



# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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### Council Meeting Highlights

April 11, 2017

#### Delegations

**GPOptix** provided a presentation to Council regarding the potential for high speed Internet in the Grovedale area. They are an Internet service provider and fibre optic construction company. Fibre optic is considered the highest level of Internet service delivery and offers high bandwidth over long distances. As a community grows, the fibre optic cable is able to meet the increased demand without requiring upgrades to below ground infrastructure. They currently service three residential areas in the County of Grande Prairie and are going to become an Internet TV provider offering the same services that are available from existing TV providers in the area.

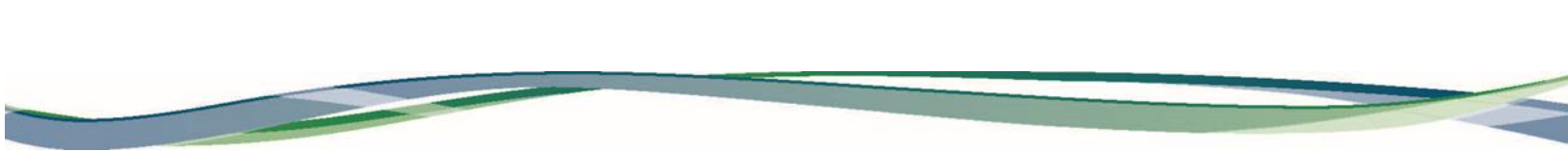
The Government of Canada has allocated \$500 million by 2021 to the Connect to Innovate Program which increases access to high speed Internet in rural and remote areas of Canada. The program offers 75 per cent federal grant funding with 25 per cent funded by a local provider in partnership with the local municipality. GPOptix requested a letter of support from Greenview for their application to the program and a commitment of \$250,000 in municipal funding in the future. Council accepted their presentation for information.

**Keyera's** Jamie Urquhart, Vice President of Operations, and Ron Moyes, General Manager of Business Development, provided an update to Council regarding their Wapiti development. Keyera is an Alberta based company with over 1,000 employees and has been publicly traded since 2004 with a current value of \$8.9 billion. They own 17 gas plants and gathering systems, natural gas liquids fractionation and cavern storage. Their condensate system provides feedstock for the oilsands in Fort McMurray, they also own Alberta EnviroFuels which is an iso-octane business.

In the Wapiti area near Grovedale they are building a new facility that will be utilising acid gas injection into the Leduc reservoir. The process offers CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S sequestration with injection into a depleted production reservoir. From 1994 to 2014 Keyera has sequestered 638,805 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> through their other projects, equal to the annual emissions of 135,000 cars.

Siting of the Wapiti project is based on considerations such as distance from available infrastructure, potential impacts on the surrounding community and cavern availability. The project will take 2 to 2.5 years for construction and is an investment of \$600 million. The construction will utilise up to 500 contractors. Long term operations will have 17 full time personnel in working in operations, maintenance and the field with an annual operating budget of \$9.8 million projected for 2020. Several development permits for Keyera are going forward at this month's Municipal Planning Commission meeting for the Wapiti plant, Gold Creek Compressor Station, radio towers, and borrow pits to support road upgrades to the plant. In the future they will also be submitting applications for a temporary construction camp, a permanent operations camp and additional compressor stations.

**Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation's** Chairperson Serge Martin and Senior Development Officer Dawn Miller provided an update to Council regarding their work and thanked Greenview for the grant funding of \$100,000 that is being provided in 2017. The hospital construction is planned to be completed in 2018, with staff orientation and public tours beginning in 2019. There are 300 to 400 tradespeople currently working on the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital. Most studs are installed for drywall and electrical/layout checks have been done with staff from the departments with mock ups to ensure the spaces are meeting operational needs.



Greenview's 2017 donation of \$100,000 will contribute to the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation's capital campaign for new equipment. Alberta Health Services is responsible for funding most medical equipment, while the foundation focuses on equipment that enhances patient care or brings a new service to the region. The foundation's capital funding campaign is raising \$20 million for new equipment, completing the hospital gardens, and installing bedside patient engagement units to optimize patient centred care. New services made possible by the latest technology will include a dedicated pathologist and enhanced information exchange between medical teams, patients and family members.

The existing QEII Hospital will continue provide services as the regional hospital is being developed in phases. Rehabilitation, emergency room and critical care will continue in the QEII. It will eventually be listed as a health centre, and will be home to long term care and rehabilitation services. Patients will be transferred to the QEII once they no longer require the acute care provided at the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital. For more information on the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation, including upcoming public events go to [www.supportyourhospital.ca](http://www.supportyourhospital.ca)

## Bylaws

**Bylaw 17-781** (Dragos Energy Corp) to re-designate lands within SE 17 66 21 W 5 from Agriculture (A) District to Industrial (I) District received first reading. A public hearing is scheduled for May 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Bylaw 17-780 Tax Rate Bylaw** was approved following second and third reading. The bylaw maintains the 2016 mill rates of 2.7000 (Residential/Farmland) and 7.8280 (Non Residential). Greenview's mill rate remains among the lowest in Alberta. Some property owners may see an increase in their 2017 tax notice due to increases in municipal assessments and changes in the provincial education requisition rates.

## Events and Sponsorships

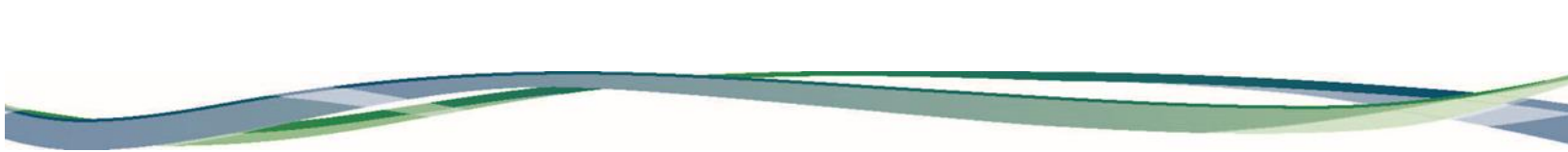
Grande Prairie Regional College's request for sponsorship of the 2017 College Classic was received as information.

## Community Services

Meetings regarding **Seniors Housing** were held in DeBolt and Grovedale. In 2016, Greenview surveyed residents throughout the municipality to determine what interest there may be for future seniors housing options. Lisa Hannaford, Manager of Green View FCSS presented the findings of the survey at the public meetings and Grande Spirit Foundation General Manager Debbie Normington was also in attendance.

In DeBolt, residents discussed a slope stability issue which led to the closure of the existing facility by the Grande Spirit Foundation in June 2016. The property is operated by Grande Spirit Foundation in partnership with Alberta Seniors. As requested at the public meeting, Council agreed to send a letter to the Grande Spirit Foundation supporting restoring the DeBolt Senior Housing Units and allowing their continued use while other options for senior housing are being explored in the area. Grande Spirit Foundation will provide a proposal to Alberta Seniors regarding the future plans for the units in DeBolt and will take the community's input in to account.

Community Seniors Housing Committees will be formed in both DeBolt and Grovedale by members of the public who are interested in exploring options for future seniors housing. This may include private developers, affordable housing, a housing co-operative, or other format that best meets community needs. Annually, Greenview provides community grants to the seniors housing foundations that offer housing to our residents, including the Grande Spirit Foundation, Heart River Housing, and Evergreens Foundation. Seniors housing is a provincial responsibility and it is not Greenview's intention to become the owner/operator of a new facility. Greenview has offered to assist the local communities as



they determine what they want to do and may be able to assist potential developers by providing access to municipal services, or considering bylaw applications for new land use.

The **Greenview Regional Multiplex Advisory Board** in Valleyview is seeking members at large, there will be two members from Greenview and one from Valleyview. Greenview will advertise for these positions.

## **Administrative Items**

Greenview has opted not to decrease contractor compensation in **Policy 4004 Equipment Contractors Registry** as per the Alberta Roadbuilder and Heavy Construction Association Equipment Rate Guide. In recognition of increased costs placed on local contractors from factors such as higher insurance rates and the provincial carbon tax, Greenview's 2017 rate will remain the same as the 2016 rate.

Greenview Council will send a follow up letter to the Town of Grande Cache regarding the Municipal Excellence Awards.

## **Events and Meetings**

- Regular Council Meeting: April 25, 2017.
- Committee of the Whole: April 18, 2017.
- Municipal Planning Commission: May 10, 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](http://www.mdgreenview.ab.ca).

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