



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW NO. 16

"A Great Place to Live, Work and Play"

For Immediate Release

Council Meeting Highlights

February 24, 2015

Canfor Requests

Council accepted a request from Canfor to increase the maximum Gross Vehicle Weight to 68,000 kilograms under non-frozen conditions on the Forestry Trunk Road from kilometre 80 to kilometre 115 contingent on the proper road bonds and approvals being in place.

The forestry industry (Canfor and Ainsworth) will be invited to provide a presentation at a future Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss their operations in the MD in the upcoming years.

Delegations

Mack Erno and Pam Badger made a presentation on behalf of the Teepee Creek Stampede Association regarding the Teepee Creek Ag Events Centre. The Teepee Creek Ag Events Centre project is committed to being done without taking on debt through community fundraising, corporate sponsorship, municipal and provincial funding.

Every July, the Teepee Creek Stampede draws 20,000 people and last year was named the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association event of the year. The Teepee Creek Ag Events Centre is currently under construction with Phase 1 to be completed in Spring 2015. Planning for Phase 2 will be underway in Summer 2015 and will include a mezzanine and washrooms. The goal is for the centre to be fully operational for the 100th anniversary of the Teepee Creek Stampede in 2016.

Wapiti Corridor Multi-Use Plan

A letter dated January 29, 2015 was received from the Wapiti Corridor Planning Society (WCPS) for information. WCPS has opted to remove the MD of Greenview from the Wapiti Corridor Multi Use Plan, rather than amending the current plan to address the concerns raised by the MD and Greenview residents.

The Wapiti Corridor Planning Society also requested \$10,000 in funding from the MD to cover costs related to the amending and reprinting of the plan. This funding request was denied as Greenview will no longer be a party to the plan.

Protective Services

Protective Services Manager Jeff Francis provided a report regarding the Flashing Green Lamp Program for information. The green lamps would be used on volunteer firefighter's personal vehicles when responding to emergency calls. In some cases, firefighters report directly to emergency scenes and have requested the lights be implemented to assist them in their response.

All Greenview volunteers, including fire fighters, are municipal employees under provincial legislation. Following advice from AAMDC and legal opinion there are potential concerns regarding implementing the program due to the risks to the employee and organization. The green flashing lamps provide no additional rights or legal authority under the *Traffic Safety Act* and the personal vehicle does not qualify as an emergency vehicle if the lights are in use. Given these factors it is recommended that Greenview not implement the Green Lamp Program.

Nitehawk Recreation Area

The Nitehawk Recreation Area Business Plan for 2015-2018 was accepted by Council. Nitehawk is funded in partnership by Greenview, the City of Grande Prairie, and the County of Grande Prairie. The Grande Prairie Ski Club has requested a four year funding commitment totalling \$1.4 million from Greenview. The motion was tabled until a copy of the Nitehawk Financial Statement is made available. A delegation from Nitehawk will be invited to attend a future meeting of Council.

Council Events

Councillors will attend the Spring AAMDC Convention in Edmonton from March 16 to 18, 2015. The March 17th Committee of the Whole meeting is cancelled.

The April 14, 2015 Regular Council Meeting will be rescheduled to April 7, 2015 due to Council attending the Community Planning Association of Alberta Conference April 13 to 15, 2015.

The 2015 AUMA Convention will take place in Calgary September 20 to 23, 2015. Grande Cache has extended an invitation to Greenview Council to attend as their guest. The Town will cover all expenses related to the convention, excepting honorariums.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meetings: March 10, 24, 2015.
- Municipal Planning Commission: March 11, 2015.
- Green View FCSS: March 18, 2015. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): March 25, 2015.
- Committee of the Whole: April 21, 2015.

Unless otherwise specified, all 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. Most meetings held in Council Chambers are streamed via the Internet. To view our live feed please visit our website at www.mdgreenview.ab.ca and click on the Live Stream link.

-30-

Media inquiries may be directed to:
Diane Carter, Communications Officer
Direct: 780.524.7625
Web: www.mdgreenview.ab.ca