



County of
Grande Prairie No. 1

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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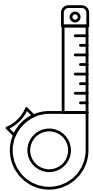
THE COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE BY THE NUMBERS



25,460
POPULATION



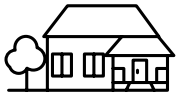
36.7
MEDIAN AGE



5.6%
POPULATION
GROWTH
2016-2021



\$137,935
MEDIAN
HOUSEHOLD
INCOME
2023



\$473,000
AVERAGE
VALUE
SINGLE FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL DWELLING



249
BRIDGES



30 KM
PAVED
MULTI-PURPOSE
TRAILS



29
PLAYGROUNDS



3,646 KM
PAVED &
GRAVEL ROADS



524 KM
PAVED ROADS
VERSUS 289 KM IN 2012



MESSAGE FROM REEVE **Bob Marshall**

On behalf of County Council, I am pleased to present the County of Grande Prairie's 2022 Annual Report. The report highlights accomplishments over the last year and a snapshot of our financial picture.

Our main focus for the year was support and recovery, so we were pleased to approve the 2022 budget with no increase to our municipal tax rate.

During the pandemic, our Council invested in programs and opportunities for residents and families to stay safe and connect with others, including social and community support and grants for community groups and businesses. As we continue to recover and navigate changing economic conditions, we are thinking ahead about the health and well-being of our communities. We are being strategic with our resident's tax dollars to maintain our high-quality municipal services and infrastructure while continuing to support residents, community groups, and businesses, and strengthen intermunicipal relationships.

The County supported the community with \$6.5 million in recreation, community, culture, library, seniors and special needs transportation, and family and community support grants to organizations across the region.

We also reinvested \$596,667 in Aquatera dividends to subsidize wastewater rate increases for County residents connected to the system.

We continue to prioritize economic development and business. Together with our neighbours at the City of Grande Prairie and MD of Greenview, we hosted successful events to promote our region as an economic engine and an excellent place to live, work, play, and invest, to encourage future growth. We're pleased to continue supporting local businesses and the economic environment with initiatives like the Business Assistance Program, which provides grants for employee attraction and retention. A positive response from the business community in our latest satisfaction survey demonstrates our efforts are paying off, with 93 per cent of businesses surveyed reporting their satisfaction with the County as a place to do business.

Despite the increasing impacts of inflation, we are cautiously optimistic that with supports for residents, businesses, and groups, along with strategic investments, we will continue to see vibrant, healthy and growing communities.

Like you, Council is proud to live in this vibrant, thriving County. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve you.



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER **Joulia Whittleton**

So much happens in the County every year, and it's great to showcase our past year's work in this Annual Report.

Under Council's direction, our staff did tremendous work maintaining high-quality services and advancing projects. As always, our focus is on the people we serve, efficiencies, and service delivery. This helps us respond to increased demands. It also allowed us to easily restart many in-person programs and "regular" services following the pandemic.

Like many other organizations, our staff makeup has shifted over the past several years, including senior leaders in several divisions. With factors at play like the pandemic, retirements, and a new generation coming into the workforce, dozens of new faces brought new and innovative ideas to the organization over the year, while learning from long-time team members.

The key to our success as an organization is the effort and dedication of all staff and the ongoing leadership of our progressive Council.

The Citizen Satisfaction Survey results showed that our priorities are aligned with residents. Nearly all residents surveyed (96 per cent) rated the County's quality of life as very good or good, and 95 per cent say they are proud to live here. We're also doing well in areas that are key for Council, including encouraging economic development: 76 per cent appreciate the fair tax rate system, and 74 per cent approve of our use of innovative tools to improve service delivery. Look for more survey results on the Highlights page of this document.

Keeping in line with Council's priority to drive economic development, we grew our internal team to better address business retention and expansion as well as attracting new investors to the region. We are actively promoting our region in the province and nationally, and continually looking for new opportunities.

As we move forward into 2023, we continue to focus on building a culture of innovation within the County, which is a key to advancing our Council's vision as a forward-thinking municipality that is first in building sustainable, prosperous and safe communities.

COUNTY DIVISIONS & AREA COUNCILLORS

Your Councillor represents you and the division where you live or do business, and welcomes your feedback. Find out about the boards and committees they serve on at countygp.ab.ca/committees.



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ADVOCACY UPDATE

The County of Grande Prairie advocates to the provincial and federal governments on a number of issues that impact community well-being and quality of life.

County Council approved three areas — Economic Development, Transportation, and Health — as 2022-2023 Government Advocacy Priorities, a streamlining of priorities from past years. All three areas are crucial for maintaining and enhancing quality of life in the County; they are an acknowledgement of the urgent needs of our community and a way to maximize the opportunities available.

2022-2023 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES:

1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Align with the Government of Alberta's Recovery Plan to gain economic development opportunities for the County with a focus on job creation, workforce development and talent attraction, economic diversification, and infrastructure development.

2 TRANSPORTATION

The County will promote awareness of transportation infrastructure needs in the County of Grande Prairie with the provincial and federal governments to ensure supply chain resiliency.

3 A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

The County will seek improvements to healthcare services to better meet local needs.

2022 SUCCESSES:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- In partnership with the City and MD of Greenview, the County hosted two events in Calgary targeted at C-suite executives to highlight the advantages of Grande Prairie as a strong option on the national stage: we are investment-ready with significant Economic Development supports in place and a high quality of life for organizations that relocate here.
- County officials met with provincial ministers in Edmonton to highlight County priorities and goals and to promote collaboration.
- The County put forward a resolution that was passed by the Rural Municipalities of Alberta to advocate for the province to adopt a new electricity pricing model for transmission and distribution that eliminates the disparity in pricing across Alberta.

TRANSPORTATION

- The County of Grande Prairie made the final part of their \$10 million total contribution to the Highway 40 twinning and bridge construction project.
- Bezanson roundabout.
- Continuing to advance the Highway 40X Connector project along with regional partners including the City of Grande Prairie, MD of Greenview and Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce.

A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

- Landrex Inc. was selected as a private partner for the Mountview Health Complex to provide capital and expertise as part of the P3 project model (Public-Private Partnership).
- The County continued to support efforts to attract and retain healthcare professionals in our communities.

Read about additional advocacy priorities at countygp.ab.ca/advocacy.

SPOTLIGHT ON 2022

The County of Grande Prairie saw progress on many initiatives in 2022 that helped our communities move forward. We sought feedback from citizens and businesses, and were finally able to meet in person again. Overall, there were many opportunities to celebrate residents' pride and Community spirit.

GREAT CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS

Results of the latest Citizen Satisfaction Survey from early 2022 found County residents are proud to live here, feel the quality of life is good, and are satisfied with municipal government performance:

- 96% of residents rate quality of life as very good or good
- 95% expressed pride in being a resident of the County
- 86% say the County has been successful at encouraging economic development
- 86% agreed the County is safe overall
- 83% expressed overall satisfaction with Council and Administration (municipal norm is 77%)
- 82% are generally satisfied with services and programs
- 78% agree the County is doing a good job managing growth and development

POSITIVE BUSINESS SURVEY RESULTS

A 2022 businesses survey continued the trend of positive feedback. In general, the satisfaction rate with the County as a place to do business is 93%.

Survey results from previous years helped the County's Economic Development department create a business directory and other programs and supports, including the Business Support Network, the Service Excellence Blue Pin Certificate, and many workshops and networking opportunities. Future work is planned to support expanding and struggling businesses, addressing workforce availability, and improving access to health services, cell and broadband infrastructure.

CONNECTING IN PERSON AGAIN

County events and activities started to return to pre-pandemic styles in 2022, including some familiar favourites.

We saw:

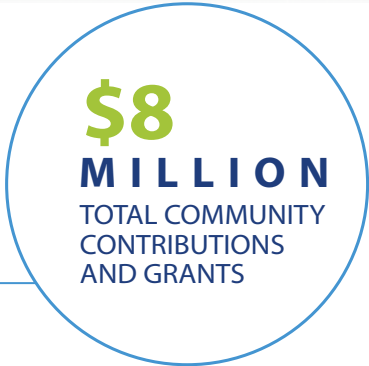
- 400 residents stop by our three County Open Houses
- Free Parent and Tot drop-in programs in five communities
- Seniors Walk and Talk sessions in three locations
- Celebrated the Vavrek's of Vavy Valley Farms as the Farm Family of the Year
- New programs in Hythe
- Over 300 people at the June Seniors'Tea
- Another sell-out for the fourth annual Kids Can Catch event at the County Sportsplex Pond
- Numerous volunteer workshops
- Special events throughout the region supported by Regional Enforcement Services





COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year, the County of Grande Prairie approves millions of dollars in contributions to support community organizations across the County and region.



\$2
MILLION
IN OPERATING
ASSISTANCE
GRANTS



\$1.7
MILLION
IN CAPITAL
PROJECTS



\$340,000
TO SUPPORT
PREVENTATIVE
SOCIAL
PROGRAMMING
THROUGH
NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS



\$180,000
TO SUPPORT
ACCESSIBLE
TRANSPORTATION
FOR RESIDENTS



\$49,000
IN CEMETERY
GRANTS



\$555,110 TO LOCAL RECREATION BOARDS, INCLUDING:	
Beaverlodge – Elmworth – Hualien Area Recreation Board	\$76,210
Clairmont-Bezanson Area Recreation Board	\$119,820
Grande Prairie Area Recreation Board	\$55,670
Hythe – Demmitt Area Recreation Board	\$138,720
Sexsmith – La Glace – Teepee Creek Area Recreation Board	\$125,090
Wembley – Saskatoon Lake – Dimsdale Area Recreation Board	\$39,600

FUNDS AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY



\$3 MILLION TO THE LA GLACE & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

for the Regional Recreation Centre \$333,333 per year over six years (2018-2023).



\$2.3 MILLION OVER 15 YEARS TO STARS

to support their life-saving work across the region. Current contributions include operational funding of \$200,000 per year (2019-2022) and capital funding of \$100,000 per year (2020-2024) to the fleet renewal campaign.



\$1.45 MILLION FOR THE NEW BEAVERLODGE FIRE HALL

\$250,000 per year (2019-2022) plus \$450,000 for increased project costs.



\$1.3 MILLION TO SUPPORT EVERGREEN PARK

Includes support for operations, covering payroll expenses to weather the COVID-19 pandemic and waived interest payments.



\$1 MILLION GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION KEY TO CARE CAMPAIGN

\$100,000 per year (2020-2029) to support patients.



\$526,500 TO NITEHAWK YEAR-ROUND ADVENTURE PARK

\$375,000 for landslide remediation work (up to 25 per cent of the total project cost).
\$101,500 for equipment replacement.
\$50,000 per year for energy costs (2015-2022).



\$300,000 TO THE HYTHE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

\$100,000 per year (2021-2023) for arena upgrades.



\$200,000 TO SUPPORT THE NEW SUNRISE HOUSE YOUTH EMERGENCY SHELTER.



\$101,145 TO THE SOUTH PEACE REGIONAL ARCHIVES

for their relocation project.



\$100,000 TO THE HYTHE & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

for the Mustang Spray Park.



\$100,000 TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #54

for building repairs.



\$50,000 TO THE PEACE AREA RIDING FOR THE DISABLED SOCIETY

for their new garage and storage building.



\$25,000 OVER THREE YEARS TO THE WEMBLEY COMMUNITY SOCIETY

for an elementary school playground.



\$25,000 TO THE GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Mozart Mission project to purchase breast cancer screening equipment.



\$25,000 TO THE WEMBLEY AND DISTRICT ARTS, CULTURE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

to build an event facility.



\$23,000 TO THE BEZANSON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

for acoustics upgrades in the Community Centre gymnasium.



KEY SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE



ROAD MAINTENANCE
EXCLUDING HIGHWAYS



REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE



**REGIONAL ENFORCEMENT
SERVICES**



DISASTER SERVICES



**WASTE & RECYCLING
MANAGEMENT FACILITIES
& SERVICES**



PROPERTY TAXES
MUNICIPAL PORTION



**COUNTY CAMPGROUNDS,
PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS & TRAILS**



**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
SUPPORT SERVICES**



UTILITIES
WATER, WASTEWATER



LIBRARIES



ANIMAL SERVICES



**AGRICULTURE SERVICES &
PROGRAMS**
ROADSIDE MOWING,
WEED CONTROL



**LAND USE PLANNING,
ZONING & DEVELOPMENT**



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

ALBERTA



HIGHWAYS



SCHOOLS
POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
CHILDREN'S SERVICES



HOSPITALS



SOCIAL SERVICES
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SENIORS, COMMUNITY AND
SOCIAL SERVICES



**SUPPORTS FOR EMPLOYEES
& EMPLOYERS**



PUBLIC HEALTH
ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES



JUSTICE



PROPERTY TAXES
PROVINCIAL PORTION FOR
EDUCATION, SENIOR'S
FOUNDATION, AND DESIGNATED
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES
REGISTRIES AND LAND TITLES



**PROVINCIAL PARKS &
CAMPGROUNDS**



ENVIRONMENT
FISH AND WILDLIFE
SPECIES AT RISK



**EMERGENCIES AND
DISASTER RELIEF**

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

CANADA



INCOME TAX



EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE



**NATIONAL DEFENSE
RCMP**



RAIL



AIRLINES & AIRPORTS
INTERNATIONAL TRADE
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
BORDERS



POSTAL SERVICE



BANKING
MORTGAGES



NATIONAL PARKS



STUDENT LOANS



**CHILD BENEFIT
SOCIAL SERVICES**



OCEANS AND FISHERIES

Service responsibilities noted above for the provincial and federal governments are intended to provide key highlights rather than an complete list.

2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION

The County of Grande Prairie No. 1. First in building sustainable, prosperous and safe communities.

MISSION

The County of Grande Prairie builds on its natural environment and the entrepreneurial spirit of its citizens to provide an unmatched quality of life and opportunity for all.

OUR VALUES

The County of Grande Prairie Council commits to the following values. We will maintain high standards of ethical and professional conduct by being:

- Trustworthy in our decision making and interpersonal relationships
- Transparent in our communications
- Respectful of others
- Collaborative in achieving our goal

OUR OPERATING PRINCIPLES

We will use these principles to guide the decision-making and service delivery of our County. We will:

- Place the people we serve at the centre of our work.
- Be good stewards of our land, air and water.
- Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and good financial management.
- Provide programs and services in an effective and efficient manner.
- Foster an entrepreneurial spirit and encourage sustainable agriculture, industry and tourism pursuits.
- Be a good neighbour to our surrounding municipalities.
- Practice good governance and respect each other's roles.
- Create a work environment that contributes to employee health and well-being.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Six strategic themes lay the foundation of the County's work and planning.

Read through the report for details of how the County has driven each priority forward in the past year.



Effective Transportation Networks



Economic Development



Fiscal Sustainability



Community Wellness and Safety



Effective Land-Use Management



Governance and Leadership



Following the municipal election, County Council developed a new Strategic Plan for 2022-2026.

Learn more at countygpr.ab.ca/stratplan.



EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS

Effective transportation networks are a priority for the County. Safe and well maintained roads and bridges drive economic development, support communities, and align with the needs of residents and industry.



**\$47.4
MILLION**

2022 INVESTMENT
INTO THE COUNTY'S
TRANSPORTATION
NETWORK

Roads and sidewalks upgraded	46 km
Dust control applied	112 km
Gravel applied	970 km
Ditches rehabilitated	18 km
Culverts installed	14
Culverts maintained	129
Repainted lines on paved roads	370 km

INVESTED

**\$28
MILLION**

IN CAPITAL ROAD AND
BRIDGE PROJECTS

INVESTED

**\$19.4
MILLION**

IN ROAD AND BRIDGE
MAINTENANCE

COMPLETED

**313
MAINTENANCE
PROJECTS**

INCLUDING CULVERT
REPLACEMENTS AND
ROAD REPAIRS



PROJECT PROFILE: RIO GRANDE BRIDGE

The ribbon was cut to open Rio Grande Bridge, a \$9.25 million investment in local transportation infrastructure that was completed on time and on budget. Sized for farm equipment, the bridge will serve the area well for many years to come.



PROJECT PROFILE: ROADSIDE CLEAN UP

45 non-profit community groups cleared 14 tonnes of litter from 299 km of roadsides across the County, raising \$69,910 for their organizations.



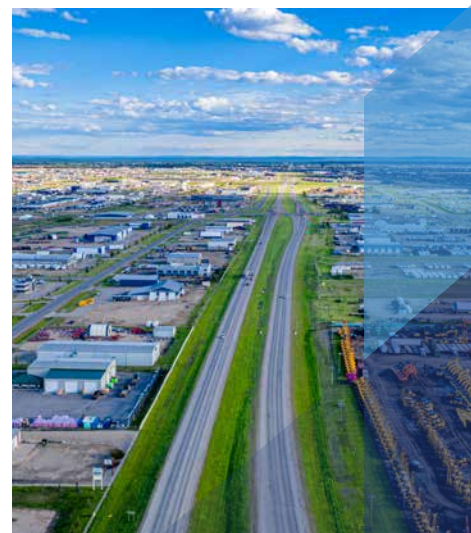
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The County helps drive sustainable and managed growth – from planning and delivering growth opportunities and infrastructure to fostering economic prosperity.

An **updated strategy** is guiding the County's key offerings and competitive positioning within the industrial investment landscape to support growth and economic development. The Industrial Investment Attraction Strategy is a key component of targeting new commercial and industrial investment in areas that are ready for development.

County Council invested in **big supports for businesses**. The Business Assistance Program helps small to medium-sized businesses in the County work with human resources professionals to fill their current employment needs. Since 95% of businesses in the County are classified as "small," this program supports employee attraction and retention on a local level.

The County was designated under the provincial Alberta Advantage Immigration Program Rural Renewal Stream along with the towns of Sexsmith and Wembley. The program offers local businesses an opportunity to **help attract and retain newcomers to Canada** to fill employment vacancies, in turn helping them become permanent residents.



93% SATISFACTION RATE
AMONG LOCAL BUSINESSES SURVEYED





EFFECTIVE LAND-USE MANAGEMENT

The County wants development to happen in the best and most appropriate locations. Sound planning and community engagement are key to the process.

CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

	2021	2022
Inspections	1,866	2,105
Non-residential building permits	40	40
Residential building permits	312	309
Residential construction value	\$62,530,706	\$51,248,038
Non-residential construction value	\$11,549,757	\$24,307,757

**Increase in non-residential construction attributed to the start of the new Harry Balfour School at the Five Mile Hall site.*



PLANS COMPLETED

Northeast Clairmont Area Structure Plan

Approximately 1,350 hectares east of Clairmont Lake.

Land Use: Variety of uses including suburban and rural residential areas with community nodes to support recreation and small-scale commercial activities. The plan builds on the area's natural amenities, such as Clairmont Lake, through a network of connected natural areas with trails and parks.

Including Hythe in the Municipal Development Plan

An update to the Municipal Development Plan added Hythe as a new urban hamlet and maintains the existing long-term vision for the community with commercial, residential and industrial opportunities.

PLANS UNDERWAY

Windsor Area Structure Plan

Approximately 388 hectares south of Highway 43, between Range Road 62 and 62, to the City of Grande Prairie limits.

Land Use: Low and medium density residential development with parks, trails, schools, and commercial areas that compliment residential spaces.





FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

The County strives to continually improve operational efficiency and effectiveness for time and cost savings.

For the third year in a row, the County of Grande Prairie **continued to invest in critical projects and essential programs** with no increase to the municipal portion of property taxes.

County Council **approved a balanced budget** in spite of economic challenges, including an inflation rate of 6.5% across the province, by tightening belts and making wise decisions to support our residents, businesses, and communities. Administration continues to improve the County's budgeting process to support efficiency, effectiveness, and to align with the County's Strategic Plan.

Understanding the **essential role of non-profit and volunteer-run organizations** in our communities, the insurance needs of the many organizations that are part of the County's Additional Named Insured Program, which provides groups with more competitive rates.



GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Effective leadership of a municipality starts with development of a shared understanding of the challenges to be faced and the priorities to be pursued.

Council approved the County's Indigenous Peoples Relationship Policy, formally affirming our commitment to **expand our knowledge and continue to form positive, respectful relationships with Indigenous Peoples** and organizations. — the first formal step to building relationships and recognizing diverse nations. More work is being planned for 2023.

All County policies were reviewed and updated as needed after the 2021 municipal election as part of the Policy Review Project. **About 25% of the County's 156 policies were rescinded** because the topics were already covered by an existing policy, bylaw or other legislation or were no longer needed — supporting best practices, good governance, and efficiency.





COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND SAFETY

The County's commitment to high standards has shaped the safe and friendly communities that residents and business enjoy today.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PROACTIVE PLANNING

The County of Grande Prairie, along with other municipalities, is now required to pay for a portion of RCMP policing costs under the new provincial Policing Funding Formula. The County paid approximately \$1.4 million in transfers to policing for 2021, and to-date, \$1.4 million has been spent for 2022.

1.4
MILLION
INVESTED IN RCMP
ENHANCED POLICING

	2021	2022
Regional Fire Service calls for service	2,018	2,164
Fire permits	2,069	1,780
Fire investigations	92	81
Regional Enforcement Services calls for service	2,476	1,540
Regional Enforcement Services charges laid	3,228	2,393
Regional Animal Pound intakes	1,005	1,102

A **new Regional Fire Training Centre** is moving ahead in the County, in partnership with the City of Grande Prairie and the MD of Greenview. The construction contract was awarded for the \$1.89 million facility. The County's investment is \$1.29, with regional partners contributing the balance.

Updated **mutual aid agreements** provide many benefits for municipalities. The County welcomed the Wembley Fire Department into the County Regional Fire Service umbrella, including a new District Chief Position filled by Matt Smith, Wembley's previous Fire Chief.

The County's **new Livestock Emergency Response Plan** and searchable database helped to identify and contact landowners impacted by the Bearhole Lake Wildfire just across the BC border in the fall. The Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership (GPREP) was activated and County staff worked with neighbouring agencies to support residents and livestock operators to keep our communities informed, prepared, and safe.

The County signed a mutual aid agreement with the City of Grande Prairie, allowing both to **request resources from the other to assist with emergency operations when needed.**



Regional Fire Service and Regional Enforcement Services members were finally celebrated in-person, post pandemic.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The County maintains outdoor recreation and greenspaces, as well as some community cemeteries. Overnight guests at County Campgrounds increased.



Unveiling a monument
honouring the Hommy family
at Hommy Park & Campground

14,500
CAMPERS
AT COUNTY CAMPGROUNDS

7 kms
TRAILS
ADDED
AT PIPESTONE CREEK
CAMPGROUND

77
POWERED
SITES
AT PIPESTONE CREEK
CAMPGROUND

Community members were **empowered to volunteer to manage their local stormwater pond ice surface** with the winter recreation on stormwater pond moving from a pilot to a program. The County oversees the program and coordinates training of volunteers each season.

The County welcomed a **new Community Group Support Coordinator position** to support volunteer community organizations with operations, seeking grants, and more. These groups and volunteers provide services for residents and improve the quality of life in the region.

SUPPORTS FOR FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS

The Getting to the Root of Rural Homelessness project engaged residents and social service agencies on the **reality of rural housing insecurity and homelessness**, post-pandemic. The work led to the creation of a County taskforce dedicated to further exploring causes and issues around housing insecurity.

An Opioid Awareness Exhibition saw community members **learn about the impacts of opioid use** in an interactive exhibition at the Beaverlodge Community Centre. The exhibit was designed to reduce stigma and increase awareness that anyone can be affected by the drug crisis.



AGRICULTURE



	2021	2022
Weed inspections	25,675	26,052
Pest and disease inspections	584	296
Ditches mowed	8,202 km	7,445 km
Ditches spot sprayed	10,387 km	5,809 km

WATER AND WASTEWATER

County Council invested \$2.6 million over the next five years to offset wastewater increases for County residents serviced by Aquatera. Council also struck a committee to look into water and wastewater rates in County hamlets.



The County celebrated with Aquatera Utilities as well as Provincial and Federal officials in commissioning the **new Clairmont Regional Lift Station**, a state-of-the-art facility to replace three existing lift stations and a key piece in supporting expansion in Clairmont. The County contributed \$3 million to the project, which was completed by Aquatera.

RECYCLING & WASTE MANAGEMENT

	2021	2022
Clairmont Centre for Recycling & Waste Management	11,902 tonnes diverted 48,791 tonnes accepted	5,375 tonnes diverted 51,143 tonnes accepted
West Grande Prairie Regional Landfill	1,114 tonnes diverted 7,636 tonnes accepted	732 tonnes diverted 6,925 tonnes accepted



2,000 HOUSEHOLDS

REGISTERED FOR THE
CLAIRMONT CENTRE
ACCESS PROGRAM

A new program for residents visiting the Clairmont Centre for Recycling & Waste Management was launched in the last two months of the year. **Households can dispose of up to 1,000 kg of waste for free each calendar year.** Encouraging reducing, reusing, and recycling is a key part of environmental stewardship and a proactive step to reduce waste production.

LIBRARIES

The County of Grande Prairie Library Board now operates four libraries with the addition of the Hamlet of Hythe.

Physical and Digital Library Items Circulated	2021	2022
Elmworth Community Library	3,506	3,610
Hythe Community Library	5,210	6,949
La Glace Community Library	8,587	9,863
Valhalla Community Library	7,821	7,451

**Items circulated corrected from 2021 Annual Report.*

2022 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

How Was the Municipal Portion of
Your 2022 Tax Dollars Invested?





County of
Grande Prairie No. 1

Administration Building

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Community Services Building

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