



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights

March 28, 2017

Delegations

Encana provided an update to Council regarding their activity in Greenview in the past year. They are active in the Montney and Duvernay plays in Alberta and in the Permian and Eagle Ford areas in Texas. In 2017 Encana's capital investment in Duvernay is \$65 million, with plans to complete 10-14 wells in the next year. In 5 years they plan to drill 200 additional wells. Their work will focus in the Simonette South area.

They are working on multi-well pads averaging 68 wells per pad to minimize surface disturbance and ensure efficiencies. In 2016 Encana had a successful trial using produced/flowback water, pumping up to 20 per cent of produced water on two pads. They are also investing in the Belly River Water Source Well that utilizes non-potable water at 1,000 metres deep and has the ability to offset up to 200,000 cubic metres per year of fresh water.

Tri-municipal Industrial Partnership

Council approved an updated boundary map for the Tri-municipal Industrial Partnership with the City and County of Grande Prairie. The partnership area will cover 120 square miles or approximately 313 square kilometres. The partnership area is approximately 2.35 times the size of the City of Grande Prairie which is 133 square kilometres. It's almost half the size of Edmonton at 684 square kilometres.

The partnership boundary has been revised to include the Weyerhaeuser Road as the west boundary and the Big Smoky River as the east boundary. It will extend north to the border of Township 67 Ranges 5 and 4, and Township 66 Ranges 5 and 4 to the south (see attached map).

Council also adopted the updated Tri-municipal Industrial Partnership Terms of Reference which were revised to provide clarity regarding the terms used and include the new boundaries.

Bylaws

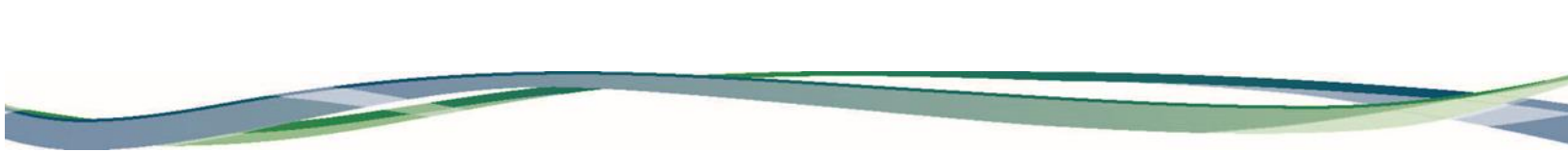
Road Closure **Bylaw 17-778** (Vivian) received first reading. The bylaw will close the original government road allowance adjoining the east boundary of SE 23 69 22 W5M. A public hearing is scheduled for April 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Bylaw 17-780 Tax Rate Bylaw also received first reading. The bylaw maintains the 2016 mil rates of 2.7000 (Residential/Farmland) and 7.8280 (Non Residential). Some property owners may see an increase in their 2017 tax notice due to increases in municipal assessments and changes in the education requisition rates.

Grande Cache Area Projects

The Grande Cache **Site Identification Study** was tabled until the Grande Cache Viability Study is complete. The proposed study would identify recreation opportunities and potential residential or other development opportunities outside of the boundaries of the Town of Grande Cache.

A new procedure for **Waste Management in the Co-operatives & Enterprises** will be adopted. Currently Greenview pays tipping fees for residents of the co-ops and enterprises in the Grande Cache area to bring their garbage to the



Grande Cache landfill. Following community consultations with Greenview residents in the Grande Cache area we have heard from the community that transporting garbage from residences to the landfill in Grande Cache is a challenge. Environmental Services will be providing community waste bins to address this concern. The new services will provide a consistent level of service that is similar to the waste transfer stations available in other areas of the municipality. Solid waste pickup service agreements are now in place with all of the co-ops and enterprises in the Grande Cache area.

Community waste pick up will occur every Wednesday, or an alternate date in case of statutory holidays. Greenview will provide funds to the Town of Grande Cache to purchase the truck and bins which will be maintained and operated by the Town of Grande Cache. The solid waste truck will be purchased from Haul-All Equipment for \$358,391, and the 16 bear proof bins will be purchased from Environmental Metal Works for \$21,808.

Protective Services

Greenview will enter into a Mutual Aid Fire Control Plan with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry from 2017-20. The plan identifies operating procedures, costs and responsibilities for fire protection within the forest protection area and its boundaries.

Events and Sponsorships

The **2017 Greenview Golf Tournament** will be hosted at the Silver Birch Golf Club in Fox Creek on August 24 or 25, 2017 with funds being raised for the Fox Creek Food Bank. Invitations will be sent to stakeholders and sponsors, information regarding the tournament will also be communicated on our website.

An invitation to the **Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's** 37th Annual Art Auction on April 8, 2017 was accepted for information.

A request for financial support for the **Valleyview Canada Day Fireworks** from the Valleyview Recreation Department was accepted for information. Funding was provided for the 2016 event and unused due to weather conditions. The contribution to last year's fireworks has been saved by the Valleyview Recreation Department and will be added to the proposed 2017 fireworks.

Recreation

The **Little Smoky Ski Hill** Board will be formed with Council Members from the Municipal District of Smoky River, Big Lakes County and the Municipal District of Greenview to provide governance to the Little Smoky Ski Hill. Greenview will also request letters of support for the Little Smoky Ski Hill Water Source and Storage System Upgrade from area MLAs Hon. Margaret McQuaig-Boyd, Hon. Danielle Larivee, Wayne Drysdale, Todd Loewen, and Debbie Jabour.

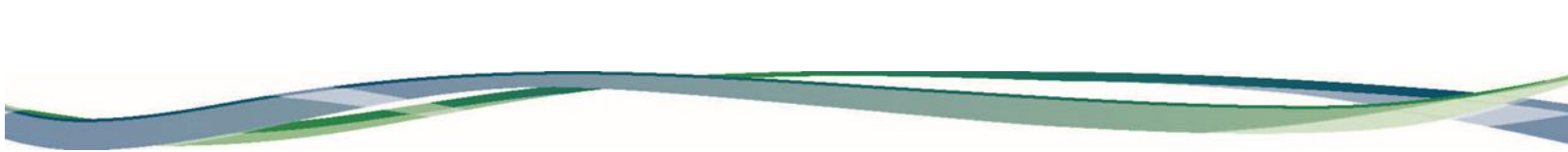
Council adopted the revised Terms of Reference for the **Greenview Regional Multiplex** in Valleyview. Construction is progressing well and the fundraising committee will begin contacting potential sponsors in the next month.

Road Construction and Maintenance

Administration will address the drainage issue on the **Little Smoky Road** north of Township Road 674 in response to concerns raised by area residents.

Greenview will investigate decreasing the speed limit on the west end of the **Grovedale 700 Road** for three quarters of a mile to 80 km per hour.

Council requested administration provide a report on the latest traffic counts on the **Forestry Trunk Road**.



Administration will also investigate the “No Truck Route” sign on **Range Road 65A** in Grovedale and report back to Council with a recommendation regarding the sign.

Administrative Items

Council voted to discontinue the audio and video **live streaming** of public meetings held in Council Chambers due to low usage.

Wanda Fox and Lianne Kruger were appointed as Clerks for the **Assessment Review Board**.

Policy 1009 regarding Internet Services for Members of Council received administrative updates to clarify the wording, the terms “primary residence” and “digital communications tools” were added. Expenses for monthly internet service are reimbursed as part of Councillors’ expense claims.

Policy 1019 regarding Issuance of Digital Communications Tools to Council and Employees also received clerical updates to include Council in the policy and outline the procedure for Councillors to purchase their assigned devices after they have been in use.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: April 11, 2017.
- Committee of the Whole: April 18, 2017.
- Municipal Planning Commission: April 12, 2017.
- Green View FCSS: April 19, 2017. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): April 26, 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 in person or view Council agenda packages and minutes online at www.mdgreenview.ab.ca.

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