



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights

February 9, 2016

Bylaws

Bylaw 16-759 (Harms) to redesignate lands within SW 1 69 6 W6 from Agriculture (A) District to Industrial (I) District passed first reading. A public hearing for Bylaw 16-759 is scheduled for March 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Little Smoky Water Distribution

The local improvement tax motion for Little Smoky Water Distribution was rescinded. Greenview will be moving forward with a connection fee for the distribution line installation rather than a local improvement tax.

Alberta Opportunity Fund (AOF) Agricultural Research and Forage Associations

A recommended resolution for the AAMDC District Meeting regarding the AOF is being brought forward. Funding was previously allocated for these purposes, and it is recommended the funds be reinstated. Organizations such as the Smoky Applied Research and Demonstration Association and the Peace Country Beef Forage Association are examples of the recipients of this type of funding.

Grovedale Community Club

Grant funding in the amount of \$12,500 has been approved for the Grovedale Agricultural Society for the veranda addition on the Grovedale Community Club Hall. The group has raised \$32,000 in fundraising, catering and hall rentals and received funding from the provincial government. They are requesting funds in addition to the amount that was originally approved for this project from Greenview's grants program given higher than anticipated project costs.

Grovedale Community Seniors Club

Grant funding in the amount of \$7,000 has been approved for the Grovedale Seniors Fund for operational purposes. Greenview currently provides operational grant funding to various senior organizations such as the Valleyview Seniors Outreach program and the Valleyview Sun Valley Pioneers.

Grande Cache Airport

The Town of Grande Cache has provided a report to Greenview Council regarding future plans for the Grande Cache Airport which officially closed on January 1, 2016. The property is owned by the Town of Grande Cache and the Municipal District of Greenview contributed to the airport's operational funding. The Grande Cache Aerodrome Association (GCAA) has indicated interest in assuming operations of the airport. To date, the Municipal District of Greenview has not received a request from the GCAA. A response to the Town of Grande Cache will be provided indicating that no new funding will be committed to and Greenview is awaiting an official business plan and proposal from the GCAA.

Alberta Transportation

An Open House to discuss the Highway 43 and 49 Realignment will be held on March 2, 2016 from 4 to 8 pm at the Valleyview Memorial Hall. It is important to note that there are currently no plans for construction of the realignment project. It is a long term functional plan/study to support the development of the CanaMex corridor.

Delegations

Brock Mulligan with the Alberta Forest Products Association provided a presentation to Council on current trends in the forestry industry. Provincially, there has been a \$2 billion capital investment from 2011 to 2015.

Industry challenges include ongoing efforts to respond to the mountain pine beetle and pending negotiations for a new softwood lumber agreement with the US (currently Alberta's largest forestry trading partner). The previous softwood lumber agreement lapsed in 2014. Forest products residuals are also a major contributor to green energy in Alberta, contributing enough energy to power 4 cities the size of Grande Prairie.

2015 Emergency Incident Response Statistics

In 2015 the greatest number of calls to Greenview's fire departments have been for medical co-response. DeBolt and Grovedale fire departments are the only fire departments providing medical response, which accounts for 50 per cent of their call volumes. Responses to provincial highways, which include motor vehicle collisions, grass and brush fires along the highways and vehicle fires account for 20 to 40 per cent of each fire station's incidents. Given the large volume of responses to calls on provincial highways, Council directed Administration to develop a report on highway call funding for the DeBolt and Grovedale Fire Departments.

RCMP Priorities Valleyview Area

Council will invite the Valleyview RCMP to present at a future Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion regarding top priorities. Council's local priorities for Valleyview RCMP detachment are as follows:

- 1) property theft/damage
- 2) crime reduction
- 3) traffic safety
- 4) crimes against persons

Several concerns will also be communicated to Alberta Solicitor General at the upcoming AAMDC meeting:

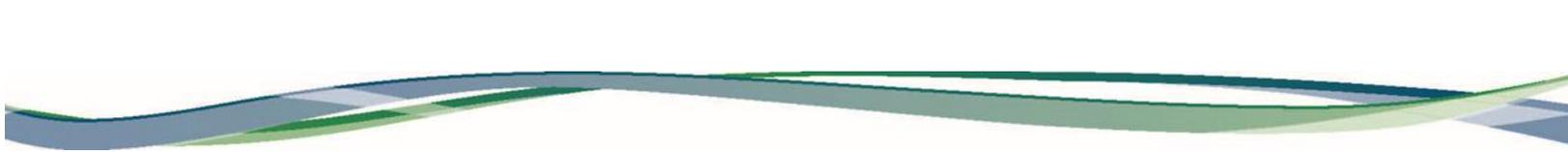
- 1) Support for an enhanced policing position.
- 2) Addressing the delays in prosecution of criminal offences.
- 3) Continued ALERT funding from the province.

IAP2

Council adopted the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum to guide citizenship engagement activities. The IAP2 framework helps municipalities determine the level of public participation which is appropriate depending on a project's goals, time frames and impact to the public. Public participation is already included in many projects which Greenview undertakes, the IAP2 spectrum will foster a common approach to public participation across the organization.

SMLs

Greenview will be sending a letter to the Province regarding delays in approving several gravel pit applications.



Joint Recreation Master Plan

Deputy Reeve Tom Burton and Councillor Bill Smith have been appointed as steering committee members for the Joint Recreation Master Plan between the County of Grande Prairie, the City of Grande Prairie and the Municipal District of Greenview.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: February 23, 2016.
- Committee of the Whole: February 16, 2016.
- Municipal Planning Commission: February 10 and March 9, 2016.
- Green View FCSS: February 17, 2016. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): February 24, 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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