



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights

January 12, 2016

2015 Photo Contest Awards Presentation

Kirsten Stewart, Anita Portsmouth, Liz Pollack, Judy Rieu, Alison Klassen, Leia King, Robin Stanich, Tammy Day and Christine Schlief received awards from Council for their top entries in the 2015 Greenview Photo Contest. Jordan Fjellner and Larissa Delorme were unable to attend the celebration and will have their prizes mailed to them. We thank everyone who provided entries to the photo contest. Winners were selected in a vote by Greenview Staff based on which photos met the contest criteria (horizontal, high resolution photos, representing all seasons and regions of the municipality).

Greenview's next photo contest will launch in fall 2016, so we encourage everyone to get out with their cameras and get ready! Throughout the entire year photo submissions are welcome for Greenview's newsletter and promotional materials. Photographers can email their photos to m2m@mdgreenview.ab.ca with their full address and location where the photo was taken. Photos used throughout the year can be resubmitted as photo contest entries in the fall.

Bylaws

Bylaw 15-758 (Cloutier) received public hearing, second and third readings. The bylaw will re-designate a portion of NE 20 70 24 W 5 from Rural Commercial (RC) District to Agriculture (A) District. The lands had been rezoned to RC for the proposed development of "Cloud 9 Campground" which never occurred. The current owners wish to locate a cabin on the property.

Fox Creek Affordable Housing Project

Lindsay Pratt, Administrator of Heart River Housing provided a presentation to Council regarding a new affordable housing project in Fox Creek. Heart River Housing intends to develop a 29 suite apartment that will operate on a non-profit model. It will be a mixed market building that has 10 units rented at market rates, 10 units dedicated to affordable housing and 9 which are social housing. Affordable housing rent is 10-15 per cent below market rate, and social housing is based on 30 per cent of the renter's income. The social housing units would qualify for the Government of Alberta's rent supplement program. The main floor units will be available for professional leases such as doctor's or dentist's offices. The proposed facility would be self-sufficient with 80 per cent occupancy and would not require continued operating funding from the municipalities.

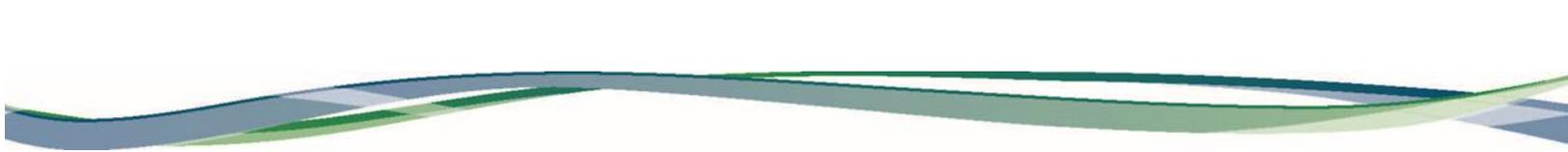
Heart River Housing is seeking a capital funding partnership between the Town of Fox Creek, M.D. of Greenview and the Government of Alberta. Council will provide a letter of intent to Heart River Housing indicating Greenview's support for the proposed Fox Creek Housing Project for a total of \$2,000,000 capital contribution over a period of three years.

2016 Grant Request

Council authorized funding to the grant recipients in the amounts indicated on the 2016 Approved Grants Listing. Administration will contact the grant applicants to advise the outcome of their applications.

Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs

Council directed Administration to request a meeting with the Honourable Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs.



Northern Lakes College Community Education Committee

Councillor Roxie Rutt has been appointed as a member of the Northern Lakes College Community Education Committee.

Senior Housing Questionnaire

Green View FCSS is preparing a questionnaire for all residents regarding current and future seniors' housing needs. The questionnaire will be available online and will be printed in our February Meadows to Mountains newsletter, copies will also be available from FCSS. Deadline for completed surveys will be May 23, 2016. Survey respondents will be eligible to enter their names in a raffle to be drawn after the survey closes.

2016 Consolidated Budget Approval

Council adopted the 2016 Operational and Capital Budgets as presented. The 2017 and 2018 Budgets were accepted as information. A separate media release with highlights of the 2016 budget will be circulated as soon as it is available.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: January 26, 2016.
- Committee of the Whole: February 16, 2016. The January 19, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting is cancelled.
- Municipal Planning Commission: February 10, 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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