



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights
September 27, 2016

Delegations

Ellen Bowles, Vice President and Judy Barker from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) Local 744 provided a presentation to Council. CUPW requested Council provide a letter of support regarding service expansion and the preservation of Canada's postal service to the Honourable MaryAnn Mihychuk, Minister of Employment, Work Force Development and Labour.

Executive Director Terri Sudnik, Director Dan Boorse and Vice President Trevor Denis from the Grande Prairie Stompede provided a presentation to Council regarding their activities in 2016. Last year's event raised \$267,000 less than anticipated and they are looking at ways to increase pre-event ticket sales and community donations. The Stompede will be celebrating its 40th anniversary from May 31 to June 4, 2017.

Grande Prairie-Wapiti MLA Wayne Drysdale provided an update to Council regarding Government of Alberta projects in his constituency. Highlights of projects that will impact Greenview include completing the Highway 43X bypass around Grande Prairie at an estimated cost of \$54 million and the *Municipal Government Act* review. MLA Drysdale also provided an update on the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital. The final tenders for the internal construction have been awarded and the project is expected to open in 2019.

Bylaws

Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Bylaw 15-742 received second and third readings. The plan has been updated to reflect comments that were raised at the public hearing and throughout the MDP consultation. Highlights of the changes include addressing intensive livestock operations, adding a greater focus to tourism and recreation, and ensuring the MDP aligns with legislation that has been updated since the last review in 2003. Greenview would like to thank all ratepayers and stakeholders who contributed to the consultation and MDP consultation working group.

Bylaw 16-772 Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) received first and second reading. Eligible part time employees will be offered an option to enroll in LAPP if they work between 14 and 29 hours per week, excluding overtime. Participation in LAPP is mandatory for staff who work 30 hours of week or more.

Federal Tanker Moratorium

Administration will send a letter to Transport Canada in opposition to the Federal Tanker Moratorium as discussed at the September 20, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Fox Creek Fire Hall Agreement

Greenview Council agreed to amend the Fox Creek Fire Hall project agreement to commit to a maximum of \$4,000,000 towards the project. The proposed project will cost approximately \$8,000,000 instead of the initial projection of \$7,000,000 due to increased construction costs. Greenview and Fox Creek are contributing 50/50 of the project costs and will attain 50 per cent ownership of the facility.

The revised project included a proposed helipad at the Fox Creek Fire Hall project site. This request will be deleted; Greenview is willing to enter into dialogue regarding constructing a helipad at the Fox Creek Hospital instead.

Fox Creek Multiplex Agreement

Council authorized Administration to provide an additional \$6,000,000 to the Fox Creek Multiplex project. The Fox Creek Multiplex Agreement will be amended to commit \$19,000,000 instead of the \$13,000,000 initially agreed upon, and Fox Creek will contribute \$13,000,000. The ownership ratio to be updated to include the new funding percentage.

Regional Non-Motorized Trails

Greenview will send a letter of support to the County of Grande Prairie regarding developing regional non-motorized trails that will connect Greenview with the County of Grande Prairie and the City of Grande Prairie. The proposed trails would link the three municipalities through a non-motorized trail network that would stretch from Clairmont and head south across the Wapiti River to the Grovedale area. A conceptual plan for a pedestrian pathway crossing the Wapiti River may be included in Alberta Transportation's plans of providing a future second highway bridge across the river.

Sweathouse Hall Gravel

Greenview will provide 264 tonnes of gravel valued at \$6,072 (excluding delivery) to the Sweathouse Community Centre.

Grants and Sponsorships

DeBolt & District Agricultural Society Vegas Gala will receive \$2,500 for their Vegas Gala on October 27, 2016 at the DeBolt Centre.

Silver sponsorship (\$500) will be provided to the Valleyview & District Chamber of Commerce Small Business Awards on October 20, 2016.

The Valleyview Jets Hockey Club will also receive silver sponsorship (\$500) for the upcoming season.

Nitehawk Recreation Year Round Adventure Park received a \$650 table sponsorship for their 20th Annual Comedy Night Fundraiser on October 1, 2016.

2016 Second Quarter Report

The 2016 Second Quarter Budget to Actual Financial Report was presented to Council for information.

Security Deposits for Residential Construction to Proposed Residential Developments

Policy 4001 was tabled by Council and referred back to the Policy Review Committee so that an administration fee and deposit of \$5,000 may be incorporated. Greenview requires a security deposit on all residential access construction projects within the M.D. The current policy will remain in effect until an updated policy is approved by Council. The current policy requires a deposit of 20 per cent to a maximum of \$50,000.

Linear Property Assessment

Council accepted the 2016 Provincial Linear Property Assessment Report published by Municipal Affairs for information.

Heart River Housing

Lindsay Pratt, Heart River Housing Administrator, provided a letter to Council outlining projects that are currently underway and requesting Council reappoint board members at their upcoming organizational meeting.



AAMDC Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs

Greenview will arrange a meeting with Minister Danielle Larivee at the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Conference in November 2016.

Town Infrastructure Audits

Council will award the Town Infrastructure Audit project to Opus Stewart Weir Ltd. For a cost of \$1,038,700 to be funded from the Infrastructure and Planning Budget. The Infrastructure Audit will look at the current and future infrastructure needs for the towns, including the replacement life cycle of existing infrastructure.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: October 11 and 25, 2016.
- Committee of the Whole: October 18, 2016.
- Municipal Planning Commission: October 12, 2016.
- Green View FCSS: October 19, 2016. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): October 26, 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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