

SPRING 2016



## Reeve's Message



Last month, the County of Grande Prairie was an organizing partner for Growing the North, an annual economic development conference held at Evergreen Park's Entrec Centre. We were very pleased to be part of this successful conference, now in its seventh year, that brings such a range of expertise and innovative thinking to our region.

To the County, "growing the north" doesn't just mean growth through bricks and mortar, jobs and economic possibilities. Just as important are people, and matching quality of life with quality of opportunity.

The County believes that the key to our success lies in ongoing communication, cooperation and collaboration with our neighbouring municipalities. We do not and cannot exist in isolation of our neighbours. There is tremendous value in working together, and we do this while still respecting the strengths and identities unique to each of us. This is the model our residents tell us they prefer.

One of the ways we are positioning our region for a strong and successful future is through cooperative agreements between the County and other local municipalities. The County has a long and successful history of cooperation and fair costing sharing in the delivery of services and in capital projects with other municipalities in the region.

These agreements create operational efficiencies, support the sharing of knowledge and ideas, and bring services to areas where they otherwise may not be accessible. We do this while keeping the autonomy and individual interests of each municipality at the forefront.

The County will continue to build on these collaborations and build capacity in our region by supporting a model where all municipalities – rural and urban – are equal partners in decision-making. This model recognizes the special characteristics of rural areas, and the contributions they make to our economy and our communities.

We invite you to talk to any County Councillor about the County's plans for building our region, and our vision for the County and the people who live and work here.

Til the next issue,

Reeve Leanne Beaupre

## Division 8 By-Election Dates, Locations and Candidates

Do you live in Division 8 of the County and are eligible to vote? The By-Election for Division 8 will be taking place on the following dates and at the locations below:

### By-Election Advanced Voting

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 23  
at the La Glace Arena

### By-Election Voting

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 2  
at the County Administration Building, La Glace Arena and the Valhalla Viking Centre

### The two candidates running are:

• Karen Rosvold • Andre Harpe

For more information, visit [www.countygp.ab.ca/bylelection](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/bylelection)

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# Councillors' Corner Councillors' Corner Councillors' Corner

*Get to know a few of the County's Councillors; the areas of the County they represent; their priorities; and some of the initiatives, programs and projects underway in our community.*



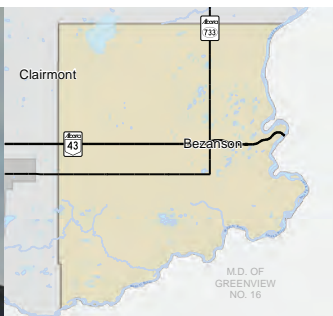
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I'm Harold Bulford the Councillor for Division 1. I've been representing the eastern portion of the County which includes areas surrounding Clairmont, Teepee Creek and mainly Bezanson for nearly four years. My goal of making a positive difference in our community, division and the County and having a strong voice for ratepayers remains strong since I first got elected in May 2012.

My focus continues to be on driving economic development, expanding recreational opportunities, increasing safety, and improving and increasing the infrastructure and services in our small communities and hamlets so they are stronger, more sustainable and independent.

We've been working with the community to develop an area structure plan for Bezanson to help prepare the land for future development opportunities. The first draft of the plan will be unveiled this year and we'll be seeking feedback from residents and businesses in the area.



Plans are underway to make the growing hamlet of Bezanson a more sustainable community. The County has approved a contribution of \$1.8 million for the first phase of a community centre for Bezanson. Expect updates on this project in the near future. The new Bezanson Community Rink, a year round facility, recently opened. This project relied on the contributions from the community, local businesses, the Bezanson Volunteer Fire Department Society and the County. It is facilities like this that bring everyone together and make our community stronger.

We'll be bringing on another Enhanced RCMP member to our forces in the fall. I look forward to the continued collaboration between our Regional Enforcement Services department, other policing agencies, crime prevention groups and the community to curb crime and keep our communities as safe as possible.

Safe and drivable roads are another priority. Our primary and secondary highways and bridges are deteriorating due to increased traffic, so I will continue lobbying the provincial government for improvements specifically to the intersection on Highway 43 and 733; the installation of LED warning signs at the

top of the hill on Highway 43 before crossing the Smoky River where the messaging changes according to weather conditions.

Another initiative I am involved on your behalf in is the Transportation Master Plan which aims to make our roadway system more accessible, connected and

efficient. We've been working with Public Works on a plan to connect more gravel roads to main paved roads.

I will continue to work hard representing the best interests of the community and the residents within my division. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me anytime.



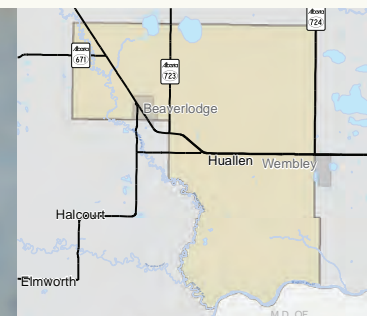
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Hi, I'm Bob Marshall. I've been serving as the Councillor for Division 5 for over two years. The area I represent covers communities in the west County including Huallen as well as the surrounding areas around Beaverlodge and Wembley.

I enjoy representing the Council and the residents in my area. I have been keeping busy serving on a number of local committees, a few that share the goal of ensuring communities and businesses in the Peace Region are practicing environmental stewardship.

I am the chairperson for the Peace Airshed Zone Association



(PAZA). Our purpose is to monitor the air quality in the Peace Region and provide unbiased data about our air quality. I am also the chairperson for the Water North Coalition (WNC) which works with northern Alberta municipalities and First Nations and Metis settlements to deal with water and wastewater issues; training and recruiting water/wastewater system operators; as well as educating the public about the cost of safely operating municipal water and wastewater systems. I am also part of a group called the Wapiti Area Synergy Partnership that helps address issues from oil activity in the area, and works to educate and inform landowners about oil activity occurring in the area. If you have any concerns about air, land and water quality, please feel free to contact me and I will bring forward your concerns to the committees I am on.

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Having access to exceptional health care services and facilities in our communities and region is of primary importance. I will continue to lobby the provincial government to stress the importance of replacing the Beaverlodge Hospital with a new facility.

Our Public Works department is gearing up for another busy spring and summer construction season. The graveling program is set to begin shortly, so if there are any roads that require attention, please let me know. Township Road 720 from Highway 723 to Range Road 94, also known as the Valhalla Highway, along with many other areas in the County,

will be receiving face lifts this summer, so be sure to watch for construction crews, slow down and obey all signs posted.

We are hosting our Annual Open Houses June 21-23. On day one it will be held at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, at the Webster Community Hall on day two, and the final night at the Rio Grande Community Hall. Council and staff will be together to answer any questions you may have and inform you of important programs and services available. I hope to see you there; but, if you have any questions or concerns that require an immediate response, I am just a phone call or email away.

Council and administration have completed a Service Capacity Review of all County departments to ensure that departments are operating efficiently to provide the services that the residents of the County expect from their tax dollars. The findings concluded that services are being delivered efficiently and at a premium

level in comparison to other municipalities in the province.

The County Open House for the west end of the County will be held this year at the Rio Grande Hall on Thursday, June 23 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any issues or concerns, please contact me.



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I'm Peter Harris, the Councillor for Division 6 in the southwest portion of the County.

I've been serving as the Division 6 Councillor since October 2013. Improving the conditions of our roads and infrastructure remains one of my priorities in Division 6.

The main road construction project in Division 6 this year is to pave 3.2 km (2 miles) of Township Road 710, west of Range Road 114. The Road Graveling Program will also be underway next month, which



means a significant portion (about one-third) of roads in Division 6 will be gravelled. If you know of any roads that need gravel, please let me know and I will pass it on to Public Works. For a complete list of road projects, see Page 8.

I would like to give a shout out to the Public Works department, Area Foreman Rick Smith and his staff for the condition of the County roads in Division 6. The roads were in great shape going into winter and have been well maintained since.

I have been working on finding a solution to the bridge issues at Rio Grande. The survey taken last summer showed that there is a need, in the community, for a bridge over the Red Willow River at Rio Grande, that is not width and height restricted.



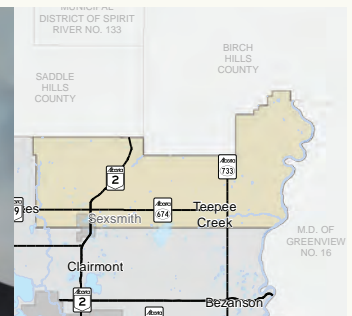
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Hi, I'm Corey Beck, the Councillor for Division 9. I mainly cover the Teepee Creek and Sexsmith/Webster area. It has been great representing my area and the County of Grande Prairie for the past two and a half years.

The 2015 year brought us a relatively dry summer which affected crop production Alberta-wide, followed by a fairly mild winter. Spring has arrived and we welcome a new, prosperous growing season for our agriculture producers and gardeners. Hopefully this season brings us a good amount of moisture to grow our crops and also to reduce the risk of grassfires.

Over the past few months, we have been very busy trying to balance the budget for 2016



while taking into consideration the slow economy both in the province and nationwide, as well as adapting to the newly-elected parties in Alberta and Canada. I believe our budget provides good value for the services that we offer residents. I enjoy and look forward to conversations about this topic from residents as there is always room for improvement and efficiencies.

The controversial Bill 6 Legislation was introduced by the provincial government in late 2015. As a result, I have been nominated by the Provincial Agricultural Service Board Committee to be a part of the provincial engagement group where we will consult on the regulations being created for this legislation by the Government of Alberta. I will do my best to advocate for our agricultural producers affected by this legislation.

Our Public Works department does their best to gravel one-third of the roads in each of

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the divisions. I recognize that there are some areas that may need attention; so, if there is a road in Division 9 that requires attention, please let me know so I can see if that road is on this year's gravel plan or check into it further with our Public Works department.

Some of the recreation and culture capital grants that the County awarded to organizations in my area include \$500,000 to the Town of Sexsmith for their new fire hall; \$190,000 to the Teepee Creek Agricultural Society to complete the Ag Events Centre and the Enframe Building, and \$25,000 for their 100th Anniversary; as well as \$19,750 to the Sexsmith and District Agricultural Society to rebuild their ice plant compressor. For the full list of capital grants, see Page 6.

I encourage anyone to contact me with questions about the County or Division 9. I can be reached best on my cell phone via phone call or text. Another great opportunity to bring up any questions or concerns with me, Council and County departments and learn more about the County's programs and initiatives is at the Annual Open Houses scheduled from June 21-23. One day takes place in our area on Wednesday, June 22 at the Webster Community Hall from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. I hope to see you all there!

## Business visitation program launching soon



**Leah Holler and Holly Sorgen will be visiting businesses as part of the Business Visitation Program.**

Community Futures Grande Prairie & Region in partnership with the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce have launched a comprehensive Business Visitation Program for the County of Grande Prairie.

The Business Visitation Program involves Holly Sorgen and Leah Holler from Community Futures visiting every business in the County and having a conversation with them to get information, input, stories and perspectives. The visits will be taking place this month and on a continual basis.

The information they receive during the visits will provide the County, Community Futures

and the Chamber of Commerce with a better understanding of the successes, challenges, opportunities and threats to businesses operating in the Community.

Once the visitations are complete, the input received will be compiled into reports and used to help guide the County's economic development plan; and the development of Community Futures' strategic operational plan and the Chamber of Commerce's business plan.

The County is a great place to do business. Community Futures wants to ensure that the businesses here have the capacity to grow and thrive here long into the future. So, during the visits, Holly and Leah will be optionally offering referrals to resources and financing and development advice to businesses interested in addressing challenges and pursuing opportunities.

*For more information about this initiative, please contact:*

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## FCSS signs contract with the Village of Hythe

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is excited about our newest addition! On January 1, 2016 we welcomed the Village of Hythe FCSS into our portfolio.

When longtime Hythe FCSS Director, Monica Shaw, retired last fall, it provided an opportunity for the Village and the County to look at how existing services for Home Support services were being delivered. We also explored the possibility of having the County provide all FCSS services for the Village. An agreement was soon reached and the changes are now being implemented.

The first step was to recruit a new Community Program Coordinator. Fortunately, we were able to hire from within the FCSS family and are pleased to announce that Teresa Boudreault was the successful candidate. Teresa's previous experience as the Program Assistant in the Beaverlodge FCSS office will prove beneficial in her new role, which she began in late January of this year. She is currently familiarizing herself with the existing programs and services, community resources and agencies, and is gaining

an understanding of what the needs and priorities are within the community.

### **Will the change in administration have any impact on the services currently delivered in Hythe from FCSS?**

At this time, the plan is to continue with the same core programs and services that FCSS already provides, including home support, play castle, and information and referral services. The only change will be having a new friendly face at the helm. As Teresa becomes more familiar with the community and its needs, new programs may be developed.

### **Who can use the FCSS services in the Village of Hythe? Will anyone be turned away?**

Primary Hythe FCSS users are residents of the village and residents who live near Hythe. Having said that, there is an understanding that residents who live within the County may also need to access and will be provided these programs. We wouldn't turn away anyone who lives within the County as programs and services are available to all County residents regardless of their location.

### **What are the advantages of having the County's FCSS run the Hythe programs and services?**

The new Program Coordinator has access to a strong network of staff in similar positions and can share concerns and ideas regarding issues and opportunities. This cooperation may lead to solutions and ultimately improvements in FCSS' programs and services.

Also, there may be some cost savings in terms of human resources as we only need one person to represent both areas on local committees and boards. This may free up some valuable staff time to focus on service delivery for clients.

### **Where is the Hythe FCSS Office?**

The office is located in the Hythe Community Centre at 10108 - 104 Avenue in Hythe.

### **Where can I go for more information regarding the services FCSS provides?**

For more information regarding the County's FCSS programs and services, please visit [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) or contact the County FCSS office at 780 532-9727.

## Supporting and giving back to community big part of Richards Farm Family



The County of Grande Prairie 2016 Farm Family, the Richards family of Scenic Heights Farm in La Glace. Back row from left to right: Cody Richards, Camryn Richards, Lynsey Richards, Darrell Richards, Cliff Richards, Tanya Richards, Justin Plowman, Dan Richards. Middle row from left to right: Jay House, Robyn House, Karren Richards, Shelby Richards, Shayla Richards, Cheyanne Richards, Brittney Mercer, Kim Richards. Front row from left to right: Madison House and Chloe House.

County Council has named Cliff and Karren Richards of Scenic Heights Farm in La Glace the 2016 Farm Family of the Year Award. For three generations the Richards family has farmed in the County of Grande Prairie and the tradition continues as younger family members become involved.

Cliff and Karren Richards first started farming the Richards' family operation in 1982. Since that time, one of their sons, Dan, and his family have become part of it. Much of their success can be attributed to the whole family coming together to help out during peak seasons of seeding and harvest.

What's Cliff and Karren's reaction to receiving such recognition?

"We feel quite honoured to be the recipients of the Farm Family of the Year Award. It is a team effort in volunteering time spent for our industry and our community. It's quite a privilege to be acknowledged for our past and present involvement."

The Richards family believes strongly that volunteering and being involved is what makes a community special.

Over the years they have offered international exchange workers the unique opportunity to work on a Peace Region farm through their involvement in the International Agricultural Exchange

Association. Cliff served as Director of the Peace Country Bison Association and the La Glace Agricultural Society and served with UniFarm (Alberta Federations of Agriculture). He was a founding member of the Alberta Bison Commission and of Zone 4 of the Pulse Growers Association. All three generations of the Richards family have actively participated in 4-H.

Curling is also a big part of family life. Cliff and Karren are members of the La Glace Curling Society and the entire family volunteers with different groups and organizations that promote curling, either in the community or at bonspiels.

"I want to congratulate the Richards family on receiving the 2016 Farm Family of the Year Award. They are a very deserving family," said County Agricultural Fieldman Sonja Raven. "I'd like to remind people in the County of Grande Prairie that anyone who lives in the County can nominate a farm family for this special award. Agriculture is one of the key sectors that drives our economy and it's important we recognize the families who make farming their livelihood while supporting our rural communities."

For more information on the Farm Family Award, contact the Agriculture department at 780-532-9727.

## County Local Internet Towers: Who has Access?



Over 300 wireless high speed internet towers have been installed in the County over the past seven years. These towers were installed in order to provide County residents and businesses with access to high speed internet services.

Before the towers were installed on residential properties, the County in coordination with the internet service provider had affected property owners sign an agreement with a number of conditions attached. Please note the following conditions:

- The County, internet service providers and other authorized parties have access to the tower at all times
- If you purchase property with a local tower already on your premise, the land title includes a caveat that allows the County, internet service providers and authorized parties with access to the tower at any given time
- Internet service providers can extend the internet services from your tower to neighbouring properties if requested

The towers will generally only be accessed by the County, internet service providers and other authorized parties if the tower requires service. Although it's not a requirement, efforts will be made by the County and authorized parties to contact the landowners prior to accessing the tower on their property.

If you have any questions regarding the local internet towers and the associated agreement or to view a copy of the agreement, visit the "County Sponsored Internet Towers FAQs" page at [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) or contact the Information Systems department at 780-532-9722 or by email at [internet@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:internet@countygp.ab.ca).

# County awards over \$2.5 million in capital grants

Earlier this year, Council announced that the County will be providing \$2,537,975 in capital grants for 2016 to various sports, recreation and cultural facilities and organizations. Of this \$2,537,975, approximately \$2,085,775 will be going towards major capital community projects (50K+), \$402,200 towards capital assistance grants (5-50K), and \$50,000 for 100th anniversary celebration projects for communities within the County of Grande Prairie.

"The County recognizes the value recreation, sports and culture plays in helping make our community such a great place to live," says Leanne Beaupre, County Reeve. "We are happy to support local non-profit groups and organizations as they are the doers and without

them, providing such great opportunities in the region would be a challenge. Their hard work and commitment to enhancing quality of life is greatly appreciated."

The purpose of the Capital Assistance Grant Program is to provide financial assistance to non-profit organizations that own or operate facilities that provide recreational, sports and cultural opportunities to County of Grande Prairie residents. Major capital grants assist non-profit organizations undertaking significant improvements to their local facilities or building new facilities. The 100th anniversary celebration grant is for communities within the County turning 100 years old that are holding centennial anniversary celebrations.

*The County's capital grants have made a huge difference to our organization. This current year was very challenging due to the warm conditions during snow making season. Due to the resources that were provided from the County and other municipalities, we were able to take the challenge and provide a very good product of snow making on time and on budget."*

– Duane Stevenson, Nitehawk Year-Round Recreation Park

*"We're very thankful to the County of Grande Prairie for their contributions to the Adventure Park project and our organization. Without their support, the project would still be in fundraising stage. Once the park is fully complete it will provide families and youth with many recreation opportunities, and a safe place for children to play and families to gather, which ties in nicely with our organization's mandate."*

– Danielle Commandeur, Clairmont Agricultural Society President

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

- \$600,000 over three years (2015-2017) for a total contribution of \$1.8 million for the Bezanson Community Centre Phase 1
- \$333,334 over three years (2014-2016) for a total contribution of \$1 million to the LaGlace Arena Project
- \$150,000 over three years (2015-2017) for a total contribution of \$900,000 to the Teepee Creek Ag Events Centre
- \$65,000 for the Clairmont Agriculture Society Adventure Park Phase 2 for a total contribution of \$615,000
- \$500,000 for the new Sexsmith Fire Hall
- \$116,441 to the Nitehawk Year-Round Recreation Park to replace equipment (\$177,500 for 2015, \$116,441 for 2016 and \$134,191 for 2017) for a total contribution of \$428,132.
- \$20,000 over five years (2012-2016) for a total contribution of \$100,000 to the Compassion House Foundation
- \$84,500 for Hythe Athletic Association for replace arena roof and repair water damaged areas
- \$81,500 for the Crystal Creek Recreational Society for hall structure repairs
- \$50,000 for Hythe & District Pioneer Homes to complete plumbing, electrical, flooring, drywall and painting
- \$50,000 for the Peace River Bible Institute to purchase fitness equipment for new community gym
- \$35,000 the Five Mile Agricultural Society to install prep and beverage stations, purchase appliances and furniture, repair venting and install flooring and shingles

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

- \$50,000 to the Beaverlodge Boys and Girls Camp Society for facility renovations
- \$40,000 to the Bezanson Agricultural Society for architecture fees for the Bezanson Community Centre

*"The Bezanson Agriculture Society is very appreciative of the County's contribution to our project. We are excited to have an opportunity to add great new infrastructure to our region and to enhance community programs, activities, and opportunities for the people that live here. This contribution allows our team to move forward with a capital campaign, and make plans to commence construction! We look forward to this inclusive community centre becoming the hub of our region and providing opportunity to rural families."*

– Laura LaValley, Bezanson Agricultural Society

*"The County came to the table and supported our community initiative to build a new facility for our community and region. The Teepee Creek Agricultural Events Centre would not have been possible without their support. It is facilities like these that keep communities thriving and growing. We're truly grateful."*

– Mack Erno, Teepee Creek Stampede Association Past President



# How to make requests for sponsorship

Are you a community group or organization looking for support whether it is through sponsorship for a fundraising or community event? If so, the County may be able to help you. In order for your request to be properly processed and possibly granted by the Recreation Advisory Committee and County Council, the following steps must be completed:

- Complete the Council Meeting Sponsorship and Silent Auction Items Request Form available online at [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) by searching "Event Sponsorships", or grab a hard copy at the Community Services Building located on Township Road 724 (1 mile west on Highway 2).
- Submit the completed form by email to [parksandrecreation@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:parksandrecreation@countygp.ab.ca) or in person to the front reception of the Community Services Building between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. excluding the lunch hour and holidays.
- Requests will only be accepted quarterly. Submit the request form for sponsorship by the following deadlines:

**Event date:** July, August, September 2016

**Deadline:** June 1, 2016

**Event date:** October, November, December 2016

**Deadline:** September 1, 2016

**Event date:** January, February, March 2017

**Deadline:** December 1, 2016

**Event date:** April, May, June 2017

**Deadline:** March 1, 2017

For more information, visit [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) or contact the Parks and Recreation department at [parksandrecreation@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:parksandrecreation@countygp.ab.ca) or 780-532-9727.

- \$40,000 to the Beaverlodge Parents for Progress Society for the development of a multi-phase natural bike park
- \$40,000 to the Teepee Creek Stampede Association for addition to Enframe Building
- \$40,000 to the Wembley & District Arts, Culture and Historical Society for gas and electrical services and to install furnaces, duct work and water holding tanks
- \$36,750 to the South Peace Centennial Museum to paint village building and lay cement pad
- \$30,000 to the Clairmont Agricultural Society to purchase and install lights in the hall and arena, and sump for the arena
- \$25,000 to the Mother Teresa Catholic School Operation Playground Society to install playground for 3-5 year olds
- \$25,000 to the Peace Wapiti Titans Football Team to purchase jerseys and shoulder pads
- \$19,750 to the Sexsmith & District Agricultural Society to rebuild ice plant compressor
- \$13,000 to the Valhalla Heritage Society to repair deck on Melsness Mercantile Café
- \$12,500 to the Sexsmith Junior B Hockey Club to renovate hockey club dressing room
- \$10,500 to Goodfare Hall for water conditioner
- \$7,200 to the Game Country Archers to install fence around range
- \$6,500 to the Beaverlodge Cultural Centre to repair plumbing and replace furnace
- \$6,000 to the Sexsmith Secondary School to purchase cross-country ski gear for the Outdoor Education Program

## 100th Anniversary Celebration Grant

- \$25,000 to the Teepee Creek Stampede Association to move and restore the Teepee from Rycroft
- \$25,000 to Hythe & District Homecoming for 100th Anniversary Celebration

For more information, contact Bill Rogan at 780-532-9722.

*"We are grateful to the County for their Major Capital Assistance Grant support as it will create new opportunities to offer sports and fitness programs to our students, the Town of Sexsmith, and County residents. The funds are being used to purchase the high quality fitness equipment for our brand new Community Fitness Centre. Our goal is to have this open to the public by September 2016."*

– Jeremy Johnston, Peace River Bible Institute

*"The Hythe Athletic Association would like to thank the County for providing financial assistance to essential community facilities. The new roof is necessary for the safety of our fans and players in the Hythe Memorial Arena, and without it the arena would be inoperable. Thankfully, through the Capital Grant program, we can ensure the Arena is a functional recreational facility that our residents can enjoy."*

– Michelle Huey, Hythe Athletic Association Treasurer

## COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE

# NOTICE

## APPLICATION FOR DUST CONTROL

### Rates for 2016 calcium applications:

**Residential** - \$4.40 per meter

**Commercial/Industrial** - \$6.60 per meter

The County of Grande Prairie Public Works department 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 Friday, April 29, 2016.**

**Applications now available to complete online at [www.countygp.ab.ca/dustcontrol](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/dustcontrol)**

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

For more information, contact Public Works at 780-532-7393.

# 2016 Road Construction Projects

Council has approved approximately \$27.4 million to go towards road construction projects for 2016.

The proposed new construction includes 32 km of road surfacing including the paving of gravel roads, surfaced road overlays, and re-construction. Grant funding for road projects is estimated at \$2.1 million, including a \$1.1 million Federal Gas Tax Grant and \$1 million in funding from Provincial Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Grant.

Safety is the County's number one priority. Residents and commuters in the region are reminded to practice extreme caution and reduce speed when near construction zones and equipment. The County would like to thank residents and commuters for their patience over the construction season.

The following is a list of activities on County roads that will be underway over the 2016 construction season. The projects are labelled from 1 to 26 and show on the 2016 Road Projects Map. Spot construction is not included in this list of projects; however commences in the spring.

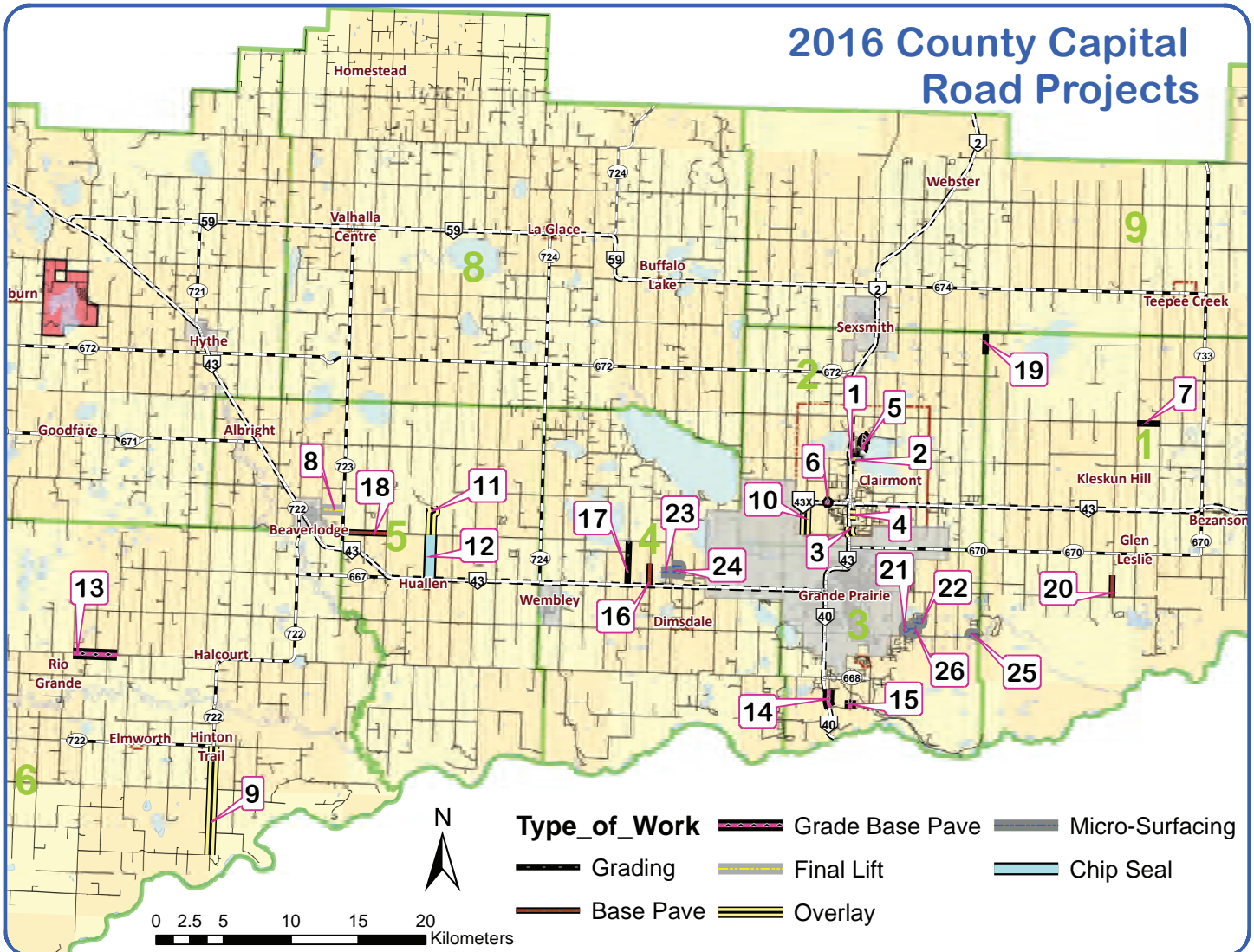
Information regarding project timelines and any potential traffic impacts and detours caused by the County's road construction projects will be posted on [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) under Road Construction Projects in the Public Works section as information becomes available.

*Another busy road construction season will begin next month in the County.*

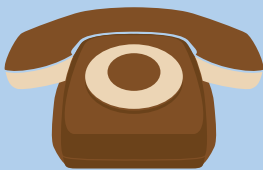
	Road/ Intersection/ Hamlet/ Subdivison	Type of Work
1.	Clairmont West Phase 1: 101 Avenue from 98 Street to 100 Street	Curb and gutter 0.4 km
2.	Clairmont West Phase 1: 98 Street from 100 Avenue North to 102 Avenue)	Final stage 0.2 km
3.	100 Street East from the City Limits to 148 Avenue	Overlay 0.8 km
4.	156 Avenue from 98 Street to 100 Street	Overlay 0.42 km
5.	Clairmont Parkway/Township Road 725	Grade, base and pave 2 km
6.	Range Road 62	Base and pave a right-in, right out 0.17 km
7.	Township Road 730 from Range Road 35 west to Range Road 40	Grade 1.6 km
8.	Township Road 721/Beaverlodge Access	Final lift 1.6 km
9.	Range Road 110/Hinton Trail from Highway 722 South to Township Road 693	Overlay 8.1 km
10.	Range Road 63 from City limits north to Highway 43X	Overlay 2.4 km
11.	Range Road 92/Radar Base Road from Township Road 720 to top of hill	Overlay 2.3 km
12.	Range Road 92/Radar Base Road from Township Road 720 to Highway 43	Chip seal 3.2 km
13.	Township Road 710 from Range Road 114 North west to Range Road 120 North	Grade, base and pave 3.2 km
14.	Range Road 62 from River Road Estates entrance south to Township Road 704A	Grade, base and pave 1.5 km
15.	Range Road 61/Dunes North Road	Grade, base and pave 0.9 km
16.	Range Road 74 from Highway 43 north to Township Road 715	Base and pave 1.6 km
17.	Road Road 75 from Highway 43 north to Township Road 720	Grade 3.2 km
18.	Township Road 720 from Highway 723 to Range Road 94	Base and pave 3.2 km
19.	Range Road 51 from Township Road 733 north to Township Road 734	Grade 1.6 km
20.	Range Road 41 from Township Road 714 to Township Road 715 south	Base and pave 1.66 km
21.	Sandy Ridge	Microsurface 2 km
22.	Lawra Estates	Microsurface 1.7 km
23.	Westridge Estates	Microsurface 0.8 km
24.	Lakeview Estates	Microsurface 2.9 km
25.	Arthur Lane	Microsurface 1 km
26.	Green Acres	Microsurface 0.9 km



## 2016 County Capital Road Projects



## Public Works Emergency Telephone Line: When to call



Spring is here! As the temperature rises, the County is more prone to issues such as flooding from spring melt, and damage to roads due to normal wear and tear and the spreading of salt over the winter.

- The County's After Hours Emergency Line is available for residents to call in case of emergencies such as the ones above. After business hours include 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 a.m. Monday to Friday, weekends,

and holidays. A public works emergency is constituted as a situation where personal and property safety is largely at risk or your ability to access necessities such as groceries, medical appointments, etc., are impeded or restricted due to damaged, inaccessible roads and infrastructure.

- If you encounter an area of the County that requires Public Works' immediate attention such as roads flooding; washed out culverts; significant road damage; and water and sewer service issues in the hamlets of Bezanson, La Glace, Teepee Creek or Valhalla please feel free contact the Public Works Emergency Line at 780-532-7393.

- If you experience a power outage, please call ATCO Electric at 1-800-668-2248.
- If you reside in Clairmont including Whispering Ridge, Westlake Village, Carriage Lane, Taylor Estates and Maple Ridge subdivisions and are experiencing water service issues, please contact Aquatera at 780-882-7800 or 780-538-0452 for sewer services.
- Residents with any non-emergency public works related questions and concerns are strongly encouraged to contact Public Works at 780-532-9722 during the regular business hours of Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding holidays.

# The County Road Paving Program

The County of Grande Prairie maintains a network of more than 3,800 km of paved and gravel roads. Our region continues to expand and roads continue to age and the County works hard to maintain as many roadways as possible; however, must work within the annual capital roads projects budget and the bi-annual divisional road construction projects budget.

Here is the breakdown on how the County schedules what roads are paved, when they will be paved and why.

There are two main ways our roads are scheduled for paving. A road will either be classified as an annual road construction project or classified as part of

the divisional road construction program.

The annual road construction projects are selected with the following factors taken into careful consideration – the age of each of the roads, the current state of each of the roads, the amount of traffic each road receives, the type of traffic that travels each road, and the cost of each of the projects. They are charted on the County's 10-year Road Network Plan based on the factors above. Many of the roads being paved throughout the County and in Clairmont specifically are developer driven and funded; which means developers have agreed as a condition of subdivision approval with the County that

they will pave their roads if they are building a new subdivision or expanding an existing subdivision.

Divisional Road Construction Projects are selected by the Public Works department in consultation with the Area Councillor and within the divisional boundaries where the roads are located. Every two years, each division receives the equivalent of 2 miles of paving in funds for road improvements. Divisions alternate every year, so the divisions located in the south receive funding this year, and the divisions in the north receive funding in 2017. Those funds may be used, upon the Public Works department recommendations and at the area Councillor's request, to rebuild an existing gravel road or to upgrade a gravel road to pavement.

The cost to pave a gravel road is roughly \$1 million per 1.6 km (1 mile). When a gravel road is scheduled to be upgraded to pavement there are many preliminary steps that must be taken before the paving process can begin.

## Here are the steps road construction crews must take before a gravel road can be paved:

1. Remove topsoil and other debris from the road's Right of Way before plowing down the existing road to the width of the new subgrade (the dirt portion of the road structure)

2. Haul in clay and compact the road surface to build up the subgrade
3. Install/replace culverts as required
4. Perform the final surface preparation by compacting the road to ensure the correct crown and width
5. Perform base work by placing new gravel and compacting it for final grade
6. Spray to provide better adhesion to the pavement and to protect this base layer from the weather
7. Lay down asphalt in the required thickness of the road (ranges from 40 mm to 140 mm) and compact asphalt
8. Line paint newly paved road

Furthermore, all work done to the County Road Network, whether it is a capital project, divisional road project, or a developer requirement, are designed, and managed by a professional engineering consultant. All road projects must meet the County's Minimum Design Standards and Alberta Transportation's Highway Design and Construction standards.

For more information on Road Construction Projects please visit [www.countygp.ab.ca/roadconstruction](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/roadconstruction). If you have any questions about road projects please contact the Public Works department at 780-532-9722.

## County 6th Annual Open Houses

### Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum

**June 21 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Located in Wembley  
Head west on Highway  
43, turn south at 112 Avenue

### Webster Community Hall

**June 22 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Head north on Highway 2, turn west on Range Road 53

### Rio Grande Community Hall

**June 23 – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Head west on Highway 43, turn west on Highway 667, south of Highway 722, west on Township Road 710, and south on Range Road 121

For more information, visit our website or call 780-532-9722.

Find us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter, Watch us on YouTube.



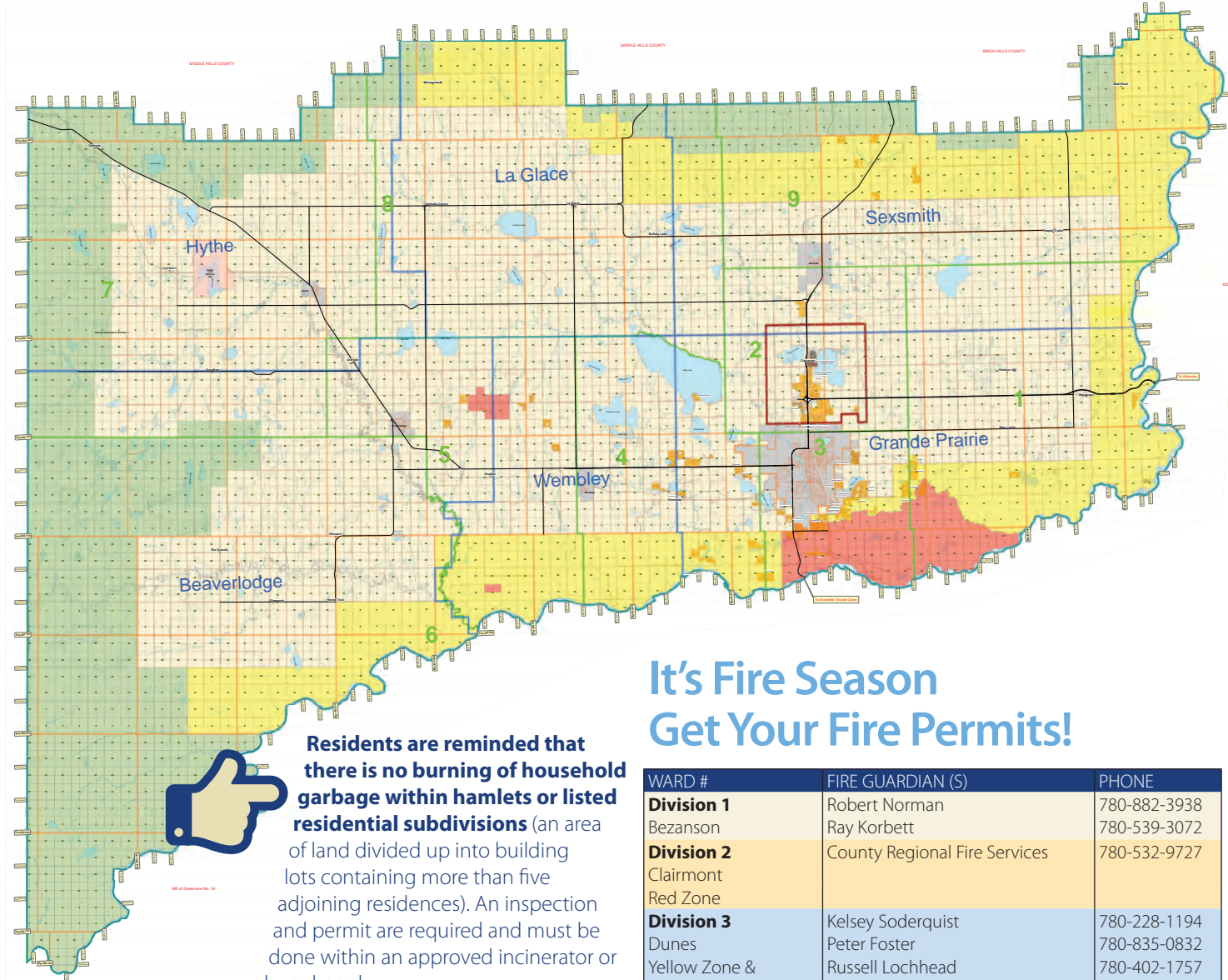
## Bring the whole family for Free BBQ and Bouncy Castle!

Meet and talk to your Area Councillor or staff members from any department!

## Permit Required for Fireworks

Wanting to light off fireworks over the summer season? If so, you will require a permit before you do so. Permit applications must be made in person at the County Community Services Building. There is no fee for a consumer permit; however, there is a \$100 annual fee for businesses to sell, offer for sale and store for the purposes of selling fireworks. For more information, please refer to the Fireworks FAQs at [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca)  
--> Departments --> Regional Fire Service --> Fire Permits  
--> Firework Permits.





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

## It's Fire Season Get Your Fire Permits!

WARD #	FIRE GUARDIAN (S)	PHONE
<b>Division 1</b> Bezanson	Robert Norman Ray Korbett	780-882-3938 780-539-3072
<b>Division 2</b> Clairmont Red Zone	County Regional Fire Services	780-532-9727
<b>Division 3</b> Dunes Yellow Zone & Subdivisions Red Zone	Kelsey Soderquist Peter Foster Russell Lochhead  County Regional Fire Service	780-228-1194 780-835-0832 780-402-1757  780-532-9727
<b>Division 4</b>  East of Wembley	Kimberly Sanford  Lane Armstrong Matthew Smith	780-766-3722 780-518-4363 780-296-0534 780-876-0666
<b>Division 5</b> West of Wembley	Alfred Golnick Jamie Querin Tyrell Johnson	780-933-9221 780-512-8244 780-882-5278
<b>Division 6</b> Beaverlodge	Clayton Barclay Kevin Bonsan Daniel Taks Wayne Bekkerus	780-354-2592 780-512-3584 780-933-0018 780-402-1533 780-354-2182
<b>Division 7</b> Hythe	Dallas Pierson John Moutray	780-882-7576 780-978-1030
<b>Division 8</b> LaGlacé	Ernest Foshaug Julian Tanasichuk Dan Mateev	780-568-4172 780-568-4172 780-766-3910
<b>Division 9</b> Sexsmith / Teepee Creek	Fred Hurlock (Bad Heart Area Only) Jim Le Geyt Doug Spry  Ian Hamilton	780-568-2906 780-568-2186 780-832-8103 780-568-3415 780-568-6840
<b>Forestry (Alberta Agriculture and Forestry)</b>	John White	780-524-1648 780-833-4223 780-538-5560

Permits can be requested by calling Regional Fire Services at 780-532-9727.

This service is free of charge.

### Fire Permit Forms Available Online.

Not sure about fire permit regulations in your area? Log onto [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) and click I want to - Apply For - A Fire Permit

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

#### County White Area

- fill out a request form
- requires a verbal permit during fire season.

#### County Yellow Area

- contact your fire guardian
- requires a written fire permit during fire season.

#### County Green Area

- contact assigned forest fire guardian
- requires a written fire permit during fire season from a forestry fire guardian as this area is designated as the Forest Protection area.

#### County Red Area

- contact the County Fire Chief of designate at 780-532-9727
- restricted burn area
- requires a written fire permit year found.

For more information go to [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) or call the Regional Fire Service Office at 780-532-9727.





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*Crime will always be a concern in our communities, throughout the province and nationwide. Since 1977, the County of Grande Prairie's Regional Enforcement Services has remained active in delivering programs and services in our local communities and region; as well as worked together with several agencies including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP); local, provincial and federal government; and community and crime prevention groups putting measures in place to prevent and reduce crime and encourage safety.*

*Over the next four pages, you will be provided with a tour of the County's Regional Enforcement Services department to learn about the services and programs we're committed to delivering to ensure our communities are as safe and secure as possible.*



## HISTORY

The County's role in enforcement began in 1977 and over the years has evolved into what the department is now known as – "Regional Enforcement Services" – primarily due to external provincial legislation and policy changes. In 1977, the County of Grande Prairie Police Department was formed with a role of a supplemental service to the RCMP. In 1988, a new Police Act was introduced by the Province of Alberta where the Alberta Special Constable Program replaced the County



Police Agencies model in 1989. From 1989 to 2006, County Constables worked closely with the RCMP to enforce the traffic safety and road protection laws and carry out crime prevention



initiatives. During that time, the County Police Department had the authority to enforce the Criminal Code of Canada.

In 1999, the County funded three RCMP Enhanced Policing members to work with the County Constables to fight oilfield vandalism and ecoterrorism, making us the first municipality in Alberta to introduce the integrated enhanced policing model.

In 2006, the new Alberta Peace Officer Program and the Alberta Peace Officer Act was introduced. Consequently, municipalities lost the authority to enforce the Criminal Code.

This new program changed the landscape of the County's policing structure. County Constables were reclassified as Peace Officers, and the department's mandate shifted to following provincial policy and legislation to enforce the Alberta Traffic Safety Act, County road and infrastructure safety laws and municipal bylaws, and work with the RCMP on crime prevention initiatives.

Over the past several years, the name of the County's Regional Enforcement department changed, however the goals of keeping the community safe and secure and preventing crime remains unchanged.

## RCMP ENHANCED POLICING MEMBER PROFILE - CORPORAL CHRISTINA WILKINS

Hi, I'm Corporal Christina Wilkins, I am the non-commissioned officer/corporal in charge of the RCMP Rural Enhanced Unit for the County. I have been working in law enforcement for the RCMP since 2002 and for the County of Grande Prairie over the past four months. I chose a career with the RCMP because I wanted to make a positive difference

in the community. Over my career with the RCMP and the County, I have been able to make a positive difference by helping carry out traffic safety and crime reduction and prevention initiatives through education and awareness programs and enforcement. I also have had the opportunity to build and maintain positive relationships with partner agencies and the community. Over the past 14 years, I have had the opportunity to experience many of the facets of policing and as time goes on it has become clearer that



our purpose is not just to enforce laws but to make a genuine connection with the communities that we serve.

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## WHAT AREAS DO WE PROVIDE SERVICE TO?

Regional Enforcement Services provides services and programs and patrols in the County of Grande Prairie but also has mutual-aid agreements in place with neighbouring communities including the towns of Sexsmith and Wembley, Village of Hythe, the Municipal District of Greenview and Saddle Hills County.

These areas encompass:

- 35,757 population (2011 federal census)
- 44,395 km<sup>2</sup> of area
- Over 6,500 km of roads **not including** primary and secondary highways
- 17 hamlets
- 21 schools and related school zones
- 90 subdivision and industrial parks
- 13 campgrounds
- Four trailer parks
- Five natural reserve sites

## REGIONAL ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

The County's Regional Enforcement Services department is one of the most comprehensive in the Province and consists of a Patrol Unit, Bylaw Unit, Administration Unit, and RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit. Each unit works together closely to offer a seamless service. The County was the first municipality in Alberta

to introduce this integrated service model. Over the years, this model of service delivery has been extremely effective and in turn many municipalities have followed similar suit. As well, the County is the only municipality in the province that has RCMP members integrated and working out of a municipal office. An average of \$2.44 million was spent in 2015 and approximately \$2.66 million net operating and capital has been budgeted for 2016 for enforcement services in the County.

## RCMP ENHANCED POLICING UNIT

The RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit consists of four members. In the fall of 2016, a fifth member will be added to this unit. Although mandated by the provincial government, these RCMP members are employed by the County and work out of a County Office, and work closely with our enforcement services.

The sole duties of the RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit are crime prevention and reduction, crime/narcotic investigations, general policing duties, special events policing coordination, parkland and special patrols, and traffic safety within the provincial and the County's boundaries. They carry out crime prevention and safety programs and initiatives including Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), Report a Drug House, Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (PARTY), Safe City, Safe Town, and in school presentations. They also work with local crime prevention groups including Grande Prairie & District Rural Crime Watch Association and Citizens on Patrol (La Glace and Sexsmith).

## BYLAW UNIT

The Bylaw Unit consists of five Bylaw Enforcement Officers. We also have one Poundkeeper, two full-time Kennel Attendants

and three casual Kennel Attendants that work from the Regional Animal Pound. The Bylaw Unit is responsible for unsightly premises, snow removal complaints, parking, abandoned vehicles, complaint investigation, enforcement of municipal bylaws primarily in urbanized areas, as well as work closely with other enforcement agencies to deliver safety and education programs. The Bylaw Unit is also responsible for Animal Control including the enforcement of Dog Control Bylaws. The Poundkeeper and Kennel Attendants work to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the Grande Prairie Regional Animal Pound. The Grande Prairie Regional Animal Pound is jointly owned and operated by the County (40 per cent) and the City (60 per cent) and run by the County. County Bylaw Officers have a Level 2 Peace Officer appointment, issued by the Solicitor General for the Province of Alberta.

## BYLAW OFFICER MEMBER PROFILE – SGT. KIM DONECZ

Hello, I'm Sgt. Kim Donecz. I am a Level 2 Peace Officer and the supervisor for the Bylaw Unit. I have been in the law enforcement field for over 10 years, and worked for the County since 2008.

The Bylaw Unit focuses on educating the public as well as enforcing some Provincial Acts and Municipal Bylaws. As Level 2 Peace Officers we are able to enforce non-moving violations under the Traffic Safety Act, the Animal Protection Act, portions of the Highway Development and Protection Act, and the Municipal Government Act.

Although we are a complaint based program, we frequently patrol our communities to address areas of concern such as parking violations, snow removal, and dogs roaming at large. We take every opportunity to talk with our residents' one-on-one and by providing information to them through social media, written notices, pamphlets and newsletters.

The most rewarding part of my job is being a part of the building of the Bylaw Unit. This Unit was formed in 2008 and continues to grow and evolve, meeting the needs of our expanding community. We are viewed by the Province and other municipalities as leaders and innovators in part, because



of our integrated service model with the RCMP and its effectiveness. As a result of the County's success, many municipalities have adopted similar practices.





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## PATROL UNIT

The Patrol Unit consists of two Peace Officer Sergeants, eight Peace Officers and one seasonal Parkland Patrol Officer. Their roles and responsibilities include enforcing provincial laws related to traffic safety which aim to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on Alberta's highways and roads. Other major roles include completing complaint investigations, enforcing regulatory municipal bylaws and protecting our roadways surfaces and infrastructure by enforcing commercial vehicle weight restrictions and select municipal bylaws. They also provide Special Events Policing; Parklands and Special Patrol in our parks, campgrounds, greenspaces, developed trails and waterways if required; and Emergency Management. The unit often works with the RCMP Enhanced Policing Unit, the Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership, Regional Fire Service, and community groups to deliver safety and education programs. Their patrol area spans from the British Columbia border on the west to the Smoky River on the east, and from the Saddle Hills on the north to the Wapiti River on the south.

## ADMINISTRATION UNIT

The Administration Unit consists of two Administrative Assistants and two Customer Service Representatives. The Administration Unit provides support to the other units in the department. Some of their duties include taking and processing public complaints; processing tickets, occurrences, warrants, and court briefs; generating statistical reports; records management; liaising with the courthouse and crown prosecutors' office; and tracking monthly contract time and billing.

## RESPONSIBILITIES NOT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF PEACE OFFICERS

In 2006, the new Alberta Peace Officer Program and the Alberta Peace Officer Act was introduced. Consequently, municipalities lost the authority to enforce the Criminal Code. Under the Alberta Peace Officer Program, Regional Enforcement Services **does not provide** the following services:

Service	Who to Contact
Investigate Criminal Code complaints	RCMP 780-830-5700 or 9-1-1
Investigate complaints of firearms or weapons	RCMP 780-830-5700 or 9-1-1
Investigate stray livestock complaints	RCMP 780-830-5700
Investigate wildlife complaints	Alberta Fish and Wildlife 780-538-5265
Investigate licensed premises complaints	Alberta Gaming and Liquor 780-832-3000
Remove dead animal on Provincial Highways	Alberta Transportation 780-538-5310
Remove dead animals from County roads	County Public Works 780-532-9722
Complaints of dead livestock	County Agriculture 780-532-9727
Investigate animal cruelty complaints	Alberta Provincial SPCA 1-800-455-9003
Investigate motor vehicle collisions	RCMP 780-830-5700 or 9-1-1
Investigate complaints on Provincial 2-digit Highways where speeds are above 90km/hr	RCMP 780-830-5700 or 9-1-1
Investigate any complaints on First Nations Reserves	RCMP 780-830-5700 or 9-1-1

## PATROL UNIT MEMBER PROFILE – SGT. STUART FRY

Hello, I'm Sgt. Stuart Fry and I am one of the supervisors of the Patrol Unit at the County. I've been working for the County for over 21 years, first starting as a County Constable, then a Special Constable, to a Community Peace Officer and now a Peace Officer Sergeant. I chose this career because I enjoy working with a wide variety of people, diversity, being involved in the community, and problem-solving. Some of my responsibilities include supervising and training Peace Officers; liaising with the City

of Grande Prairie Enforcement Services department and agencies including the RCMP, Alberta Traffic Safety, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, municipal officials, crime prevention groups including Citizens on Patrol and the Grande Prairie & District Rural Crime Watch Association, and community members; and helping deliver traffic safety, off highway vehicle safety and crime prevention education programs and presentations in the community. The most rewarding part of my job is being able to work with residents and agencies to solve problems and better our community; the positive impression our department



makes on the community; and being able to provide leadership to my team and see them grow in their abilities to protect themselves and their community.



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## How to reach us

### REGIONAL ENFORCEMENT SERVICES CAN BE REACHED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

**Phone:** 780-532-9727

**Fax:** 780-567-5576

**Email:** [enforcementservices@countygpa.ab.ca](mailto:enforcementservices@countygpa.ab.ca)

**In person:** Community Services Building – open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed between noon and 1:00 p.m. and statutory holidays.

**Occurrence Reporting form:** pick up a pamphlet at any local municipal office, complete and submit it.

**Online:** go to the County's website at [www.countygpa.ab.ca](http://www.countygpa.ab.ca). Click on the heading "I Want To", then select "Report" and choose "A traffic, animal, or bylaw complaint".

### THE GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL ANIMAL POUND

The Grande Prairie Regional Animal Pound serves the County and City of Grande Prairie as well as Sexsmith, Wembley, Hythe, MD of Greenview and Saddle Hills County. Do you have questions about a lost dog or want to determine whether your pet has been picked up and may be in the pound? The Regional Animal Pound can be reached in any the following ways:

**Phone:** 780-830-0199

**Fax:** 780-532-4745

**Email:** [regionalpound@countygpa.ab.ca](mailto:regionalpound@countygpa.ab.ca)

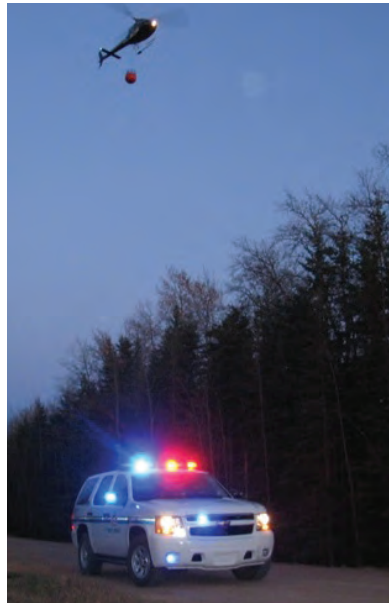
**In Person:** Regional Animal Pound – Brochu Industrial Park, 12220 – 104 Avenue, Monday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 4:00 p.m. Closed between noon and 1:00 pm and statutory holidays.

### HOW TO REPORT A DRUG HOUSE

**Phone:** 780-830-5889

**Report a drug house form:** pick up a pamphlet at any local municipal office, complete and submit it.

**Online:** go to the County's website at [www.countygpa.ab.ca](http://www.countygpa.ab.ca). Click on the heading "I Want To", then select "Report" and choose "A Drug House".



### GRANDE PRAIRIE & DISTRICT RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION: WHAT THEY'RE ABOUT AND HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

The Grande Prairie & District Rural Crime Watch Association (GPDRCWA) is a rural community crime prevention program consisting of volunteers in the community that helps local law enforcement by becoming additional eyes and ears for them; as well as help educate, inform and assist community members to deter crime.

Some of the ways GPDRCWA does this is by:

- Holding community meetings with law enforcement in attendance to answer residents questions and concerns
- Providing information to citizens on which emergency responder or contact to call in certain situations (example: Report-A-Poacher)
- Putting up Rural Crime Watch signage in rural areas to make the association's presence known
- Being the eyes and ears by being diligent in the community, receiving telephone or email fanouts of stolen

property or persons to watch for, and acting as a witness for law enforcement.

If you are interested in becoming a member the cost to join is \$10 annually and you must pass a security clearance by the RCMP. However, you do not have to be a member to report suspicious activity that may be occurring. Any concerned community member may call the Crime Watch or in an emergency situation call 9-1-1.

If you would like to become a member, please visit [www.gprcwa.webs.com](http://www.gprcwa.webs.com) or call Rural Crime Watch at 780-831-4390.



# What you need to know about the new Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw

Recreation is a big part of what makes the County of Grande Prairie a fun and active place to live and visit year round. Many of the County's trails and greenspaces are used for Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation such as snowmobiling, dirt biking, ATVing (All-Terrain Vehicle) and any motorized vehicle built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice and other natural terrain.

Safety is the County's number one priority. To reduce the risk of serious injuries and death; and ensure everyone has the safest, most enjoyable experience possible, County Council passed an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Bylaw which took effect in 2015 that all OHV users must follow while partaking in OHV activities in the County.

The OHV Bylaw, also known as Bylaw #3023, goes hand-in-hand with the Alberta Traffic Safety Act, the County's Traffic Safety Bylaw #3024 and Parkland Bylaw #3002. Please continue reading to learn about the regulations in Bylaw #3023 and the Alberta Traffic Safety Act applicable to OHV operators and passengers, as well as the consequences if OHV operators are not compliant with these regulations.

## All OHV operators must comply with the following regulations in the OHV Bylaw:

- drivers and passengers must wear approved OHV safety helmets at all times
- OHVs may only operate in residential areas under the following conditions:
- load or unload the OHV onto another motor vehicle or trailer
- enter and leave the residential area by the shortest and most direct route available
- adhere to a maximum speed of 30 km/hr
- operate between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- the number of passengers cannot exceed the amount the OHV is designed to carry which is indicated in the user manual.
- OHVs travelling on County roads must move in the same direction as the traffic flow and in single file.
- OHVs must also travel in single file in the ditch
- when it's not safe to travel in the ditch (flooded, culvert, too steep), OHVs must travel on the right hand shoulder of the road.
- maximum speeds cannot exceed 40 km/hr outside residential areas

- OHVs cannot operate or park where prohibited by a sign to do so
- OHVs cannot travel on developed trails
- OHVs cannot operate in any County park, campground, or playground
- the OHV owner is liable for any offences under the bylaw

Mobility aids, enforcement, emergency, maintenance and agricultural personnel are all exempt from many of these conditions while in operation.

## OHV operators must also comply with the following regulations in accordance with the Alberta Traffic Safety Act:

- OHV operators must follow the same rules of the road that apply to motor vehicle operators
- OHV operators must:
  - stop for a Peace Officer, produce documents when requested, stay at the scene of a collision, and report any collision that occurs
  - register and insure their vehicle with plate properly attached and displayed
  - comply with all OHV vehicle and safety equipment guidelines
  - OHVs can only travel on roads where permitted by a municipal bylaw.
  - before crossing any roadways, ALL passengers on OHVs must get off before crossing
  - operators of OHVs on highways or public property must be 14 years of age or older
  - anyone under 14 years operating an OHV on public property must be supervised by a person more than 18 years of age

## Important safe riding tips

1. Protect your head - wear an appropriate helmet with face and eye protection.
2. Size right - no child/youth under 16 years should operate an adult ATV. Ensure your child/youth rides an ATV that is appropriate to their age, weight and maturity.
3. One rider - refuse to carry or be a passenger on single-rider ATVs.
4. Zero tolerance - alcohol, drugs and ATVs don't mix.
5. Get the skills - take an ATV operator-training course.

*Source: Alberta Centre for Injury Control & Research. (2010)*

## DID YOU KNOW?

From 2002 to 2011, 147 people died from off highway vehicle (OHV) accidents in Alberta. Failing to wear helmets and alcohol consumption were the prevailing causes of serious injuries or death.

- Of the 147 who died while riding an ATV, 68 per cent were not wearing a helmet at the time of their death.
- Of the children (16 years and under) who died, 43 per cent were not wearing a helmet.

*Source: Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research (ACICR) 2002-2011*

## The penalty is serious for not obeying the OHV Bylaw and the Alberta Safety Traffic Act. OHV owners or operators could be issued with a violation ticket for the following offences and fines:

- \$543 for driving an OHV carelessly
- \$543 for stunting
- \$310 for operating an uninsured OHV
- \$310 for operating an unregistered OHV
- \$300 for operating OHV in a park, campground or playground
- \$300 for operating an OHV where prohibited to do so by a sign
- \$300 for operating an OHV on a developed trail
- \$287 for consuming liquor
- \$233 for driver/passenger of OHV failing to produce requested information
- \$200 for not wearing an OHV approved helmet
- \$200 for exceeding maximum allowable speed limit
- \$155 if a person under 14 operates an OHV not accompanied by and under the direct supervision of an adult over 18 years old.
- \$115 for conveying liquor.
- \$287 for consuming liquor on an OHV
- \$100 for failing to use the shortest route in or out of a residential area
- \$78 for any equipment violation (headlights, stop lights, brakes, exhaust)

Neglecting to follow these conditions could also lead to even greater consequences such as injury and death. Don't be another statistic!

If you witness an OHV user violating conditions in Bylaw #3023 and the Alberta Traffic Safety Act, don't hesitate to report it to the RCMP at 780-830-5701 or the County's Regional Enforcement Services at 780-532-9727 or online at [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) under the heading "I want to", then select "Report" and choose "A traffic or bylaw complaint".

For more information about the OHV Bylaw, Alberta Traffic Safety Act and the Parkland Bylaw, visit [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) or contact Regional Enforcement Services at 780-532-9727 or [enforcementservices@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:enforcementservices@countygp.ab.ca).

## Transfer Stations now accepting refundable bottles



The County of Grande Prairie was one of the lucky recipients of an Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC) grant through their Community Champions Program (CCP). ABCRC provides funding for specialized recycling bins (indoor and outdoor) and program start-up support to CCP, providing more accessible and convenient out-of-home opportunities for recycling.

With the grant monies, we have purchased three bear proof containers to facilitate our new bottle recycling program at our transfer stations in Teepee Creek, Demmitt and Elmworth. Through this program, we have teamed up with local community organizations so the proceeds from the donated bottles will be enjoyed by those in the area! We are excited to bring forward this community initiative to divert bottles from landfills and provide proceeds to local organizations. It's a win win for everyone.

Bring your bottles on your next trip to any of the transfer stations. If you are unable to locate the special receptacles for the bottles, feel free to ask the transfer station attendant for assistance.

## Heads Up!

The Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management, and the West Grande Prairie Regional Landfill have expanded. As a result, some of the waste and recycling areas at each of the facilities have been moved around. Please follow the signs posted or ask the landfill attendant for directions to the areas you require access to.

A detailed map of each of the facilities will be available in the near future. For more information, contact the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management at 780-567-4194.

## Be a Recycle Leader – Free Recycling Trailer Available for Use for Your Event



Are you hosting an event? Book the County's recycling trailer for your event to encourage you and the guests at your event to reduce waste by simply placing items that can be recycled into the labelled receptacles on the trailer. The trailer accepts

cardboard, paper, bottles, cans, plastic and tin. There is no fee to book the trailer.

Contact the Public Works department at 780-532-7393 to book the trailer and we will take care of delivering and picking up the trailer.

## County Groundskeeping Crews Back to Work May 3rd

Starting on May 3rd, the County Parks and Recreation seasonal groundskeeping crews will be back at it visiting various hamlets, subdivisions, cemeteries, parks and playgrounds throughout the County for spring and summer maintenance.

The safety of residents and commuters of the region, and County staff, is the County's number one priority, so please practice extreme caution and reduce speed when near landscaping equipment.

Also, please refrain from dumping yard waste such as glass clippings, tree prunings, and animal waste or droppings over on municipal property; and move all vehicles, trampolines, trailers, motorhomes and boats if they are encroaching on County property.

If you have any questions, please call the Parks & Recreation department at 780-532-9727.

## New Recycle Bins for County Recreational Areas

The County of Grande Prairie, Parks and Recreation is happy to announce that we have received grant money through the Community Champion Program (CCP), from the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation.

The CCP is a program that encourages and supports beverage container recycling in the province and the County was fortunate to receive \$15,000 for recycle bins. These bins will be placed throughout various recreational areas in the County. Specifically, three bins will be placed in the Pipestone Creek Campground, two bins in the Saskatoon Mountain Day Use Area, two bins in the Old Bezanson Townsite and finally two in the Demmitt Campground.

The containers currently being use for collecting recyclable beverage containers are not bear or pest proof. The new bins will provide a more secure containment system, which makes the areas safer for both campers and wildlife.

"We are pleased to receive this grant money as the bins will help the County practice environmental sustainability," says Parks and Recreation Manager Megan Schur. "They also provide another way we can all work together to recycle and as a result, protect the natural environment and open spaces we enjoy."

The new bins will be supplied by Haul-All, an Alberta-based manufacturer. Supporting an Alberta business is another benefit of this project.

The County is planning to have the bins installed in the various locations in time for the opening of this year's camping season, which begins on May 11. Watch for the new bins and please do your part to pitch in and keep our recreational areas safe and clean for everyone.



*It's time!*

## The annual recycling roundup is on!

Bring your unwanted computers, electrical cords and adapters, TVs, old paint, cleaning supplies, under the sink items and aerosols, batteries, propane tanks, and other hazardous waste material to:

### Teepee Creek Transfer Station

**Saturday, May 28th, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

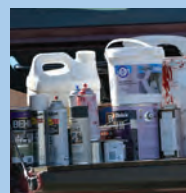
**Enter to win some great prizes including a BBQ!**

From Teepee Creek, head 1.6 km east to Hwy 733 and 8.8 km north

Visit [www.albertarecycling.ca](http://www.albertarecycling.ca) or call 1-888-999-8762 for more information on electronics and paint recycling in your area.

### Can't make it to our annual recycling roundup?

Drop your items off at the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management or the West Grande Prairie Regional Landfill. Visit [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) for information on the County's various recycling and waste management facilities and programs.



## County Bottle Donation Program

Are you throwing bottles in the trash instead of turning them in for cash at the depot or donating them? Look no further, the County has a bottle donation program that will gladly accept your bottles. This program helps support several non-profit and charitable organizations throughout the County.

Simply travelling that extra mile or two and dropping off your refundable bottles to the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management (CCRWM) greatly benefits your community and the environment. Proceeds made from these refundable bottles you drop off are donated various eligible organizations within the County.

"Our local non-profit organizations benefit from and appreciate every bottle or beverage container donated; every bottle counts," says Jennifer Besinger, Technical Service Manager.

As well, if you are involved in a local non-profit organization and are looking to raise funds, the County strongly encourages your group to apply. Application forms can be picked up at CCRWM or found on County's website at [www.countygp.ab.ca/bottleprogram](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/bottleprogram). Completed application forms can be submitted to the CCRWM or emailed to [bottleprogram@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:bottleprogram@countygp.ab.ca). For more information, please visit contact the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management at 780-567-4194.

## County Recycling and Waste Management Facilities Hours of Operation

### Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management

Monday – Saturday  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### West County Regional Landfill

Tuesday – Saturday  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Demmitt Transfer Station

Wednesday & Saturday  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Teepee Creek Transfer Station

Tuesday & Thursday  
12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Elmworth Transfer Station

Wednesday & Saturday  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Prepare for a trip to the landfill

The following tips will help ensure that your trip to the landfill is as easy as possible.

1. Prepare loose household garbage in a bag, bin or bundle.
2. Check the County of Grande Prairie website or phone the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management for a list of acceptable wastes, and potential tipping fees for certain materials.
3. Load your vehicle with metals, wood, tires, e-waste, propane tanks, batteries, appliances and separate from household garbage. This makes off-loading less time consuming as recyclables are already separated prior to entering the landfill.
4. Tarp and secure your load to help control litter and avoid a fine and/or an unsecured load fee.
5. Go to the landfill and follow posted procedures.
6. Remember: if you are unsure of where to dump something, make sure to ask a landfill attendant.
7. County of Grande Prairie residents require a landfill access card to the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management to avoid tipping fees.

For more information on the County's Recycling and Waste Management facilities and programs, visit [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) or call the Landfill Information Line at 780-513-3967.

# Camping Season Begins May 11th in the County

*All County campgrounds and parks will be open for everyone to enjoy on May 11th until October 15th, 2016.*

Whether you are looking to spend a few days in the wilderness, taking a day-trip not too far away from home, having some family or friends visiting from afar, or need a facility for hosting a reunion or group function, be sure to take advantage of the many recreational opportunities and overnight camping facilities in the County. County parks and campgrounds are the ideal destination for everyone. Bring your family and friends to enjoy everything the region has to offer!

Group sites are available to book ahead of time, whereas individual campsites are on a first come first served basis.

## Bear Lake Campground

An ideal lake for canoeing, windsurfing, and other personal watercraft, Bear Lake is about 5 km wide and nearly 10 km long. It's also about 2 metres deep, at its deepest point.

Directions: Located on the north shore of Bear Lake, just 23 km northwest of Grande Prairie. Travel north on Hwy 2, 3 km past Clairmont to Township Road 730 (Mercer Hill Road). Turn west and follow the signs. OR Turn south off secondary Hwy 672 (Emerson Trail) onto Range Road 72, then proceed 4 km to the park.

Booking contact: 780-567-4105

Email: [bearlake@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:bearlake@countygp.ab.ca)

Rates: \$25/night, \$80/day shelter only, \$425/night for group (all sites) includes shelter

Amenities include:

- Onsite caretaker
- 17 non-serviced sites
- 4 remote tenting sites along the shoreline
- Non-potable water
- Boat launch, shelter with wood stove, family day-use picnic site with fire pits, outdoor restrooms, playgrounds, ball diamond, fire pits, free firewood



Bear Lake Playground

## Demmitt Campground

Directions: Located northwest of Hythe, near the Alberta/BC border, the Demmitt Campground is an ideal spot for overnight camping, a resting spot for travellers, or a day for exploring in the wilderness

Booking contact: 780-876-6764

Email: [demmitt@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:demmitt@countygp.ab.ca)

Rate: \$15/night

Amenities include:

- 15 non-serviced sites
- Shelter, outdoor restrooms, fire pits, free firewood delivered by caretaker on request for overnight campers

## Hommy Campground

The former homestead of the Hommy family, generously donated to the province for the public to enjoy.

Directions: Located on the north bank of the Beaverlodge River, 8 km northwest of Beaverlodge, 1 km east off Hwy 43.

Booking contact: 780-354-8039

Email: [hommy@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:hommy@countygp.ab.ca)

Rates: \$30/night, \$80/group for day use



Hommy Campground

## New rates for camping and day use

Please be advised of the new rates for overnight and day use of the campgrounds and parks.

We are proud to offer an excellent campground experience, which users from both our local community and outside visitors have come to expect. To accomplish this, we made significant investments in these recreational facilities over the past few years.

While we are competitively priced, we need to ensure we can continue to cover our costs both now and into the future.

As a result, the new fees for 2016 were determined with careful consideration. We confirmed we were in line with other municipally and provincially-operated campgrounds and sites, while at the same time, able to recoup some of the investment we have made and will make. Simply put, the increase in fees is reflected in the improved services and experiences campground enthusiasts will receive now and over time.

Amenities include:

- On-site caretaker
- 23 powered sites
- Group day use area with shelter, wood stove, picnic tables, power and non-potable water
- Playground, trails, ball diamond, outdoor restrooms, non-potable water available from taps, fire pits, free firewood and sani-dump with potable water

## Kleskun Hill Campground

Capture a glimpse of the northernmost badlands at Kleskun Hill Park, located adjacent to the Kleskun Hill Natural Area and the Kleskun Hill Historical Village. Explore the fascinating cacti, native grasslands and land formations left behind after the ice age, step back in time at the historical village, or just relax while you enjoy the roar of an open fire.

Directions: Located 20 km northeast of Grande Prairie on Hwy 43, turn north on Range Road 41 for 4 km. Follow signs to the park.



Kleskun Hill Campground





*Pipestone Creek Playground*



*Red Willow Falls*



*One of many breathtaking views atop  
Saskatoon Mountain*

Booking contact: 780-567-3685  
Email: kleskun@countypg.ab.ca  
Rates: \$25/night or \$225/night for the entire campground for private functions. Historic church and modern community hall are available for rent.

Amenities include:

- On-site caretaker
- 9 non-serviced sites
- Potable water available from tap
- Restrooms with showers, walking trails in natural area, historical village with hall rental available, 2 playgrounds, fire pits and free firewood.

### Pipestone Creek Campground

Take a dramatic drive down the river valley where Pipestone Creek meets the Wapiti River. Here lies the hidden valley of Pipestone Creek Park. Located along the Wapiti River, it's near one of the richest areas for dinosaur fossils in western Canada, and the largest site in the world for Pachyrhinosaurus fossils. The park is located just 16 kilometres south of Wembley and a short drive from the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

Directions: On Hwy 43 from Beaverlodge or Grande Prairie, turn south on Range Road 82 towards the Town of Wembley, turn left before the railroad tracks onto Range Road 81A and follow the signs to the park.

Booking contact: 780-766-2391  
Email: pipestone@countypg.ab.ca

Rates: \$25/night unpowered site, \$35/night powered site, group day use area \$250/day, group campsite \$250/night

Amenities include:

- On-site caretaker
- Day-use area with dinosaur themed playground, horseshoe pits, frisbee, outdoor restrooms, fire pits, free firewood, walking trails to dinosaur bonebed, picnic tables, and small dinosaur museum complete with fossils
- 99 sites in total, 16 sites with power
- Restroom with free showers, sani-dump
- Group campsite with shelter and wood stove, non-potable water, large fire pit, firewood, outdoor restrooms and power for 10 units

### Valhalla Centre Campground

Conveniently situated in downtown Valhalla, the surrounding countryside is a welcome setting. It has the basic comforts for travellers looking for an overnight stop in a safe and friendly community.

Directions: Located on Hwy 59 in Valhalla Centre, next to the historic Melsness Mercantile and Heritage Garden.

Booking contact: 780-532-9727

Rates: \$15/night and \$50/day for group use

Amenities include:

- 5 non-serviced sites with picnic tables and fire pits
- Non-potable water available by tap
- Playground and outdoor restroom

### Old Bezanson Townsite

Along the banks of the Smoky River just 12 km southeast of Bezanson is the Old Bezanson Townsite and what remains of the dream of Ancel Maynard Bezanson. In the early 1900s, he started building a community here in anticipation of the railroad link. The line passed through Grande Prairie instead, and now the Old Bezanson Townsite building footprints is what remains of his legacy.

Directions: On Hwy 43 at the top of the west bank of the Smoky River near Bezanson, turn south on Range Road 30 for 6.5 km to Township Road 714. Turn west and travel 1.7 km, then south on Range Road 25 for 3 km. A historic marker is located at the top of the hill before descending down into the townsite.

Booking contact: 780-532-9727

Rates: \$100/night group use only, \$50/day group use only

Amenities include:

- 18 non-serviced sites and group day use sites
- Park gate open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily
- Fire pits, picnic tables, outdoor restrooms, ball diamond, trails and playground
- No power or potable water

### Red Willow Day-Use Park

Nestled along the banks of the Red Willow River, the scenic setting is perfect for large and small groups. The area is a haven for wildlife including moose, white-tailed and mule deer, black bear and a variety of small mammals and songbirds.

Directions: Located on Secondary Hwy 722, 20 km southwest of Beaverlodge. The park is located on the right hand side of the highway before crossing the Red Willow River.

Day-use only. No overnight camping.

Rate: \$50/group for an exclusive day use reservation

Booking contact: 780-532-9727

Amenities include:

- 5 day use sites with fire pits
- Outdoor restrooms
- Playground and group shelter with wood stove surrounded by a large greenspace

### Saskatoon Mountain Day-Use Area

Located atop Saskatoon Mountain, 150 metres above the surrounding countryside, this day-use area has spectacular panoramic views of the south and west portions of the County, the Rocky Mountains and the Kakwa wilderness.

Directions: Travel 30 km northwest of Wembley on Hwy 43 to Range Road 92, then 5 km north.

Day-use only. No overnight camping.

Rate: \$50/group for an exclusive day use reservation

Booking contact: 780-532-9727

Amenities include:

- Provincial natural area
- Picnic tables with fire pits
- Walking trails and viewpoints
- Outdoor restroom

For more information on County campgrounds and parks please visit [www.countypg.ab.ca](http://www.countypg.ab.ca), under the Community tab, then Parks tab; or call the Parks and Recreation department at 780-532-9727.





## County Trail Usage Tips

Plan on making use of the County's various walking and nature trails over the spring and summer season? If so, to reduce the risk of accidents and help ensure a more safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, we strongly encourage you to follow this trail etiquette:

- use the right side of the trail if possible (treat it like a road system)
- yield to faster moving users
- ensure you are visible to other users  
**Tip:** wear bright clothes, and ensure you and your bicycle have reflectors if using the trails when it's dark outside
- give audible signals when passing another user  
**Tip:** use vocal communication if you do not have a horn or bell
- practice caution when passing other users
- keep pets on leash and clean up after them

Also the use of motorized and off-highway vehicles on all developed trails including Evergreen Park Trail, Wapiti Dunes Trail - and in all subdivisions are prohibited. Signs are in place to notify trail users that motorized vehicles including trucks, cars, motorcycles, and all off-highway vehicles are prohibited on this trail. Under the Alberta Traffic Safety Act, violators can receive a violation ticket ranging from \$172 to \$400 in fines, plus costs of repairs caused by any damage incurred, along with two demerits for failing to obey posted signs.

Please refer to the contact information below to submit a question, inquiry, concern, complaint, or emergency.

CONCERN	ORGANIZATION	PHONE NUMBER
Emergencies	Fire, Ambulance, RCMP	911
Criminal Offences	RCMP	780-830-5701
Trespassing		
Weapons, Shooting		
Traffic Safety	RCMP	780-830-5701
Off Highway	County Regional	
Vehicles	Enforcement Services	780-532-9727
Liquor Offences		
Wildlife	Fish & Wildlife	1-800-642-3800
Dog offences	County Regional	780-532-9727
	Enforcement Services	
Litter Found	AB Environment and Parks	1-800-222-6514
Littering in Progress	RCMP	780-830-5701
	County Regional	
	Enforcement Services	780-532-9727
Maintenance	County Parks & Recreation	780-532-9727

Thank you for helping to keep our walking and nature trails safe for everyone.

## Tiny Titans arrive at Dino Museum: Spring Summer Surge!

With the strong US dollar turning on tourism dials south of the border, the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum anticipates a spike in the tourism traffic on Alaska Highway 43 starting this Spring and going on through the summer months. The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) predicts a greater road traffic with marketing companies in the tourism industry up-selling Canada as a destination. Both domestic and international sectors will see an incremental spurt in visitation numbers and an overall positive trend in investment in the service and allied sectors including hotels, resorts, tourism transport, merchandize, rental cars and camping equipment, dining, tour operators, publications and advertisement/media.

The museum is building on the strong numbers and interest from a cross section of visitors from around the world in the short stint since its opening with the first few months attracting over 62,000 visitors. With new exhibits, expanded summer helicopter and pipestone creek tours, potential of greater public transit and connectivity, the best is yet to come.

The first major new exhibit to arrive this spring is TINY TITANS: Dinosaur Eggs and Babies! Take a rare and exciting look at the life of dinosaurs

through their eggs, nests and young in Tiny Titans: Dinosaur Eggs and Babies. This remarkable hands-on exhibition includes an amazing collection of dinosaur eggs and nests collected from all over the globe – including those of each of the major plant and meat-eating dinosaur groups.

Each science-rich section is enhanced with colorful illustrations of dinosaur family life. This multi-media experience helps give credence to long debated theories that dinosaurs and birds are closely related. Tiny Titans is a captivating exhibit with accompanying designer merchandise for all ages in the Kaleidosaur gift shop at the museum.

Tiny Titans exhibit is organized in association with the Harvard Museum of Natural History, University of Tennessee and the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History.

In addition to the Travelling Exhibit, the museum will be offering a number of new classroom activities, Lectures, Gallery and Bone-Bed Tours, National Geographic Films, Podcasts and lab visits sharing recent new discoveries and finds. Dr. Phil Currie and his team of palaeontologists will be carrying out fieldwork at the Pipestone Creek site.

## Spring/Summer Calendar Highlights

**March - August 2016**  
**Tiny Titans:**  
**Dinosaur Eggs and Babies**

**April 23: Distinguished Lecture Series** 3:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Dr. Phil Currie & Dr. Eva Koppelhus at the Aykroyd Family Theatre  
*Hunting the Hunters; New Discoveries of 'Raptors' from Around the World*

**May 1: Helicopter Rides over Pipestone Creek Bone-bed** begins for the season

**May 28: Distinguished Lecture Series** 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Chris Mizzi, GPRC  
Early Cretaceous Amphibians  
*National Geographic Films May: Sea Monsters/ Meerkats*

**June 18: Distinguished Lecture Series** 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Derek Larson, Asst. Curator, Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum  
*The teeth and diet of modern monitor lizards and extinct meat-eating dinosaurs*

*National Geographic Films June: Sea Monsters/ Age of Aeroplanes*

**June 21: Community Day**  
FREE 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**June 27: Bone-Bed Tours**  
Starting every weekend til August 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

*For Bone-bed Tours, Helicopter Rides, National Geographic Film Schedule, Event bookings visit us at: [www.dinomuseum.ca](http://www.dinomuseum.ca) or email [akoppa@dinomuseum.ca](mailto:akoppa@dinomuseum.ca)*

## Wellington Resource Centre Programs

### Parent & Tots

Parents and Tots is a facilitated program designed to connect parents to resources and provide children an opportunity to explore and discover through free play and structured activities. Parents will be active participants with their children as an important component for healthy childhood development. Bring your child out for crafts, games, play, story time, and sing along and to make friends every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Wellington Resource Centre and every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bezanson Community Hall. Programs run from starting September to June. Admission is free, donations welcomed. Ideal for parents and children ages 0 to 6. For more information on please call Pam at 780-933-0964 or email [wrc@countygyp.ab.ca](mailto:wrc@countygyp.ab.ca)

### Babies' Best Start

Babies' Best Start is available for pregnant women and parents of all ages with a focus on promoting healthy pregnancies and healthy child development; and empowers expecting or current mothers to

make healthy lifestyle choices by offering nutritional counselling, one-on-one support, parent education courses, peer support, breastfeeding information and community connections. The program runs the second and fourth Monday of each month (excluding holidays) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wellington Resource Centre.

For more information call 780-532-5766 or email: [abbybourque@gpfriendship.com](mailto:abbybourque@gpfriendship.com)

### The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club Youth program is a wonderful chance for youth to meet some new friends, have some fun, and learn about feelings, stress, self-esteem, friendship and bullying. It is a safe place to talk about things that can be stressful and build supports and skills to help deal with them. The workshops are free to attend and run throughout the school year at different locations including the Wellington Resource Centre in Clairmont. Call 780-539-7142 or visit our website at [www.sp-rc.ca](http://www.sp-rc.ca) for more information.

## County Launches New Public Web Map

The County has replaced its Public Web Map with a more user-friendly interface that has greater compatibility and more features in which to view and use the County's Geographic Information System (GIS) data.

"We're really excited that the public will be able to access the County's GIS data for so many different purposes on any computer-based or mobile device and from any location where there's an internet connection," says Glen Kilian, GIS Coordinator.

The upgraded Web Map allows the public to perform a variety of functions ranging from printing maps, viewing aerial photos and finding property information, to obtaining driving directions for

multiple residential and business locations throughout the County. GIS data can also be obtained from various County departments including Assessment, Planning, Regional Fire Service, Regional Enforcement Services and Public Works. Specifically, the public can find out more about recycling and waste management facilities, fire permit zones and several other points of interest.

To access the County's new Web Map visit <https://maps.countygyp.ab.ca/publicmap/>. If you need assistance, there's a help guide on how to use the tools in the Web Map. This guide will help you find the specific information you need. For more information contact the GIS department at 780-532-9722.

The County of Grande Prairie & Watson's foto source presents the

## SPRING PHASE PHOTO CONTEST

### CATEGORIES

**Scenes of the County** – photos including but not limited to specific scenes and sites such as museums, County communities, nature/landscape, homesteads, campgrounds and parks, etc.

**People at work** – photos including but not limited to people at work sites, construction sites, in the office, in the field, in the ward/medical office, in the bush, etc.

**Sports, recreation and culture** – photos including but not limited to indoor and outdoor activities such as camping, golfing, quadding, kids playing in the yard, hiking, horseback riding, cycling, fishing, watersports, sports games and practices, concerts, play at County sports and recreation facilities and fields, fairs, sporting events, parades, festivals, etc.

**People engaged in agriculture** – photos including but not limited to individuals and families active in farm work, feeding farm animals, rounding up animal, branding cattle, innovative farming techniques and equipment, 4-H functions, gardening and produce picking, loading bales, etc.

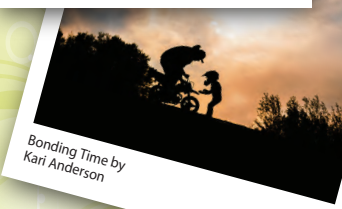
**NEW! Fan Favourite** – At the end of each phase, the top photos entered in the spring phase will be posted on the County of Grande Prairie's Facebook Page for the public to vote on. The public will have two weeks to "like" their favourite photo(s). The photos that get the most likes will be announced and awarded with prizes at the County's 13th Annual Photo Contest Evening in March 2017.



Rail Meets Rubber by Wendy Kempert



Brothers Bringing Hay by Dianne Doleau



Bonding Time by Kari Anderson



Spring Moose by Theresa Haynes

## Deadline to submit photos May 30th!

Photos must be taken during the season of spring but do not need to be taken in 2016. Photos must be taken within the County of Grande Prairie.

### PRIZES:

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE

for each of the categories win a Watson's \$100 gift card

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE

for each of the categories win a Watson's \$50 gift card for photofinishing

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

for each of the categories win a Watson's \$25 gift card for photofinishing

### YEAR END PRIZES:

Photographer of the overall best picture for the whole year from each of the categories win a \$250 gift card to Watson's and a 12" x 18" metal print of their winning photo. All contestants will also receive a 25 free print voucher,

For full contest details, release forms and to upload photos, visit [www.countygyp.ab.ca/photocontest](http://www.countygyp.ab.ca/photocontest), go to Watson's Foto Source located at 101 Bell Tower Plaza in Grande Prairie, or the County of Grande Prairie Administration Building at 10001-84 Avenue in Clairmont for print copies.





# CROSSLINK COUNTY SPORTSPLEX

Whether you are looking to drop in for a skate, join a fitness class, keep your child busy, or enroll in one of the many sports leagues offered, the Crosslink County Sportsplex has activities suited for everyone.

## Indoor and outdoor sports and recreation areas ideal for:

- hockey
- skating
- soccer
- cricket
- lacrosse
- rugby
- ringette
- softball
- sports camps
- baseball
- ball hockey
- box sports
- kids camps
- tackle & touch football
- athletic training
- conditioning camps
- dry-land training

## Motion Fitness

Located on the second floor of the facility. Visit [www.motionfitness.ca](http://www.motionfitness.ca), call 780-830-3880, or stop in for membership rates.

## Ernie's Sports Experts

Located on the first floor of the facility for all of your skate sharpening and sporting goods needs

## GP Sport Council

Located on the first floor in the reception area. Contact 780-532-1164.

# CROSSLINK COUNTY SPORTSPLEX PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## NEW! Indoor Batting Cage

Now available to rent or drop in and use. Helmets are mandatory. Bats and helmets available for rent. Information on pricing, times and rental options available at [www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com](http://www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com) or by contacting 780-830-7407.

## CNG Sports Ball Hockey

CNG Sports is gearing up for an exciting season of ball hockey. Register as a team or an individual. CNG Sports is committed to developing quality ball hockey and are proud members of the Wild Rose Ball Hockey Association. For details, visit [www.cng-sports.pointstreaksites.com](http://www.cng-sports.pointstreaksites.com) or follow them on Facebook.

## NEW! Baseball Diamond

New baseball diamond now available to rent.

## Outdoor Sports Fields

Seven outdoor sports fields available to rent.

## U5, U8 & U11 Fun League Indoor Soccer

Enroll your child in U5 (born between 2011-2013), U8 (born between 2008-2010) or U11 (born between 2005-2007) fun soccer league which runs from April 9 to June 11 (excluding May 21) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday. The success of this league relies on volunteer coaches/assistant coaches. We're looking for volunteers to coach teams. Cost: \$125 plus GST to register and \$30 rebate at the end of the season for parents who volunteer to coach a team.

## Vinyasa & Hatha Yoga

These classes are smooth flowing and are ideal for every age of beginner to intermediate Yogis looking to relieve stress, increase energy, improve flexibility and get into deep relaxation. Purchase a 10-punch pass or drop in to the variety of classes to find out which one is right for you. \*Check our website and Facebook for additional classes or schedule changes.

**Beginner Gentle Flow Drop-In:** Runs on Tuesdays and Fridays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

This class is for any level yogi that is looking to get a deeper stretch. As always, this practice can be modified to meet any student's needs. These gentle, meditative stretches aim at promoting deep healing restoration within the body and soul.

**Community Drop-In:** Runs on Tuesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Stop, drop and Yoga - say hello to happy hips and a happy spine. All levels welcome. Can be modified to meet any student's needs.

**Yoga-ssage:** Runs on Fridays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Five classes in total. Pre-registration only. End your week with candlelit Yoga and Massage. Holding poses three to five minutes as we release tension and stress in this restorative practice. Essential and massage oils will be used. Please advise instructor of allergies.

## Seniors Walk n Talk

Take a walk, jog or run around the track, and meet and greet with other seniors Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. \$2.75 for drop-in, or purchase a 10-punch convenience card for \$27.50. The County of Grande Prairie sponsors this for free admission every Thursday morning until April 23, 2016.

## Tender Tots

In the Trican Fieldhouse from 9:30 a.m. to noon every weekday, walk the track or socialize with friends or other parents while your child plays with our variety of toys on the field. (Bouncers will be set up on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays).

## Bouncy Castle Days

Bring the kids in for extreme fun on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays when we set up our bouncy castles during Tender Tots! Older kids that are out of school on Friday afternoons can come and join the fun until 2 p.m. Come and check out our new Jungle Run and Dragon Blast!

## KnockerBall Rentals

Rent our KnockerBalls for birthday parties, company outings, fundraisers, youth groups, camps, corporate events, team building and

more! Choose from many different games such as Knocker Soccer, Red Rover, Last Man Standing and more. Ideal for people ages 9 and up (minimum height requirement - 4 ft). Check website or give us a call for more information and pricing.

## Learn to Skate

Check our website for classes offered in 2016. A variety of levels such as Pre-School 1, Pre-School 2, Level 1 and Level 2 will be available to register in.

## Parent & Tot Skate

For parents and tots to skate in a safe and relaxed atmosphere from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every weekday.

## Adult Non-Contact Hockey League

We are proud to host the NCHL, which is new to our region. For more information, visit [www.nchl.com](http://www.nchl.com) or contact Nick Fleehtart at 587-432-5955.

## Statutory Holidays & School Breaks

We offer several fun-filled drop-in programs designed to keep the kids busy and active while they are out of school. Check our website or give us a call for more information and for program schedules.

## Birthday and Special Occasion Party Packages

Book your party on the ice rink, dry floor rink, fieldhouse or outdoor fields. Bouncy castle rentals and pizza parties available. Visit our website for more information on party package options and pricing.

## Adult Shinny and Stick & Puck

Check website for drop-in schedule.

## Lunch Time Stick & Puck

Open to all ages from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.

## 13 & Under Stick & Puck

Open to people ages 13 and under. Work on your shooting, stick handling, passing or general skills. No shinny during this session, skill development only. Goalies permitted to practice taking shots. Check Ice Calendar on website for times.



"Like" us on Facebook or "follow" us on Twitter at [cgpsportsplex](https://twitter.com/cgpsportsplex) for updates on our events and programs.

Visit [www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com](http://www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com) or call 780-830-7407 for more information including facility hours, services, user rates, facility rentals and more.



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