



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights

January 24, 2017

Delegations

Nitehawk Year Round Adventure Park provided an annual update to Council regarding their activities. They finished making snow for the year on December 18, 2016 and have adapted their procedures and equipment to use less water and work with warmer temperatures than in past seasons (-5C instead of -10C). Hill lighting is being converted to LEDs to increase efficiency and reduce operating costs. For the summer season they are developing other activities including tubing and biking. Public participation in the tube park area has doubled this year. There will be eight summer bike camps run with GPRC in 2017. The RV campground area is also being developed further.

Bylaws

In preparation for the municipal election in October 16, 2017, Election Bylaw 17-776 received first reading. The bylaw outlines procedures for the 2017 election including nominations, voter eligibility, advance voting, voting station locations and hours, and vote counting.

Municipal Government Act

Greenview will submit input to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the "Continuing the Conversation" discussion paper and survey on changes to the *Municipal Government Act*. The discussion report is available at <http://mgareview.alberta.ca/get-involved/>.

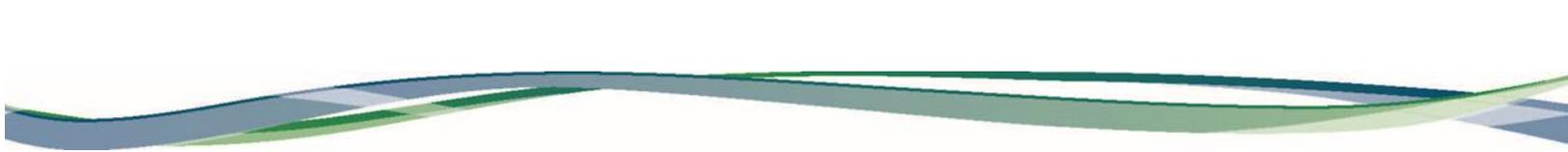
Susa Creek Cooperative Surface Lease

Council approved the transfer of the surface lease within the Susa Creek Cooperative to the Municipal District of Greenview from Ikkuma Resources Corporation from Highway 40 to the base of the hill. Greenview currently maintains 1.9 km of road with snow removal and gravel grading into Susa Creek on this road and bridge to the base of the hill.

Grande Cache Medical Clinic

Greenview will follow up on correspondence from the Grande Cache Physician Group regarding the Grande Cache Medical Clinic. Greenview has recommended that a joint advisory committee consisting of elected officials from Greenview and the Town of Grande Cache be established to review the concept of building a new medical clinic. Alternate sites, including the renovation of the existing site, should be explored and reasons for their suitability or unsuitability be determined before further decisions regarding the proposed facility are made.

A key consideration will be ensuring that Greenview is stewarding public funds appropriately. The facility will need to be financially self-sustaining with long term lease agreements and a fee structure to ensure municipal costs are covered. If a new facility were to be constructed it would be solely owned and operated by both local governments at a percentage that is equal to the funding contribution.



Joint Council Meeting

Greenview and Grande Cache Councils will hold a joint council meeting on February 7, 2017.

Grant Requests

Greenview will provide a \$500 sponsorship to the 2017 Women in the North Conference on April 5, 2017. Community Futures hosts the conference annually as a capacity building opportunity for women entrepreneurs in the Peace region.

Council received a request for sponsorship of the Swan Festival from the Friends of Saskatoon Island and Alberta Parks. The event takes place at Saskatoon Island Provincial Park, which falls outside of Greenview's borders so Greenview will not provide funding. Council has denied similar requests in the past.

A Computer Technology Bursary application was denied by Council. The bursary program will be redeveloped to focus on all post-secondary training and encourage applications from across Greenview. The policy will be brought forward for Council's consideration when the bursary policy is updated.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: February 14 and 28 2017.
- Committee of the Whole: February 21, 2017.
- Municipal Planning Commission: February 15, 2017.
- Green View FCSS: February 15, 2017. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): March 29, 2017.

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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