



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights

April 26, 2016

2015 Crime Statistics

Staff Sergeant Carolin Respet of the Valleyview RCMP Detachment and Sergeant Warren Wright from Fox Creek provided updates to Council regarding crime in the Municipal District of Greenview in 2015. Traffic collisions, traffic violations, mischief, assault and property theft have been the most common calls for service in the Valleyview area in 2015. Property theft from oil and gas sites has been a significant issue in the Fox Creek area.

Tax Rate Bylaw 16-761

In consideration of the current economic climate, Council chose to reduce the mill rate in 2016 for industrial ratepayers by 0.65 mill. The mill rate for industrial ratepayers will be decreased to 7.828 from 8.478. The industrial mill rate includes linear, non-residential, machinery and equipment, and live electric power assessments.

Residential and farmland mill rates in Greenview will remain one of the lowest in the province, unchanged from the previous year at 2.700. Changes to individual tax assessments may occur based on increased property values.

In future years, revisions to the Alberta Well Drilling Equipment Tax, a significant drop in oil prices and a downturn in the economy are likely to significantly impact the total amount of assessment Greenview collects. Council sets the mill rates on an annual basis and they will be revisited in 2017.

Township Road 672

Greenview will construct 3.2 kilometres of connector road on Township Road 672 between Range Road 214 and Range Road 211 to an upset limit of \$1.5 million.

Tax Arrears and Penalties

Council denied a request to waive penalties on outstanding unpaid taxes following a land purchase. Prospective property owners are encouraged to look into the outstanding tax statements as part of the purchase process. New owners are responsible for tax arrears and penalties left on the account by the previous owner. It is best to be very clear with the real estate agent or lawyers involved in a land purchase to confirm any amounts of outstanding taxes. If there are any questions, contact Greenview's Taxation and Assessment Department.

Agriculture Appeal Committee

Mr. Clarence Lindblom has been appointed to the Agricultural Appeals Committee.

Fox Creek Fire Hall Agreement

Greenview will enter into an agreement with the Town of Fox Creek for the construction of a fire hall facility located in Fox Creek. Greenview will contribute a maximum total of 50 per cent up to \$3.5 million. The building and property will be co-owned by Greenview on a 50 per cent basis. It is being developed as a potential Emergency Operations Centre in case there is future need.

Fox Creek Multiplex Facility Agreement

Greenview will invest up to \$21 million in the new Fox Creek Multiplex. The facility will be developed with a 50 per cent partnership between the Town of Fox Creek and the Municipal District of Greenview.

Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Gap Analysis and Economic Impact Study

A study of the economic impacts of the new Grande Prairie Regional Hospital is being led by the Grande Prairie Chamber Regional Economic Development Group. Greenview will participate and provide \$21,667 in funding. The study will be looking at direct or indirect impacts of the new hospital on the Grande Prairie area. The development of the regional hospital facility is anticipated to have many positive economic spin offs for the region, this study will help identify what other needs and benefits may exist and help to identify what the surrounding municipalities may do to encourage hospital access by their residents.

The other stakeholders that participate in the regional economic group are the Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce, City of Grande Prairie, County of Grande Prairie, Northern Alberta Development Council, Grande Prairie Regional College, Grande Prairie Regional College Foundation and the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation.

Grande Prairie Public Library Agreement

Greenview will enter into a Joint Operational Agreement with the Grande Prairie Public Library Board for 2016-18. The agreement provides funding to the Grande Prairie Library to serve Greenview residents in the Grande Prairie area, primarily in the Grovedale area where the M.D. doesn't have a local library.

Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators Association Conference Sponsorship

Greenview will sponsor the Alberta Rural Municipal Administrators Association 2016 Conference with a \$2,500 grant.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: May 10, 2016.
- Committee of the Whole: May 17, 2016.
- Municipal Planning Commission: May 11, 2016.
- Green View FCSS: May 18, 2016.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): May 25, 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. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre. 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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