



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights
July 26, 2016

Caribou Range Plan Delegation

Brendan Hemens and Dave Hervieux from Alberta Environment and Parks provided a presentation to Council following up on the Caribou Range Plan Mediator's Report and Draft Plan. The plan is the first to directly address federal recovery requirements in Canada. It recommends a combination of habitat related factors, including reducing predators, integrated land management, and replanting areas that have been cleared due to seismic activity. The intention is that the caribou herd will be self-sustaining in future. The plan intends to coordinate industrial development within the Little Smoky and A La Peche Range to establish an increasing habitat over time.

Greenview is reviewing the draft Little Smoky and A La Peche Caribou Recovery Plan and will be providing comments to the Government of Alberta. Council directed Administration to ensure Greenview's input includes an expectation that industry be guaranteed direct and continued involvement in forming and implementing the plan.

Bylaws

A public hearing for Bylaw 16-766 (Weiss) was held. The bylaw will return land within SW 5 71 24 W5 from Country Residential One (CR-1) District to Agriculture (A) District and rezone another area within the same section to CR-1 District from A District. Bylaw 16-766 passed second and third reading.

Bylaw 16-759 (NE 20 72 1 W6) and Bylaw 16-770 (SW 8 70 7 W6) passed first reading. The bylaws are regarding redesignating lands from from Agriculture (A) District to Country Residential One (CR-1) District. Public hearings for these bylaws will be held on September 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Valleyview Rural Water Line Study

Associated Engineering provided a presentation to Council on the Valleyview Rural Water Line Loop Study. Two options were presented for Council's consideration: a full pressure system or a combined full pressure and trickle fill system. The proposed service area would extend the Valleyview Rural Water line west of Valleyview to the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation boundary, north to Township Road 795 and west to Range Road 221. The proposed southern service area would extend along part of Township Road 693A. There are 111 existing residences within the study area with a proposed growth rate of two per cent annually.

The costs are estimated at up to \$14.5 million for the full pressure system or \$15 million for the combined full pressure and trickle fill system. Individual land owners would pay a connection fee to access the services, and may also require cisterns and water pumps depending on the system design. If the project is approved by Council, the next steps will include discussions with the Town of Valleyview to confirm supply capacity and review the existing supply agreement for the Valleyview Rural Water Line.

Land Acquisition

Council authorized Administration to purchase a five acre parcel of land located south of Grovedale at SW 21 69 6 W6 for \$95,000.00. The land will be used for the Grovedale water system expansion.

Species at Risk Socio-Economic Impact Assessment

Greenview will submit a resolution to AAMDC Zone 4 for their support requesting the Government of Alberta complete an overall socio-economic impact assessment based on the species at risk recovery plans and retention plans currently affecting the reduction of the forestry industry's allocable annual cut.

Shutdown of Coal Fired Power Generation Stations

Council will table a resolution to AAMDC Zone 4 for their support requesting that the Government of Alberta allow industry to continue utilizing coal fired power generation stations while encouraging that industries undertake research and development to explore alternate methods of utilizing coal and also alternate markets for that product.

Foothills Forest Products Letter of Support

Greenview will provide a letter of support to Foothills Forest Products Inc. in support of the continued operation of Foothills' beehive burner for an additional 24 months.

Grovedale Fireworks Sponsorship

Greenview will provide \$1,000 in sponsorship to the Grovedale Agricultural Society for fireworks at the 35th Annual Grovedale Fair.

East Smoky Recreation Board Funding

Council will provide a \$3,000 grant to the East Smoky Recreation Board to help cover the cost of the Heritage Day Festival.

Community Parades

Greenview intends to enter a municipal float in local community parades which are taking place this summer. Staff will work with local community groups to coordinate participation in the Valleyview, DeBolt and Grovedale parades in August 2016.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: August 23, 2016.
- Committee of the Whole: September 20, 2016.
- Municipal Planning Commission: September 14, 2016.
- Green View FCSS: August 17, 2016. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): August 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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