



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights

December 8, 2015

Interim Operating and Capital Budget

Council adopted the 2015 Operating Budget as the 2016 Interim Operating Budget. The 2016 Operating and Capital Budget will be presented at the January 12, 2016 Council Meeting.

Bill 6 Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act

Greenview will provide a letter to Premier Notley expressing residents' concerns regarding Bill 6.

Alberta's Continued Support of the Forest Industry

Greenview will prepare correspondence to provincial Ministers and MLAs requesting that the Alberta Government continue to support the forestry industry.

Legal Opinion on Secondary Highway 666 Snow Removal

An agreement is currently pending provincial approval that would permit Ledcor to call on Greenview for snow removal assistance on Provincial Secondary Highway 666 when need merits. Highway 666 is a provincial responsibility under maintenance contract with Ledcor, so this agreement is structured as a back up to the existing contract. If residents have concerns regarding the maintenance status of Highway 666 it is recommended that they contact their MLA and Ledcor to ensure that the agreement with Greenview can be implemented when necessary.

Review of Sign Management in Other Localities

Greenview will create a Sign Management Strategy and Bylaw. Measures in the bylaw will include requiring development permits for signs, direction on where signs may be located, and the sizes of signs permitted. Once the strategy and bylaw are developed there will be communication with stakeholders and a grace period to adapt to the new bylaw's requirements.

Municipal roadways near provincial roads or near intersections with provincial roads fall under the province's jurisdiction and must follow their permitting process. Complaints regarding signs in these areas must be forwarded on to Alberta Transportation. Administration will work with Alberta Transportation in developing our strategy and bylaw.

2014 & 2015 Water Retention Ponds and Borrow Pits

Planning and Development provided an inventory of the surface water data available in the municipality for Council's review. With ongoing monitoring Greenview will have a detailed inventory listing for future groundwater surface monitoring. Based on this initial information, the majority of the water diversion projects in the municipality fall within Ward 2 Little Smoky. Administration will send a letter to the Town of Fox Creek requesting that Greenview participate in their next meeting with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). Administration will request a report from the AER regarding the number of Temporary Diversion Licences in the municipality. Council would also like to request a meeting with the Minister of Energy to discuss concerns regarding water use in the municipality and the AER's role.

Disposal of Old Recycle Bins

Several recycle bins purchased over 15 years ago have been approved for donation or disposal. Recycling waste management contractors now use front load bins and the old bins are obsolete. There have been inquiries from local residents to donate the bins as animal shelters.

Little Smoky Water Distribution System

Administration provided a report on options for funding the Little Smoky Water Distribution System detailing local improvement taxes, special taxes or connection fees. Connection fees, similar to the Valleyview Rural Waterline Connection Agreement, are the preferred option by Council. There is an opportunity for the connection fees to be financed by agreement with Greenview. Council directed Administration to incorporate the temporary Little Smoky Water Distribution Connection Fee of \$12,500 in the Schedule of Fees Bylaw. This one-time incentive will be available until Spring 2016 when the project commences.

Grande Cache Community Christmas Dinner

Greenview will support the Grande Cache Community Christmas Dinner for \$5,000 with funds coming from the Community Services Miscellaneous Grant Budget.

Community Futures Women in the North Conference

Council will provide \$500 in sponsorship to the 2016 Women in the North Conference in April 2016.

State of Agricultural Disaster Criteria

Greenview is waiting for a decision from the federal government regarding declaring a State of Agricultural Disaster for tax deferral with the Canada Revenue Agency. Administration has met with the local MP and MLA to discuss eligibility for the federal program. Council recognizes that drought, lack of feed and insects were also factors impacting producer losses.

2016 Ratepayer Barbeques

The 2016 Ratepayer Barbeques will be held as follows: June 14 in Valleyview, June 21 in Grande Cache, July 19 in Grovedale and July 26 in DeBolt.

2016 Greenview Golf Tournament

The 2016 Golf Tournament will be held in Grande Cache on June 22, 2016 with funds to be donated to the Grande Cache Food Bank. The event will be held on the Wednesday following the Grande Cache Ratepayer Barbeque and Committee of the Whole.

Christmas Statutory Holidays and Office Closure

Please note all Greenview offices and transfer stations will be closed from December 24 to 28, 2015 and January 1, 2016 for Christmas and New Year's this year. Next year Greenview offices will be closed to the public from December 26 to 30 for Christmas and New Year 2016.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: January 12, 2016.
- Committee of the Whole: December 15, 2016.
- Municipal Planning Commission: January 13, 2016.
- Green View FCSS: January 20, 2016. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): January 27, 2016.

Unless otherwise specified, all meetings (except FCSS meetings) take place in the Council Chambers at the Administration Building in Valleyview beginning at 9:00 am. ASB and FCSS meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. The public and media are welcome to attend or observe our Council Chambers live stream via the internet. To view our live feed please visit our website at www.mdgreenview.ab.ca and click on the Live Stream link.

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