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Have a Say in Our Future

SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR THE GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The County of Grande Prairie is asking for input from our residents and interested parties into our Growth and Economic Development Strategy. This strategy is a once-in-a-generation plan that will have a direct impact on each one of you over the next 50 years; as such, your input is very important.

Through this strategy, the County is proactively examining its current and future economic opportunities to supplement its rich agriculture, resource-based and tourism-based economy. It will focus on developing sustainable, socially-responsible growth paralleled by a diversified economy fueled by your ideas.

In order for you to easily get involved and stay informed, we invite you to sign up for email notifications. By doing so, you will receive information about all new initiatives and updates including surveys, events, project news and more right in your mailbox. It's easy and quick, and most of all, it ensures you'll have your say and be kept in the loop throughout the process.

HOW CAN YOU GET NOTIFICATIONS & STAY INFORMED?

Visit mycountygpp.ca

- Click on the blue "Sign Up Now" button on the upper right hand corner or in the middle of the page.
- Once you have signed up, make sure to activate your account upon receipt of your confirmation email.
- You will then receive email notifications for events, new surveys and other important updates to the project website.

WHAT OTHER WAYS CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Public Events

Provide your input for the County's Growth and Economic Development Strategy and become further informed about this project. Join us for any of the following Community Input Sessions taking place from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and for a presentation at 6:30 p.m. at each venue:

- **April 25** – Grande Prairie Alliance Church in Clairmont
- **April 26** – Teepee Creek Hall
- **April 27** – Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum

Check mycountygpp.ca for updates to these events closer to the date.

Project Website

Visit mycountygpp.ca for updates on surveys, events, project news and more. This is the same site where you will find the blue Sign Up button to get the latest details sent directly to your inbox.

Online Forum

Join the discussion at mycountygpp.ca. Share ideas with fellow County residents.

Surveys

Participate in surveys at mycountygpp.ca or in person during a community session.

Social Media

Watch for and use [#mycountygpp](https://twitter.com/mycountygpp) on Twitter and Facebook. Follow us for updates including ways to participate in this project on Facebook at [fb.me/cogp1](https://www.facebook.com/fb.me/cogp1) and Twitter at [@CountyofGP](https://twitter.com/CountyofGP).

For more
information call
Pamela Nordin,
Project Manager
at 780-532-9722.



COUNTY ELECTIONS 2017 MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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County Elections 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Nomination Day**
Monday, September 18, 2017
- **2017 Municipal Election**
Monday, October 16, 2017

Voters will elect one Councillor for each of the nine divisions that serve four-year terms. The Reeve and Deputy Reeve are elected annually by Council at the organizational meeting held each October.

Potential candidates interested in making a difference in their community can obtain more information about running for office by reviewing the nomination package at www.countygp.ab.ca/elections or pick up a hard copy at the Administration Building.

Anyone who is running in this fall's municipal election is required to register with the County of Grande Prairie before accepting campaign contributions or contributing personal funds toward their election campaign.

It is critical for any democracy to have multiple candidates running for each position to generate interest amongst the voting population and hopefully result in a higher voter turnout. Voter turnout in the 2013 election dropped to 25 per cent from only 27 per cent in 2010. Whether you are the candidate with the desire to make the County a better place to live and work or the potential voter casting the ballot for the person who will be on the front lines of the decision-making process, we encourage everyone to participate in the elections.

County to Highlight Value as Part of New Campaign

VALUE FOR TAX DOLLARS

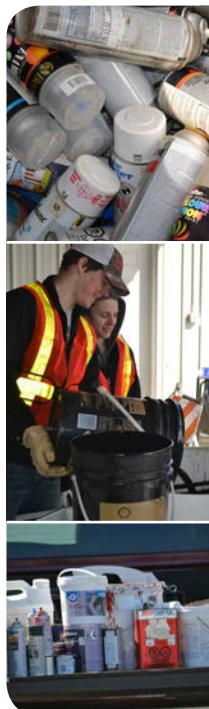
Have you ever wondered how the tax dollars you pay to the County of Grande Prairie are used? Or, if you really get good value for the money you spend?

This summer, the County will be launching an education campaign to share information on where money is spent and what value is delivered to residents and the community. The campaign will feature a brief animated video that will take viewers on a tour of their tax dollars at work.

Reeve Leanne Beaupre explains, "Every year, Council spends significant effort through a transparent process to create a balanced budget that meets the needs of the County and its residents. This year, we want to do more to educate our residents and ratepayers about where we spend our tax dollars and what value County employees deliver every day."

This summer, watch for the animated video, "The County of Grande Prairie: Delivering Value." It will be launched on the County website and promoted using social media and by showing it at tradeshow and other County events.

For further information, contact the Communications department at communications@countygp.ab.ca or by calling 780-532-9722.



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, aerosols, batteries, propane tanks, and other hazardous waste material to:

Clairmont Centre
for Recycling
and Waste
Management

SATURDAY
May 27TH
10am – 2pm

Enter to win some great prizes including a BBQ!

Can't make it to our annual recycling roundup? Feel free to drop your items off at the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management or the West Grande Prairie Regional Landfill anytime.

Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/recycleprograms for information about our recycling and waste management facilities and programs.

County Family and Community Support Services Turn 50

Fifty years ago, the provincial government established a program that would make preventive social programming for Albertans a priority. Prior to that time, responsibility for the protection of children and families was with municipalities. The Province created legislation directed to make child protection a provincial responsibility.

Recognizing that municipalities best understand the kinds of programs needed locally, Preventive Social Services (PSS) was born and the PSS Act and regulation came into being in 1966. Municipalities were invited to participate in the program, with the Province providing 80 per cent of the funds and the municipalities 20 per cent. To this day, Alberta is the only province with a provincial/municipal partnership that focuses on prevention.

PSS was changed to Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) in 1981. Today, the program emphasizes community decision-making and increased local autonomy.

In 1966, the County began talks with the City of Grande Prairie, towns of Beaverlodge and Sexsmith, and the Village of Hythe to determine a model of PSS for the region. A multi-municipal PSS program, Saskatoon Mountain Urban Rural Family Services (SMURFS), became a reality in 1967. Initial programs focused on family counselling and homemaker services. Later, in 1981, the County created its own FCSS program.

Today, FCSS provides programs and services that enhance the social well-being of individuals, family and communities through prevention.

OUR PROGRAMS:

- Help people develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis
- Help people develop an awareness of social needs
- Help people develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people
- Help people and communities assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them
- Provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community

We provide a variety of programs to meet the needs of residents of all ages. We are proud of our history and excited about where the future will take FCSS.

For more information on our programs and services visit www.countygp.ab.ca/fcss or call us at 780-532-9727.



Dates Set for 2017 County Open Houses

The dates and venues for the 7th Annual Open Houses have been set! Employees from each department as well as Councillors will all be under one roof to answer your questions, share information about important programs and initiatives, and more!

Bring the whole family out for a FREE BBQ, Bouncy Castle and enter your name in tons of prize draws!

- **Monday, June 19, 5 - 8 p.m.**
Crystal Creek Community Hall
- **Wednesday, June 21, 5 - 8 p.m.**
South Peace Centennial Museum
- **Thursday, June 22, 5 - 8 p.m.**
Clairmont Community School

More details to come! Stay tuned to www.countygp.ab.ca for further details.



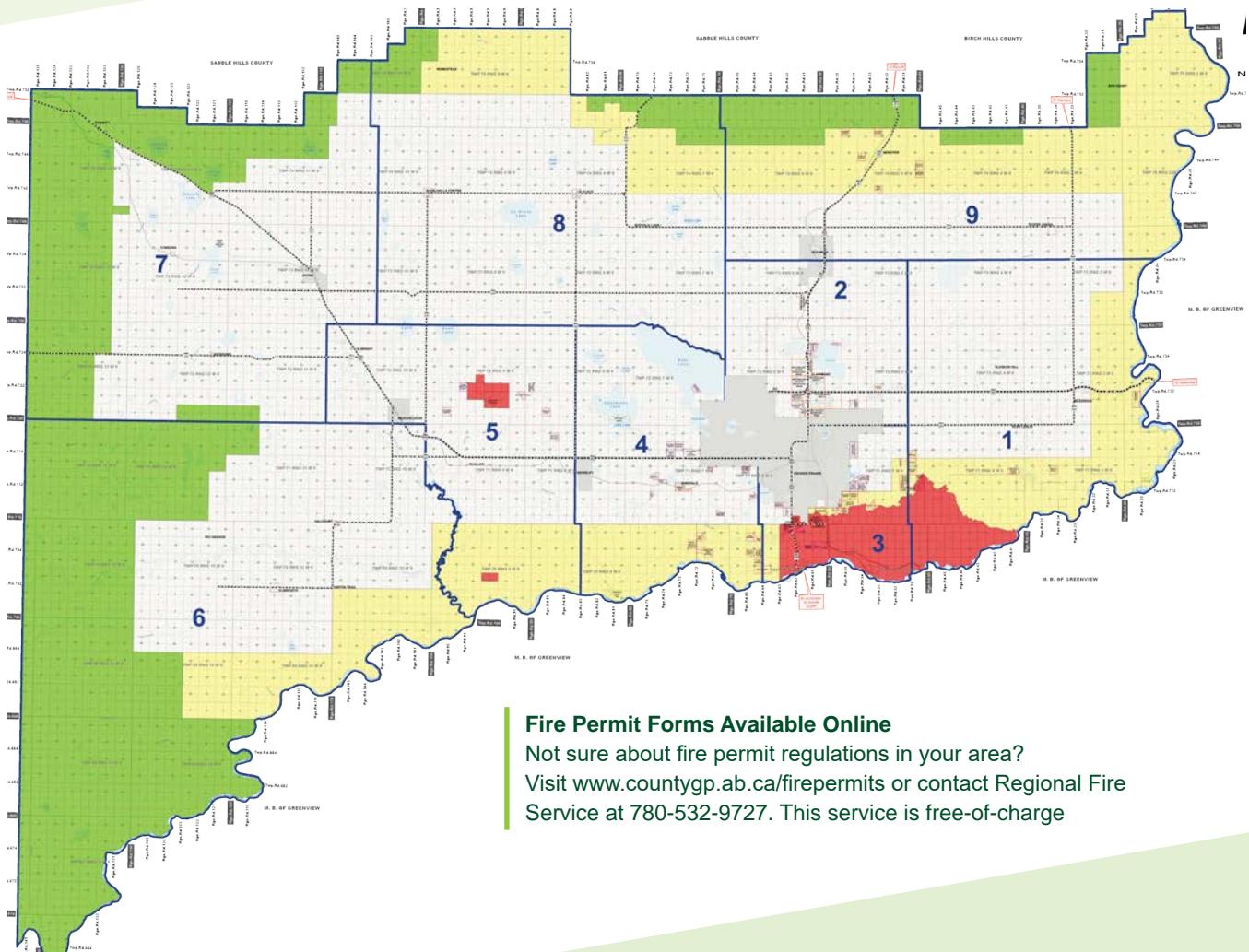
COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

We invite County residents to join us on June 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Saskatoon Community Hall for our 50th anniversary celebration! It will be an old-fashioned, fun-filled day for families! Watch for more information as we get closer to the date.



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It's Fire Season – Do You Have Your Permit?



Fire Permit Forms Available Online

Not sure about fire permit regulations in your area?
Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/firepermits or contact Regional Fire
Service at 780-532-9727. This service is free-of-charge

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 is required and must be done within an approved incinerator or burn barrel.

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.

Fire Guardians will assist with issuing Fire Permits and will help educate residents on safe burning practices. Based on your Fire Burning Area please contact the appropriate Fire Guardian for your division:

NAME	DIVISION	PHONE NUMBER
Ray Korbett	Division 1/Bezanson	H: 780-539-3072 C: 780-518-6557
Debbie Stallwood	Division 1/Bezanson	587-297-0337
Trevor Grant	Division 2 Red Zone -3 Clairmont–Dunes	780-532-9727
Ken Atamanchuk	Division 2 Red Zone -3 Clairmont–Dunes	780-532-9727
Dan Verdun	Division 2 Red Zone -3 Clairmont–Dunes	780-532-9727
Russell Lochhead	Divison 3/Yellow & Subdivision	780-402-1757
Matt Bauer	Divison 3/Yellow & Subdivision	780-814-3766
Tracay Depew	Divison 3/Yellow & Subdivision	587-297-1524
Spencer Montgomery	Divison 3/Yellow & Subdivision	780-512-5078
Robyn English	Divison 3/Yellow & Subdivision	780-933-9338
Kimberly Sanford	Division 4/East Wembley	H: 780-766-3722 C: 780-518-4363
Matthew Smith	Division 4/East Wembley	780-814-2453
John Prankie	Division 4/East Wembley	780-518-7912
Thomas King	Division 4/East Wembley	780-532-1221
Alfred Golnick	Division 5/West Wembley	H: 780-766-2735 C: 780-933-9221
Jamie Querin	Division 5/West Wembley	780-512-8244
Tyrel Johnson	Division 5/West Wembley	780-882-5278
Lynda Ost	Division 5/West Wembley	H: 780-766-2735 C: 780-296-2825
Kevin Bonsan	Divison 6/Beaverlodge	H: 780-354-3688 C: 780-512-3584
Daniel Taks	Divison 6/Beaverlodge	H: 780-354-8515 C: 780-933-0018
Wayne Bekkerus	Divison 6/Beaverlodge	H: 780-354-2182 C: 780-402-1533
Ron Kubbernus	Divison 6/Beaverlodge	H: 780-354-8974 C: 780-300-5883
Dallas Pierson	Division 7/Hythe	780-882-7576
John Moutray	Division 7/Hythe	780-978-1030
Dan Mateev	Division 8/LaGlance	780-766-3910
Julian Tanasichuk	Division 8/LaGlance	H: 780-831-1945 C: 780-518-6242
Ellen Skinner	Division 8/LaGlance	780-518-3947
Fred Hurlock	Division 9/Sexsmith/Teepee Creek BAD HEART AREA ONLY	780-568-2906
Jim Le Geyt	Division 9/Sexsmith/Teepee Creek	780-568-2186
Doug Spry	Division 9/Sexsmith/Teepee Creek	H: 780-568-3415 C: 780-832-8103
Ian Hamilton	Division 9/Sexsmith/Teepee Creek	780-518-6840
FORESTRY – YEAR ROUND		
Lewis Watson	Valleyview	780-524-6576
Peter Paterschuk	County West & Grovedale	780-814-1648
Maira Boomgaardon	Saddle Hills	780-814-1983

Fire Marshal Ken Atamanchuk stresses that burning is never permitted in the Dunes Natural Area: “This entire region is considered to be at extremely high risk for wildfires due to heavy forestation. The amount of vegetation also poses a hazard because it makes it very hard for fire and emergency crews to access the area during emergency situations. This is why having open fires, including camp fires, is strictly prohibited in the Dunes.”

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

To request an inspection or permit, to clarify your Burn Area, or to get more information about fire safety requirements, call Regional Fire Services at 780-532-9727 or go to www.countygp.ab.ca/firepermits.

Developing and Building in the County

DO YOU REQUIRE PERMITS?

With spring in the air, it is time to start planning for the 2017 construction season. Do you have questions regarding development and building in the County of Grande Prairie? The following information will help guide you through the process.

- Most projects require a development permit and various safety codes permits prior to proceeding with construction. This includes structures over 10 m², approximately 108 sqft, decks over 24", structures on temporary foundations, and fabric covered buildings.
- Permits are also required for relocations, additions, and changes of use or occupancy and may be required for renovations.
- General maintenance that does not affect structural changes such as painting, replacement of shingles, siding or new cabinetry do not require building permits.
- Replacement of windows or doors may require building permits if the size or location is being altered.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN

DEVELOPMENT AND SAFETY CODES PERMITS

A development permit is a document that is issued by the County under its Land Use Bylaw authorizing development, including excavation, stockpiling, building, additions, and a change in use or intensity of the use of the land or building, to proceed.

A building permit is a type of safety codes permit that grants permission to proceed with construction of a building or structure on the condition of compliance with the Alberta Building Code.

A copy of the Alberta Building Code can be purchased through the Alberta Municipal Affairs website under Codes and Permits.

The County requires applicants to receive development approval before the building permit and other safety codes permit approvals will be granted.

Safety codes permits including building (residential and non-residential), electrical, plumbing, gas, and private sewage installations are administered through the Alberta's Safety Codes Act to ensure compliance with today's standards and codes.

In addition to a permit, applicants receive a plans review and reports, technical advice, site inspections and reports, and a final status report (Permit Service Report).

The Planning & Development Services department requests two days' notice for the scheduling of inspections. Same day service may be available depending on the Safety Codes Officers' schedules.

Application forms for these permits are available online at www.countygp.ab.ca/permits or in person at the Administration Building at 10001 – 84 Avenue in Clairmont.

For more information regarding permits, or to book an inspection, please contact the County Planning & Development Services department by email at plan@countygp.ab.ca, by phone at 780-513-3950, by fax at 780-539-7686 or in person at the Administration Building.



Dust Control Applications Available Online

COUNTY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES WISHING TO HAVE DUST SUPPRESSANTS APPLIED TO THE GRAVEL ROAD IN FRONT OF THEIR PROPERTY CAN NOW APPLY ONLINE.

"Those applying for dust control will no longer be required to make a trip to the County office to fill out an application form and purchase dust suppressant," said Dale Van Volkingburgh, Public Works Director. "Anyone with access to a computer or mobile based device and an internet connection can simply complete the application by visiting the County's website."

The cost for dust control is \$4.40 per meter for residents and \$6.60 per meter for businesses with 100 meters being the minimum amount per application. Due to the dust control program being a cost-shared program, the County will cover the remaining costs of product, labour and equipment.

Residents and businesses have until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28 to submit the application along with payment for dust control. Application forms can be accessed online at www.countygp.ab.ca/dustcontrol or in person at the County Public Works Building located at 10001-84 Avenue in Clairmont during regular business hours. A new feature provides an option to sign up for an email to be sent to you next year so you can simply click the link and make your purchase again.

Dust control work commences after spring road bans are lifted and continues until the program is complete. Online applicants numbered dust control stakes will be placed for them by the County Dust Control Foreman adjacent to the road where dust suppressant is to be applied. In person applicants will receive numbered dust control stakes to be placed adjacent to the road where dust suppressant is to be applied. Calcium chloride or spec crude oil will be the material applied to gravel roads to minimize road dust.

For more information, please contact the Public Works department at 780-532-7393 or at pubwks@countygp.ab.ca.



Seniors – Mark Your Calendars!

IN CELEBRATION OF SENIORS' WEEK, THE WELLINGTON RESOURCE CENTRE INVITES YOU TO THE SENIORS' INTERGENERATIONAL LUNCHEON

**JUNE 6, 2017
11:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

**CLAIRMONT COMMUNITY
SCHOOL GYM (10407 – 97 STREET)**

Join the Clairmont Community School students for an afternoon full of entertainment, free lunch and visiting!

If you wish to attend, please RSVP by May 29, 2017 by contacting the Wellington Resource Centre at 780-567-2843.

We hope to see you there!



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Wanted: Nominations for Kind Heart Awards!

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Do you know someone in the community who always goes the extra mile to help out? Or someone who deserves recognition for their kind acts and good deeds? If so, nominate them today for a Kind Heart Award!

Acts of kindness eligible for an award can be anything that shows compassion and a willingness to pitch in and help. This could mean shoveling or plowing a neighbour's driveway, helping clear a crop, or bringing by a warm meal.

The nomination process is quick and easy, so nominate a deserving person today!

For more details and to get a nomination form, go to www.countygp.ab.ca/kindheartprogram or contact Family and Community Support Services at 780-532-9727.



Innovative Programming Teaches Stress Management to At-Risk Youth

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The Community School Liaison Program provides support to students and families having trouble at home and school by teaching coping skills and strategies. The format of delivering support varies in many ways, depending on the needs of the individual, school and the community.

One of the most effective ways to reach large numbers of at-risk students is through classroom presentations. Teachers at Beaverlodge Regional High School arrange to have FCSS Liaisons deliver presentations that cover many aspects of stress that students encounter daily. This includes stress within the family, school, friendships, relationships, the media, culture, and the community.

The main goal during the presentation is to have students brainstorm common stressors and to then identify healthy ways to cope. By the end of the presentation, students realize they already have many healthy stress management strategies, and that they simply need some guidance and reminders so they can put their techniques into every day practice.

To date, the presentation has been delivered to 105 students. Post-presentation surveys indicate that this innovative programming is proving to be hugely successful: 99 per cent of students felt the presentation increased their ability to better handle stress.

For more information about the Community School Liaison Program, contact FCSS at 780-532-9727 or at fcss@countygp.ab.ca, or contact your child's school directly.

**Lana Clarke, one of the
County's Community School
Liaison Counsellors**



Composting and Digesting Units Available for Purchase

Are you interested in reducing waste and giving back to the environment? Purchase your very own earth machine composting unit or green cone digester unit to use in your yard today!

EARTH MACHINE COMPOSTER – \$60

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



GREEN CONE FOOD DIGESTER - \$120

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



Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/homecomposting to order a unit. For more information, contact the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management at 780-567-4194.



Save the Date – Earth Day April 22nd

Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management staff will be at the Earth Day Community Celebration at the Montrose Cultural Centre on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Grande Prairie.

Be sure to stop by their booth to get information about the County's various recycle and waste programs and initiatives, tips on how to reduce, reuse and recycle! As well, enter your name in our prize draw for a chance to win an Earth Machine Composter and a Green Cone Food Digester!

If you are unable to make it out to the festivities, you can partake in Earth Day in other ways! Carpool, bike, walk or bike to work or an activity; reduce food waste; eat locally sourced food; use eco-friendly products when cleaning; turn off lights you're not using; go electronic with your emails and bills; recycle your electronics and other recyclable material – the list goes on!

Book the County Recycling Trailer for your Event

Make recycling a breeze for guests attending your event – book the County's Recycling Trailer! The trailer accepts cardboard, paper, bottles, cans, plastic and tin. To top it off, the trailer is free to book and use.

It's as easy as contacting the Public Works at 780-532-7393 to book the trailer. The other steps including the delivery and pick-up of the trailer will be taken care of. The trailer may book up fast with spring and summer around the corner, so arrange your free rental today!



County Campgrounds and Parks Open May 15



Kleskun Hill Campground



Bear Lake Campground Shore



Pipestone Creek
Campground Playground



Saskatoon Mountain

ALL COUNTY CAMPGROUNDS AND PARKS WILL BE OPEN FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY ON MAY 15 UNTIL OCTOBER 15, 2017.

Whether you are looking to spend a few days in the wilderness, take a day-trip not too far away from home, have 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. Our campgrounds and parks are the perfect setting to unwind, relax, explore and have fun!

THE COUNTY OPERATES SIX CAMPGROUNDS AND THREE DAY-USE PARKS:

CAMPGROUNDS

Bear Lake Campground – An ideal lake for canoeing, windsurfing, and other personal watercraft, Bear Lake is about 5 km wide, nearly 10 km long and 2 m deep at its deepest point.

Demmitt Campground – Located northwest of Hythe, near the Alberta/BC border, the Demmitt Campground is an ideal spot for overnight camping, picnics and for travellers to rest.

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

Kleskun Hill Campground – Capture a glimpse of the northernmost badlands at Kleskun Hill Campground, 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.

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 Campground. Located along the Wapiti River, it is near one of the richest areas for dinosaur fossils in western Canada, and the largest site in the world for *Pachyrhinosaurus* fossils.

Coming this Spring – Those interested in camping at Pipestone Creek Campground will be able to reserve individual campsites through our new Pilot Online Reservation System. Stay tuned to our social media sites and www.countygp.ab.ca/campgrounds for upcoming details!

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.

DAY-USE PARKS

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. Group overnight camping available by reservation only.

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

Saskatoon Mountain Day-Use Park – Located atop Saskatoon Mountain, 150 m 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.



Group sites are available to book for day-use and overnight camping. Individual campsites are on a first come, first served basis; except Pipestone Creek Campground once the online reservation system is launched. Payment options include cash, debit and credit. Cheques will not be accepted.



To view campground and park locations, descriptions, photos, amenities and services; day-use and overnight camping individual and group rates; and more, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/campgrounds, pick up a brochure at any of the County offices, or contact the Parks and Recreation department at 780-532-9727.

COMMUNITY BARBEQUE AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY EVENT RENTAL

Are you part of a community, non-profit or charitable organization that is hosting a special event or fundraiser between May 1 and October 15? The County's four-burner barbecue is available to use for free at your event. For-profit organizations who are hosting fundraisers for charitable and non-profit groups can also book the barbecue.

Visit www.countygp.ab.ca/bbq to view the requirements and other important details. To book the barbecue, contact the Parks and Recreation department at 780-532-9727 a minimum of 14 days prior to the planned use of the barbecue.

UPCOMING SPRING RECREATION WORKSHOPS

Outdoor Safety FUNDamentals - April 25, 2017, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Be prepared for the backcountry - includes AdventureSmart and BearSmart presentations where participants will learn about various outdoor safety practices including trip planning, travel and packing tips and how to minimize negative encounters with wildlife.

Nordic Pole Walking - May 6, 2017, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This introduction to Nordic Pole Walking is a low impact but great total body workout. Take your outdoor walks to a new level and prepare for an urban or backcountry hike. All skill and fitness levels welcome. Poles will be supplied. Registration deadline is May 4, 2017. Program will take up to 20 registrants.

For more information and to register, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/recreationprograms.

GRAVEL CRUSHING PROGRAM STARTS THIS SUMMER

The County's annual gravel program begins this spring/summer, which means crews will be working around the clock until completed to crush 220,000 tons of gravel. This gravel will be used to re-gravel over 1,000 km of roads this spring and summer.

Anyone interested in camping or spending an afternoon in Pipestone Creek Campground and area may experience noise for a week duration sometime between June and July. An update on the exact dates the gravel crushing will be taking place will be provided closer to the date, so stay tuned to www.countygp.ab.ca. The Pipestone Creek Campground caretaker will be giving out complimentary earplugs to help reduce the noise.

The County apologizes for any disruptions and inconvenience this may cause. **If you have any questions please contact Parks and Recreation at 780-532-9727.**

VARIOUS PLAYGROUND SURFACES UNDER CONSTRUCTION THIS SPRING

This spring, the Parks and Recreation department will be replacing the sand fall protective surface and border in the Kleskun Hill Campground playground, the playground in Clairmont off 99 Street and 102 Avenue, as well as construct the sand fall protective surface in Lawra Estates playground. The anticipated completion date of these upgrades is end of June, weather dependent.

The public is advised to keep off the playground equipment and practice extreme caution when near equipment during construction. Signage and fencing will be installed around each playground prior to construction commencing and will be taken down once the area is safe.

Thank-you for your cooperation and keeping safety top of mind.



What Can I Recycle?

The County's various recycle and waste management facilities accept a number of items for recycle. Be sure to keep the following materials separate from your regular trash and bring them with you on your next trip to our facilities.

	Clairmont Centre for Recycling & Waste Management	West Grande Prairie Regional Landfill	Demmitt Transfer Station	Teepee Creek Transfer Station	Elmsworth Transfer Station
Electronics & Appliances	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Propane Tanks (Under 100lb)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Refundable Bottles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cardboard & Boxboard	✓	✓			
Vehicle Batteries	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fluorescent Bulbs	✓	✓			
Pesticide Jugs	✓	✓		✓	✓
Tires	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Metal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clothing	✓				
Agricultural Plastics	✓	✓			
Rechargeable Batteries	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paper, cardboard, tin, & glass	✓	✓			
Drop n Swap program	✓			✓	
Concrete	✓	✓			
Used Oil	✓	✓			
Household Hazardous Waste & Paint	✓	✓			

Additionally, there are 14 recycling bins located throughout the County for the public to properly dispose of paper, cardboard, tin and glass.

For more information including the locations and hours of the recycle and waste management facilities, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/recycleprograms.

Donate Your Refundable Bottles

BRING YOUR BOTTLES ON YOUR NEXT TRIP TO THE COUNTY'S RECYCLE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES.

The Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management, West Grande Prairie Regional Landfill, and Demmitt, Elmworth and Teepee Creek transfer stations all have designated receptacles that accept bottles.

Proceeds from the donated bottles will go towards supporting several local community, charitable and non-profit organizations.

If your local non-profit organization is looking to raise funds, the County strongly encourages your group to apply for the Bottle Donation Program. More information along with the application form is available at www.countygp.ab.ca/bottleprogram or at the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management.



HAVE YOUR UNWANTED ELECTRONICS RECYCLED

Do you have any electronics taking up space in your home that you would like to get rid of?

Simply bring them with you on your next trip to any of the County's five recycle and waste management facilities!

All locations accept electric appliances including computers, printers, microwaves, toasters, curling irons, coffee makers, kettles, power tools and many other items with a cord.

For more information on the County's electronics recycling program, call the Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management at 780-567-4194 or visit www.countygp.ab.ca/recycleprograms.



FAQs – County Sponsored Internet Towers

If you are connecting to internet services in the County and wish to learn more about internet towers; perhaps you are moving and wish to disconnect; or you just have other questions about internet services throughout the County, we can help you.

I don't have high speed internet. Who do I contact to get this service?

Contact the Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in your area. For a list of local ISPs call the County at 780-532-9722 or visit www.countygp.ab.ca/services

I have called all the ISPs and was told I cannot have service, unless I have a tower. Can the county sponsor a tower?

No, however the County of Grande Prairie is offering residents and businesses free 68 ft. towers as they become available. Here is what you will need:

- Contact Expert Mobile Communications to be placed in queue and arrange pick up 780-539-3962
- Provide proof of residence (picture ID and utility bill)

I have a County sponsored local tower on my property but I don't need it anymore. What do I do?

Please email servicedesk@countygp.ab.ca a written request to remove the tower. The County will then make arrangements for removal and reuse.

Important: Tower will only be removed if obsolete – if no one else is obtaining service from the tower. Removing a tower without consent of the County is not permitted.

Complete FAQs can be found on our website at www.countygp.ab.ca/internetfaqs.

Multipurpose Public Web Map will Help You Find Your Way

Earlier last year, the County launched a new and improved Public Web Map that provides users with Geographic Information System (GIS) information. The web map is so exciting because it has multiple applications that can help County residents in their daily lives. It is also interactive, easy-to-use, and even comes with help files and video tutorials.

Some of the most common uses of the web map include locating parks, walking trails and points of interest, getting driving directions, finding civic and rural addresses, and outlining municipal boundaries and electoral districts. But the web map also does so much more!

So what can you do with the web map?

PRINT AND CUSTOMIZE MAPS

Users can make and print maps that can be customized with lines, shapes and text.

VIEW PROPERTY INFORMATION

Users can find publically available information about properties, including images, assessed values, zoning requirements, tax certificates and more.

VIEW CONTOUR AND ELEVATION DATA

Users can view detailed elevation information about properties, including providing a general idea about the drainage surrounding a property.

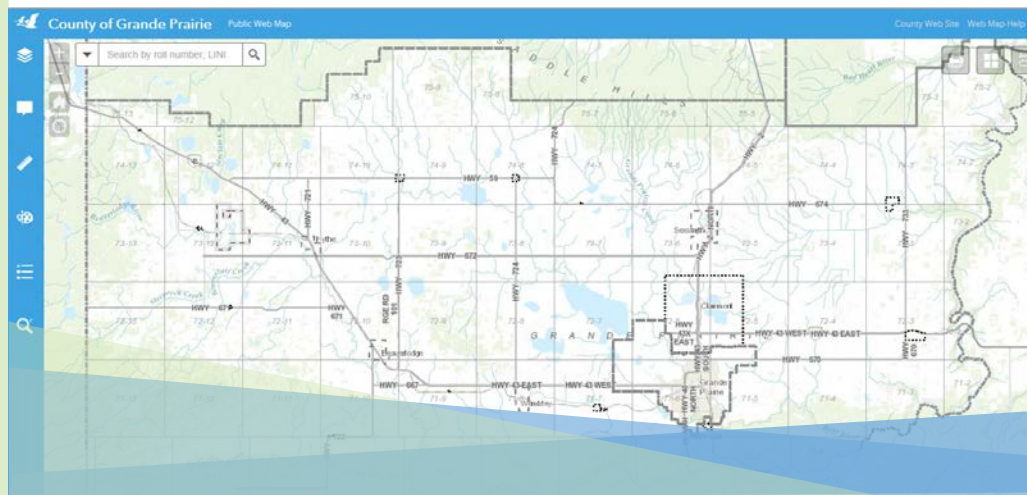
ADVANCED SEARCH ABILITIES

Users can search for properties using a variety of methods, including roll number, civic or rural address, provincial linc number, subdivision name, plan/block/lot, quarter section and legal survey division.

VIEW AIRPHOTOS

Users can view full colour, high resolution airphotos of the County from 2010 and 2014.

Learn how the County's Public Web Map can be used in your daily life by trying it out yourself at maps.countygp.ab.ca. If you have questions, contact the Geographic Information Systems staff at gis@countygp.ab.ca or at 780-532-9722.



Equipment Rentals

The Agricultural Service Board has the following equipment available for rent to County of Grande Prairie residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

All rental equipment requires a \$200 deposit. The renter must have minimum \$1 million dollar liability insurance on vehicle and farm land.

TREE PLANTER - \$15/DAY + GST

- Make sure the area where you plan to plant is thoroughly cultivated
- Two people sit on machine, while unit moves slowly forward, allowing planting of large amounts of seedlings
- Has both a 2" ball hitch and U-hitch
- Has hydraulic hook-ups
- No safety light hook-up for transporting



MULCH ROLLER APPLICATOR - \$15/DAY + GST

- After planting seedlings, you can use the mulch roller to cover the soil with a thin layer of plastic
- The plastic barrier reduces weed competition and wicks moisture to seedlings.
- Plastic mulch must be purchased by the landowner from a supplier
- Has a 2" ball hitch
- Has hydraulic hook-ups
- No safety light hook-up for transporting



SKID SPRAYER - \$25/DAY + GST - 2 AVAILABLE

- Requires tie-downs for transportation (2000 pound weight requirement)
- Recommend removing tailgate prior to pickup
- Recommended 3/4 tonne truck
- Weighs 600 pounds when empty and approximately 1,700 pounds when full
- 36-foot broadcast spray
- 200 gallon tank
- Boomless boom (Ideal for fence lines, small areas, pasture land, acreages. Large droplet sprayer, not designed for spraying a canola crop)
- Manual handreel with 300 foot hose with handwand



CATTLE TAG READER (GALLAGHER)

Please note that a computer (not included) is needed to operate the Tag Reader and to download information.

Beaver dam removals - \$150 + GST per quarter section (up to three dams) and \$65 per dam thereafter.

For inquiries, contact the Agriculture department at 780-532-9727.

VEGETATION CONTROL STARTING SOON

Herbicide application and mowing will start in early May on County ditches and lands. Please do your part to help!

- Give slow-moving mowers lots of room when you pass
- Keep ditches near your property clear of rocks, wire and debris
- Identify and control weeds on your property

By working together, we can protect agricultural production and biodiversity in the County!

For more information, go to www.countygp.ab.ca/weedcontrol.

MOTORISTS AND FARMERS URGED TO USE CAUTION ON ROADS DURING PLANTING SEASON

Farming season is gearing up in the County and slow-moving farm equipment will be present on the roads where you drive. Farming is a crucial part of our economy and we need to ensure farmers can do their jobs safely to get food on your tables.

Defensive driving tips for motorists:

- **Be alert.** Watch for farm vehicle on roads.
- **Stay back.** Stay at least 15 m or five car lengths back.
- **Slow down.** As soon as you see a slow-moving vehicle, slow down
- **Be patient.** Don't pass until the road is clear of traffic and it is safe to pass.
- **Make sure you're clear.** When passing, make sure you can see the farm vehicle in your rear-view mirror before you change back into the right lane.





Come Play!

The Crosslink County Sportsplex has a program for everyone!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

South Peace Indoor Slo-Pitch Tournament

Join us on Saturday, April 8th for the 2nd Annual Indoor Slo-Pitch Tournament from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Be sure to come and support your favorite players!

U4, U6, U8 & U11 Indoor Soccer Fun Leagues

Register your children for these fun-filled Saturday leagues. They will be split into smaller age groups to accommodate all skill levels if there are enough registrants from each age group (3-4 year olds, 5-6 year olds, 7-8 year olds and 9-11 year olds). Registration includes a t-shirt and a season-ending medal. Parents who coach or assistant coach will receive a \$30 refund at the end of the session.

Destroyer Lacrosse

Mini Tykes and Tykes 2017 Vision Lacrosse Camp. Register your children for this introductory lacrosse camp on April 15th-16th at destroyerlacrosse.com

Easter Egg Hunt, Colouring Contest and Bouncy Castle

Hop on over to the Sportsplex on Sunday, April 16th and join us for family fun at our 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

- Egg Hunt for 2 to 5 year olds in the Trican Fieldhouse 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Egg Hunt for 6 to 12 year olds in the upper concourse 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Bouncy Castle Play 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Kids are welcome to participate in the Easter Colouring Contest. Pick up the colouring sheet at the Sportsplex Front Desk or print off a copy from www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com. Be sure to have your kids submit their colouring into our contest by 10:30 a.m. on April 16th for a chance to win a prize basket!

Spring Break Kids' Camp

Make sure your kids aged five to 12 have an active and fun-filled spring break. Enroll them in our Spring Break Camp taking place from April 17th-21st.

Camps include indoor play at the Trican Fieldhouse, crafts, games and many more activities! Discounts are available for two or more children.





Victoria Day

On May 22nd, the Sportsplex will have many half-priced drop-in programs scheduled to entertain your family! Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for more information on the scheduled events.

Book Your Next Party or Event at the Sportsplex!

The Sportsplex is the place to be for your next party or event! Book the ice rink, fieldhouse, dry floor, meeting room, Knockerballs or a bouncy castle!

Leave the catering to us – choose from a wide variety of food and drinks from either the Over-Time Family Sports Lounge (under new management) or Tito's Concession.

Contact the Sportsplex for more information about pricing and packages, menus, and to secure your booking.



GET FIT WHILE HAVING FUN!

Sign up or drop in for any of these exciting programs and activities that are currently being offered this spring at the Crosslink Sportsplex:

- Yoga
- Seniors' Zumba Gold
- FitMom Boot Camps
- Stick and Puck
- Learn to Skate
- Adult Shinny
- Tender Tots
- Bouncy Castle Days
- Seniors Walk and Talk
- Fieldhouse Sports and Recreation
- Ball Hockey
- KnockerBalls
- Lacrosse
- U5, U8 and U11 Soccer League
- Indoor Batting Cage
- Adult Non-Contact Hockey League
Register your team for the next season

For more information about these programs and drop-in activities, including class descriptions, times and locations, go to our website.



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PHILIP J. CURRIE DINOSAUR MUSEUM

Upcoming Exhibits, Programs & Events



Education Programs

Is your school looking for a curriculum-based program? The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum runs programs for students from kindergarten to high school. All bookings are available on a first-come-first-serve basis, and Spring/Summer 2017 programs are filling up quickly!

Contact us at education@dinomuseum.ca today!

"I really enjoyed the presentation Dino Tracker for Grade 10. The greatest strength of the program was the mathematics at the end and doing the calculations and figuring out the dinosaur actual hip height and speed."

– Sharon Barry, Grade 10 teacher,
Grande Prairie Composite High School

Spot the Dino Fridays

Find Aluk our dinosaur mascot in the community on Fridays, take a picture and tag @CurrieMuseum on social media, the location we are at, and #SpotTheDino to be entered into a FREE Family Pass to the museum! We give three hints about the location via our Facebook page throughout the week, so don't forget to 'like' us to stay in the loop!

Upcoming Spot the Dino Fridays: **April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Free Lecture Series:
Dr. Rich McCrea
3 p.m.

APR
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Free Lecture Series:
Dr. Lisa Buckley
4 p.m.

MAY
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Fossil Prep Lab
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

MAY
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Free Lecture Series:
Rick Scott
3 p.m.

Roy Bickell Exhibit – NOW OPEN!

The late Roy Bickell was always interested in fossils. After retiring in 1991, Bickell spent a large portion of his time searching for fossils, and his collection grew extensively over the years. He generously donated many of his findings to different museums, and, just before he passed away, he donated the last of his collection to the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum.

Bickell's collection includes everything from ammonites to petrified wood, and even bones from vertebrate like dinosaurs and fish. The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum is proud to have Bickell's findings on display in a special exhibit.

Whether you are a fledgling dinosaur enthusiast or a fossil expert, there is surely something to catch your eye at the Roy Bickell Exhibit. Visit the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum and check out this new exhibit while it lasts!



Feature Film: The Last Lions

The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur museum is pleased to announce that National Geographic's feature film "The Last Lions," is now playing at the museum's Aykroyd Family Theatre!

This 90 minute film takes a dramatic look at the drastic decline of lions in Africa – from nearly half-a-million to just around 20,000 in 50 years – by following a lioness' struggle to protect the lives of herself and her three cubs. Show times are Fridays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. and costs \$4 on top of admission, or \$6 to view the film only.

Fossil Prep Lab

Interested in rocks and fossils? Willing to get your hands dirty? We have launched our volunteer preparation program. You will get direct instruction on how to prepare fossils from our assistant curator as you find out for yourself what lies buried in the rock.

Visit www.dinomuseum.ca for more information.

Access for Disadvantaged Groups

The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum and Swan City Rotary Club have teamed up to bring groups who may not otherwise be able to visit the museum out for a day trip. Not-for-profit organizations wanting to bring a group can apply for transportation, museum admission, and a program to be provided.

Interested groups can contact Jewels Goff at jgoff@dinomuseum.ca for more information.

Book the Museum For your Event!

The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum is available for a wide variety of event bookings. The museum can accommodate events including birthdays, weddings, graduation celebrations, business meetings, conferences, charity events, movie nights and more! With a 70-seat theatre, a professional and attractive meeting room, and two highly adaptable classrooms, the museum is one of the newest and most unique venues in Alberta!

Book your event by visiting www.dinomuseum.ca/events or call 587-771-0062.



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Fossil Prep Lab
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

JUN
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Free Lecture Series:
Dr. Matt Vavrek
4 p.m.

Visit www.dinomuseum.ca/events for more information.
Email visitorservices@dinomuseum.ca or call
587-771-0662 to reserve your spot at our **FREE** lectures.



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