



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights
November 8, 2016

Delegations

Grande Prairie Hospice Palliative Care Society

Heather Manarey, Executive Director of the Grande Prairie Hospice Palliative Care Society provided a presentation to Council regarding the work that the hospice has done in the past year. The society supports Points West Hospice in Grande Prairie. Since October 2012, the hospice has provided palliative care services to 251 residents. Of this total, 83 people have come from outlying communities including areas of Greenview to be near their families in their final days.

In the past Greenview provided \$10,000 in 2015 and \$20,000 in 2016 to the Community Hospice Supports Program which provides innovative hospice programs and helps the hospice to liaise with other agencies to leverage programs and services already in place assist people who need palliative care and their caregivers. In 2017 they have requested \$20,000 in operating funding to support the Executive Director's position. The 2017 funding request will be considered as part of Greenview's budget process.

Evergreen Park (Grande Prairie Regional Agricultural and Exhibition Society) Grant Request

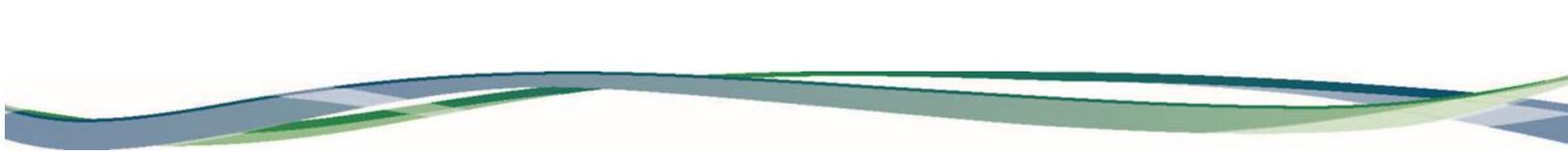
Evergreen Park Board President Rob Clayton, Financial Manager Bridget Hennigar, and General Manager Dan Gorman provided a presentation to Council regarding projects that they have been involved in over the past year. Evergreen park is home to the Grande Prairie Stompede, Grande Prairie area 4H and horse racing including the Alberta Derby. Upcoming events include the Festival of Trees, Festival of Lights, Christmas Craft Show and Sale. They have also hosted the Alberta High School Rodeo championships for the past two years. A community support supper in last year's Christmas season served 2017 less-advantaged people in the ENTREC Centre. They anticipate 1,200 to 1,300 people will attend in this year.

Evergreen Park is requesting \$100,000 in operating funding from Greenview in 2017. Council will consider the grant request as part of the 2017 budget process. In 2016 Greenview supported the purchase of backup generators for Evergreen Park as a designated regional evacuation centre. In an emergency the park will be able to feed, house and support up to 3,500 people, their pets and animals.

Geothermal Reservoirs Dr. Jonathan Banks

Dr. Jonathan Banks, Research Associate with the University of Alberta's Department of Earth & Atmospheric Science provided an interim report regarding the geothermal reservoir study to Council. The study focused on the Devonian basin and the researchers found more geothermal potential within Greenview than in any other area of the province that was studied. Four potential geothermal reservoirs were identified, which exist in the range of 2,000m to 2,700m from the surface. The Leduc, Swan Hills, Granite Wash and Cambrian Sands formations are the top potential reservoirs in Greenview. These reservoirs hold 700 MW electrical power capacity and 10,000 MW thermal power capacity per year for 30 years. With northern Alberta's long winters thermal power capacity can be more beneficial than geothermal for electricity alone.

The next phase of the geothermal study will focus on costs of implementation and identifying what areas show the greatest promise for practical projects. Preliminary cost estimates for geothermal energy are between \$0.005 and \$0.02 per kw of electricity generated. Although initial investment is significant, the cost savings from geothermal energy are



substantial. Today's projects are also developed with an awareness of best practices to preserve the long term viability of geothermal reservoirs and apply lessons learned in countries that have a long track record of large scale geothermal projects for public and industrial use.

Tourism and Business Attraction Branding

The Greenview tourism and business attraction branding project was awarded to Image Design, Grande Prairie for a cost of \$33,437 from the 2016 Economic Development Budget. The project will establish Greenview's messaging and visual identity for economic development and tourism audiences. Stakeholders who are working in industry and the tourism sector will be asked to share their expertise as part of the tourism and business attraction consultation.

A comprehensive corporate rebranding project is also planned in the Communications budget for 2017. The Greenview rebrand will update the existing municipal brand and seek input from Greenview residents and the general public.

Brushing Program

An additional \$380,000 will be added to the Operations Brushing Program. During spring 2016 heavy snowfall did extensive damage to trees along Greenview's right of ways and crews have been working to remedy the damage throughout the summer and fall. The brushing has focused on the municipal road network including the range roads, township roads, and the Forestry Trunk Road.

Industrial Project

A large scale industrial area is proposed south of Grovedale in the M.D. of Greenview. The project would be a partnership between the County of Grande Prairie, City of Grande Prairie, and Greenview. Terms of reference have been developed in conjunction with the County of Grande Prairie and Greenview Council adopted the draft terms of reference in principle. Once the terms of reference are adopted by the partners, formal discussions regarding the partnership will commence.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: November 22, 2016.
- Committee of the Whole: December 20, 2016.
- Municipal Planning Commission: December 14, 2016.
- Green View FCSS: November 16, 2016. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): November 23, 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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