



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights
November 10, 2015

Delegations

Grande Prairie Sport Council

2018 Summer Games Bid Committee Chair Lionel Robins and Grande Prairie Sport Council Executive Director Karna Germsheid provided a presentation to Council regarding their request to host the 2018 Alberta Summer Games Mountain Biking event at Nitehawk Year Round Adventure Park. Proposed dates for the games are July 19-22, 2018. Council passed a motion indicating they will support the GP Sport Council's bid for the 2018 Alberta Summer Games. A \$15,000 gift in kind for community hosting from the Sport Council will be considered as part of the upcoming budget deliberations for 2015-18. Alberta Sport Connection will be making their decision regarding which host community is selected for the 2018 Alberta Summer Games in mid-December 2015.

Grande Prairie Regional Innovation Network

Dr. Bruce Rutley, Director of the Grande Prairie Regional College Centre for Research & Innovation (CRI), presented to Council on behalf of the proposed Grande Prairie Regional Innovation Network (GP-RIN). The Centre for Research & Innovation is a partner organization with Alberta Innovates Technology Futures, and is available to support business growth through commercializing regional innovations.

CRI has been tasked with establishing a funding mechanism that is independent from the provincial government. To address this they are building a network of interested partners, the Grande Prairie Regional Innovation Network (GP-RIN). GP-RIN will be "a consortium of business development stakeholders in the region collaborating to facilitate economic wealth creation through innovation in products, processes, companies and jobs". They are requesting that Greenview consider providing \$20,000 in annual operating funding. Other proposed funding partners include Alberta Innovates Technology Futures, the City of Grande Prairie, County of Grande Prairie, Community Futures, and Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce.

Under their new model, GP-RIN will work towards increasing the commercial impact of small and medium size enterprises in the technology sector in our region. Their programs will include advisory services; technology and concept development; industry and academic funding; market and customer development; financing and investment attraction; and educational programs. GP-RIN's request will be considered as part of budget discussions.

Surplus Equipment

Two Wheat Heart post pounders and one Case tractor will be sold at an upcoming Ritchie Brothers public auction.

Fire Truck Donation

Greenview Fire Engine Unit F-12 previously utilized by the DeBolt Fire Department will be donated to the Swan City Rotary Club of Grande Prairie for their Highway to Mexico project. The fire truck has reached its allowable life span for Greenview after 15 years of service in accordance with the municipality's equipment and vehicle replacement policy. The 2016 Highway to Mexico project will leave Alberta on April 1, 2016 with 10 vehicles, 4 fire trucks, 4 ambulances, 2 school buses and a handi-bus. Greenview's donation will bring the total vehicles donated to 73 since the project began 14 years ago.

Curling Canada

Greenview will provide \$12,500 in sponsorship to Curling Canada for rink boards and hack signs at the 2015 Home Hardware Canada Cup of Curling (December 2 to 6, 2015) and the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

As a host community, Greenview received several sets of tickets to all Canada Cup and Tournament of Hearts games as sponsorship benefits. These tickets will be distributed to Council, Staff and area curling clubs.

Land Use Bylaw Re-fresh

Citizens' Panel Board Members for the LUB Refresh project were appointed: Jake Drozda, Hope Kristensen, Roxanne Perron, Kevin Anderson, Darlene Levesque, Mark Vetsch, Pat Cooke, Doug Vandemark and Warren Hillis.

Grovedale Area Structure Plan

Grovedale ASP Citizens' Panel Board Members have also been appointed: Stewart Bowen, David Cook, Tom Finch, Tam Smith, Troy Smith, Leslie Vandemark, Danny Williams, Dallas Frith and Daniel Harms.

Grovedale ASP survey open now: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/grovedaleASP>

Swan Lake Aeration

Greenview will enter into an agreement with Alberta Conservation Association to continue the aeration of Swan Lake over the 2015/16 season. Material costs for the aeration will be funded through transferring \$12,000 from the 2015 Contingency to the 2015 Recreation Budget.

Sunset House Hall

Council authorized Administration to transfer \$89,000 from the 2015 Contingency to the 2015 Facilities Maintenance Budget for work to be completed at the Sunset House Hall. Greenview assumed ownership of the building in 2011 and entered into an operating agreement with the local community society for ongoing operations. These funds will allow for necessary repairs and replacement of the building furnaces. Currently 5 out of the 9 furnaces in the building require replacement. Administration intends to replace the furnaces with high efficiency twin furnaces.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: November 24, 2015
- Committee of the Whole: December 15, 2015
- Municipal Planning Commission: December 9, 2015

- Green View FCSS: November 18, 2015. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): November 25.

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 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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