 to October 15.

Applications from for-profit organizations, who are hosting fundraisers for charitable and not-for-profit groups, will also be considered.

Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/bbq to view the requirements and other important details. Contact Parks and Recreation at least 14 days before your event to book by calling 780-532-9727.



### Attend the Earth Day Community Celebration and Tradeshow!

Stop by for some fun, free activities for all ages in honour of Earth Day! Learn about green initiatives in our region and connect with local vendors about eco-friendly topics at the **Earth Day Community Celebration and Tradeshow**, co-hosted by the County and City of Grande Prairie.

WHEN: Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Teresa Sargent Hall in the Montrose Cultural Centre, 9839 – 103 Avenue, Grande Prairie

Stay tuned to www.countygp.ab.ca for more information.

### Recycle with the Help of our Cardboard Crusaders!



Did you know that many household items can be recycled at the Clairmont Recycling and Waste Management Centre, including cardboard? Our Cardboard Crusaders are on site to help guide your recyclable materials to the proper place – not the landfill.

Are you curious about what can be recycled in the County and where? Visit page 22 to view the chart "What Can I Recycle and Where?"



Your unwanted computers, TVs and old paint aren't doing any good hanging around, but they will if you recycle them. **Bring your old computers, TVs, paint and hazardout waste to:** 

### WEBSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH Saturday May 25, 10 am – 2 pm

Located on the corner of Township Road 744 and Range Road 55, west of Highway 2

ENTER TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES INCLUDING A BBQ, A BACKYARD COMPOSTING UNIT AND A HOME GREEN CONE DIGESTER!



### **Recycling and Waste Management Facility Hours**

Tear it out and post it where you can refer to it often

#### CLAIRMONT CENTRE FOR RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

OPEN: Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. WEST GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL LANDFILL

Tuesday to Saturday

from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

OPEN:

DEMMITT TRANSFER STATION

**OPEN:** Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ELMWORTH TRANSFER STATION

OPEN: Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. TEEPEE CREEK TRANSFER STATION

**OPEN:** Tuesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/recyclingprograms to view an interactive map of all the County's waste management and recycling service facilities and to learn more about our various recycling programs. For landfill and transfer station information please call our Landfill Information Line at 780-513-3967.

### Curbside Waste Collection Continues in County Neighbourhoods

The introduction of waste carts modernized the waste collection process in select neighbourhoods in the County last year. By utilizing the convenient carts that residents roll to the curbside on collection day, the process of waste collection is safer, cleaner and less wasteful.

### **HOUSEHOLD WASTE & RECYCLING**

Remember, the waste carts are for bagged household only. Recyclables like cardboard, mixed paper, plastics 1, 2, 4 & 5, should be placed in blue bags and put out beside your waste cart for collection.

Non-acceptable items for waste carts include:

- household hazardous waste (e.g., oven cleaners, paints, motor oil, pesticides, toilet cleaners, batteries, propane tanks, light bulbs, solvents, paint, oil, computer equipment)
- animal waste or noxious matter
- large items (mattresses, box springs, furniture, televisions, stereos, sofas, etc.)
- large appliances (fridges, stoves, freezers, dishwashers, hot water tanks, etc.)
- building/renovation material (e.g., wood with nails sticking out, drywall, carpeting, lumber, etc.)
- tires, large metal auto parts

### Do you have electronics, household appliances, batteries, tires or large items to dispose of? Visit the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management where you can recycle these items and dispose of refuse free of charge with your Landfill Access Tag.

#### Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/landfillaccess for details.

### **COLLECTION DAY**

### Tuesday collection:

- Taylor Estates
- Maple Ridge
- Wedgewood
- Clairmont north of 108 Avenue

#### Wednesday collection:

- Carriage Lane
- Clairmont south of 108 Avenue

#### Friday collection:

- Whispering Ridge in Clairmont
- Westlake in Clairmont

### TIPS FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION:

- · Roll your waste cart to the curb before 7 a.m. on collection day
- Make sure your waste cart is removed from the curb by 7 p.m. on collection day
- The wheels & handles on the waste cart should face the curb
- · All waste must fit in your waste cart with the lid fully closed

Questions about the Curbside Waste Collection Program? Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/wastecarts or contact Public Works at 780-532-9722.

### **Go Green for Earth Day!**

Are you interested in reducing waste and giving back to the environment? Purchase your very own composter or food digester in honour of Earth Day! Purchase an Earth Machine Composter or Green Cone Food Digester for 50% off from April 15 to May 3 – visit www.countygp.ab.ca/homecomposting for details & to order.

### EARTH MACHINE COMPOSTER - REG. \$60

- Accepts grass clippings, leaves and debris, fruits and vegetables
- Easy-to-use and assemble
- Converts organic material to nutrient-rich soil
- · Easy to remove composted material
- 10-year warranty
- Rodent resistant

#### **GREEN CONE FOOD DIGESTER – REG. \$120**

- Accepts kitchen scraps including meat, bones, dairy, cooked and processed foods, grains and pet waste
- Simple and easy-to-use
- No need to stir
- No by-product
- Converts material to liquid and enters surrounding yard providing nutrients to the soil

For more information, contact the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management at 780-567-4194.





### What Can I Recycle and Where?

Take a look at this handy guide that will help plan your next trip to the local recycle and waste management facility. Tear it out and post it where you can refer to it often.

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	CLAIRMONT CENTRE FOR RECYCLING &	WEST GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL	DEMMITT TRANSFER STATION	TEEPEE CREEK TRANSFER STATION	ELMWORTH TRANSFER STATION
	WASTE MANAGEMENT	LANDFILL			
Electronics & Appliances	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Propane Tanks (Under 100lb)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Refundable Bottles	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Cardboard & Boxboard	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
Vehicle Batteries	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Fluorescent Bulbs	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
Pesticide Jugs	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Tires	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Wood	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Metal	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Clothing	$\checkmark$				
Agricultural Plastics	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
Rechargeable Batteries	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Paper, cardboard, tin, glass & plastics 1, 2, 4 & 5	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
Drop n Swap program	$\checkmark$			$\checkmark$	
Concrete	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
Used Oil	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
Household Hazardous Waste & Paint	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			

There are also 14 recycling bins that accept paper, cardboard, tin and glass located throughout the County.

Recycling some of your household waste means you can feel good about protecting our environment, reducing waste in our landfills and helping to reduce air and water pollution.

For more information about recycling and waste management visit www.countygp.ab.ca/recycleprograms.

### **New Business Retention and Expansion Program**

The County of Grande Prairie is always working to identify current and future opportunities that can support our diverse economy. By gaining a comprehensive understanding of the social, economic and environmental factors at play in the County, the Growth and Economic Development Strategy established a 50-year vision that shows how to accommodate future growth and strengthen economic development in a sustainable, responsible way.

One of the desired outcomes of the Growth and Economic Development Strategy is to increase collaboration by partnering for growth. The County will continue to focus on collaboration and develop a strong network of partners to drive this economic growth. The new Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Program was developed to strengthen the connection between businesses and our communities, while encouraging growth opportunities. Community Futures was commissioned to survey County businesses in order to identify their priorities and opportunities for retention and expansion. The survey was made up of questions about business performance related to overall satisfaction and had a participation rate of 18.3%.

#### THE SURVEY FOUND THAT:

- Overall business satisfaction in the County is strong at 93%, with 44% of respondents report being very satisfied and 50% somewhat satisfied.
- 28% of businesses reported that their level of satisfaction is higher than a year ago.
- Concerns among business owners included "Availability of Skilled Labour", "Availability of Unskilled Labour", "Local Roads and Streets" and "Internet Service".
- When considering what factors are most influential to improved business satisfaction, the top priorities are "Development Charges and Off-site Levies", "Development/Building Permit Process" and "Municipal Property Taxes".

Addressing the priorities and concerns of businesses will likely to lead to increased satisfaction.

Continuing to work with the businesses to maintain an open dialog, create partnerships, strategically plan and to support them will ensure that our business community maintains strong economic growth and has access to the resources they need to meet future demands and trends. Strengthening our connection to existing business resources like the Alberta Government, Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC), and Grande Prairie Regional Innovation Network (GPRIN) allows our local business community to thrive.

For more information, please contact Economic Development at 780-532-9722 or email hhuls@countygp.ab.ca.

### **County Assesors Conducting Inspections**



County assessors are busy performing ongoing property inspections as part of our standard five year re-inspection cycle.

All assessors will be driving County-marked vehicles and will be carrying visible County identification. Upon arrival at your property, assessors will obtain assessment information from you to update our records. If you are not home, callback cards may be left on your door.

Assessors will be working within the central area of the County, as outlined in black on the map, until June.

For more information, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/inspections. If you have any questions, call the Assessment department at 780-513-3952.



### CR SSLINK COUNTY SPORTSPLEX

# **Come Play!**

The Crosslink County Sportsplex has a program for everyone!

780-830-7407 | info@cgpsportsplex.com | www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com

## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

### U4, U6, U8 & U11 Indoor Minor Soccer Fun Leagues

Register your children for these fun-filled Saturday leagues that accommodate all skill levels. Participants will be split into age groups (3–4, 5–6, 7–8 & 9–11), as long as enough kids register.

Registration includes a t-shirt and a season-ending medal. Parents who coach or assistant coach will receive a \$30 refund at the end of the session. **This session runs from Saturday**, **April 13 to Saturday**, **June 22**, **2019**.

\*Soccer will not run April 20 and May 18, 2019.

### Youth Ball Hockey Provincials

We are proud to be the main Host Facility for the Youth Ball Hockey Provincials, **June 28 – June 30, 2019**. Players from all across the province, aged 8 to 19, will visit the Grande Prairie area for Provincials being hosted by CNG Ball Hockey. Up to 50 teams will be coming to the County for this three day event, so come on out to the Crosslink County Sportsplex and show your support! For information, please visit **www.cngsports.ca**.

### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Hop on over to the Crosslink County Sportsplex for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **April 21, 2019**. The fun starts at 10:30 a.m. so be sure to bring a basket to collect all the goodies the Easter Bunny drops off! Children aged 2 - 12 are invited to participate in the Egg Hunt, but don't worry, bring your entire family for fun in the Trican Fieldhouse after the hunt is over.

Bouncy Castles will be set up for those who wish to stay and play and there will be an Easter-themed coloring contest for a chance to win one-of-two gift baskets! Pick up the colouring sheet at the front-desk or print it at home beforehand by visiting **www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com.** Face painting will also be available by donation.

### Spring Break Kids' Camp

Kids aged 5 to 12 are invited for a week of fun-filled activities at our Spring Break Camp, from **March 25 to 29, 2019!** Kids will experience games, crafts, recreational sports, as well as skating on our indoor ice rink! Our Spring Break Camp is designed to spark the imagination, confidence, independence and communication skills of all our campers. Like our Teachers Convention Camp, early drop-off and late pick-up are available. Spring Break Day Camp options are also available. For more information and to register, visit www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com.





### Other Programs that are Offered at the Crosslink County Sportsplex

- Adrenaline Athletics Tumble/Cheerleading
- Active Tots Montessori Sports Academy for 3-5 year olds
- Be Yoga Fly Aerial Yoga for all ages

For more information, call the Crosslink County Sportsplex at 780-830-7407.

#### **Book Your Next Party or Event at the Sportsplex!**

The Crosslink County Sportsplex is the place to be for your next party or event. You can book the ice rink, fieldhouse and dry floor with the option of adding the KnockerBalls or bouncy castles. Leave the catering to either Tito's or the Over-Time Family Sports Lounge. Contact us at **780-830-7407** or email **info@cgpsportsplex.com** for more information about party costs, packages, and to secure your booking.

For more information about the Sportsplex and the programs and events available, visit crosslinkcountysportsplex.com, or contact 780-830-7407 or email info@cgpsportsplex.com.

### **GET FIT WHILE HAVING FUN!**

Sign up or drop in today for one of these exciting programs offered at the Crosslink County Sportsplex:

- Parent & Tot Skate
- Public Skate
- Adult Stick & Puck/Shinny
- Lunch Time All Ages Stick & Puck
- Learn to Skate
- Introduction to Hockey
- Hockey 101
- 3 on 3 Hockey League
- U4, U6, U8 and U11 Indoor Minor Soccer League
- Fieldhouse Drop-In's
- Tender Tots (weekday parent & tot program)
- Bouncy Castle Days
- Indoor Batting Cage
- Knockerballs
- Seniors Walk & Talk (Free on Thursdays until May 30, 2019)
- Ball Hockey Drop-In

For more information about these programs and drop-in activities, including class descriptions, times and locations, visit www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com.







# PHILIP J. CURRIE **DINOSAUR MUSEUM**

**Upcoming Exhibits, Programs & Events** 



### **Dinosaur Evolution**

Starting in May and running through the end of September, visit the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum to see dinosaur fossils in all of their many weird and wonderful forms. View the results of millions of years of evolution in real dinosaur fossils discovered right here in Alberta and witness our amazing prehistoric diversity compared to Earth's modern animal life. Stay tuned to our official website and social media channels for more details!

www.dinomuseum.ca / Social Media @CurrieMuseum

### **Dino Story Time**

Visit the museum on the last Friday of each month for a live reading of dino-themed storybooks hand picked from our Kaleidosaur Gift Shop that will inspire your child's imagination!

Attendance is free, but you can book a seat in advance by contacting visitorservices@dinomuseum.ca or by calling 587-771-0662.

### Palaeontologist for a Day

Discover the undiscovered by joining our Palaeontology team in a hands-on hunt for dinosaur fossils in the Pipestone Creek Bonebed! Our newest summer program is a day-long expedition that includes two meals from the Dine-O-Saur Restaurant, some cool museum swag, and a behind-the-scenes tour of our facilities. Will you find the next prehistoric breakthrough?

Get all the details, or sign up for the adventure at www.dinomuseum.ca/programs/palaeontologist-for-a-day.

### Summer Camps

Discover your next adventure with our summer day camps for kids aged four through 16. Learn about dinosaurs hands-on, take exciting trips through our galleries, create cool crafts, get outside to explore nature for fossils, and much, much more!

Get more info or register today at www.dinomuseum.ca/summercamp.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Join our team and help us in our mission to discover, preserve, and share the dinosaurs of northwestern Alberta! The museum has many different ways to get involved whatever your interest or skill level is, there's an opportunity for you!

Learn more about how you can get involved, or sign up to attend a free volunteer orientation session at www.dinomuseum.ca/volunteering.

### **Free Lecture Series**

Learn about dinosaurs, the natural world around us, palaeontology, and other fascinating topics from experts in the field at our free lectures held throughout the year. This year we are hosting four lectures in partnership with the Alberta Conservation Association along with our regular monthly series.

Get details on upcoming lectures at www.dinomuseum.ca/lecture-series.

### Aykroyd Family Theatre **A National Geographic Experience**

Experience dinosaurs, nature, history, and more on the big screen at the museum's Ayrkoyd Family Theatre - the only National Geographic-licensed theatre in Canada. Journey to a lost age in Titans of the Ice Age, witness the awesome power of Earth's most destructive forces in Forces of Nature, dig deep into the world of palaeontology in Dinosaurs Alive, and much more!

Get film info and showtimes at www.dinomuseum.ca/movies.

### Pipestone Creek Bonebed Tours

Take a guided tour of one of the densest dinosaur fossil sites in the world and discover the source that inspired a museum! Learn about the amazing discovery that cemented the Peace Region as a vital dinosaur destination in our interpretive tours running throughout the summer.

Learn more at www.dinomuseum.ca/bonebed-tours



### **Education Programs**

There are a variety of school programs available at the museum, working with students from Kindergarten to High School, covering topics ranging from rocks and minerals to prehistoric bugs and lessons in dinosaur art. Come and check out our brand new Conservation Room in partnership with the Alberta Conservation Association, which will host new programs on the amazing biodiversity in our province, both past and present. For groups who can't physically make it out to the museum, they can participate in the online Dino Q&A Session.

Are you looking for options to entertain your child during Professional Development (PD) days? Visit the museum as we explore and learn about dinosaurs!

Registration is open for students from grades 1 – 6 for the upcoming dates of April 12 & June 7, 2019.

Discover your next adventure this summer as we explore and learn about dinosaurs through our Summer Day Camps! There are half-day and full-day camps taking place throughout July and August.

For more information about our school programs and summer camps and to register, visit **www.dinomuseum.ca**.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Mother's Day Craft Class – Friday, April 5 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Kids (accompanied by a parent or guardian aged 16 or older) can join in crafting hemp bracelets for Mother's Day. The cost to register is \$25 per child.

### Easter Dino Bunny Pictures – Friday, April 5 to Sunday, April 7 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. each day

It's that time of year! Stop by from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. during the weekend to get your annual pictures with the Easter Dino Bunny. The minimum donation is \$5 per child.

#### Fossilized Fun! – April 12 from 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Try your hand at drawing Trilobites or other prehistoric fossils using Conte crayons or chalk pastels. Learn to draw basic shapes and lines from observing actual fossils and work with tools to create fossil textures. Participants will be guided with warm up drawing exercises and a step-by-step breakdown of the fossils, then will unleash the fossilized critter using shading & highlighting.

This art program is for ages 18 plus. The cost to register is \$25 per person. No experience is necessary. Supplies, snacks and one glass of wine (or your beverage of choice) are included.

#### Film & Lecture: Wolverines – April 13

Watch a riveting documentary, then listen to leading Canadian natural history filmmaker Andrew Manske speak about his documentary on the legendary predator, the wolverine. Now in his twentieth year as a natural history filmmaker, with over 50 documentaries to his credit, Andrew is known for documenting rare and difficult sequences of wolf, black bear, polar bear and grizzly behavior right across North America and specializes in predator – prey relationships. His documentaries have earned ten international and four Alberta Motion Picture awards and numerous nominations at film festivals throughout the world, including an Emmy Award in 2013 for his work on National Geographic's "Untamed Americas".

Details, including times and ticket information, are to come. Stay tuned to **www.dinomuseum.ca** for updates.

#### International Museum Day – May 18

This year's International Museum Day will feature free admission, activities for all ages, films for \$2 and free transportation to and from the City of Grande Prairie. Presented in partnership with museums from the City of Grande Prairie.

#### Summer Jams on the Patio – Starting June 1

Visit the Museum every second Saturday this summer from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and listen to live local talent while relaxing on our spacious patio.

Visit **www.dinomuseum.ca/events** for more information.





TOP ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Councillor Harold Bulford, Councillor Bob Marshall, Councillor Peter Harris, Councillor Corey Beck

FRONT ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Councillor Linda Waddy, Councillor Daryl Beeston, Reeve Leanne Beaupre, Deputy Reeve Ross Sutherland, Councillor Karen Rosvold

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www.countygp.ab.ca

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed from 12 p.m.to 1 p.m. and on statutory holidays

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS**

Administration, Assessment, Economic Development, Finance & Systems, Communications, Human Resources, Public Works, Planning & **Development Services** 

#### 780-532-9722

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Agriculture, Family and Community Support Services, Regional Enforcement Services, Regional Fire Service, Parks & Recreation

### 780-532-9727

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