



# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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### Council Meeting Highlights

April 24, 2017

The **Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's** CEO Tracy Vavrek provided a presentation to Council regarding the Grande Prairie and Area Vital Signs Report 2017. Vital Signs is a public opinion and research project that examines the quality of life in Northwestern Alberta. Greenview Council agreed to become a funding partner for the 2017 Vital Signs Report, contributing \$10,000 to support survey delivery, report development and distribution.

Data collection for Vital Signs is done in partnership with the Community Foundations of Canada to ensure that the work is comprehensive and statistically sound. The report leverages local knowledge to measure community vitality through economic and social indicators. Topics covered include the gap between rich and poor, ease of getting around, health and wellness, housing, safety, environment, learning, arts, culture and recreation. Additionally, the study measures belonging and how newcomers get started in the community.

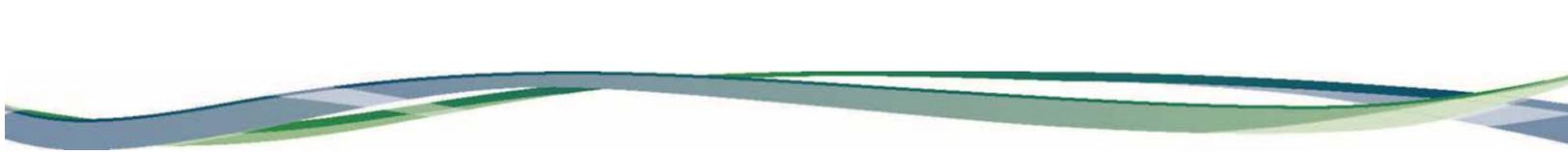
Employers and industry also consult the Vital Signs Report when they consider investing in the region. In 2011 the report found Grande Prairie had the highest rate of migration in all cities in Alberta. In 2015 research focused on a sense of belonging due to the proven link between belonging and a number of factors. Families and individuals who feel they belong are more likely to access public health services and have higher literacy rates in early childhood.

The Community Foundation is also a provider of post-secondary scholarships and community grant funding. Applications for 2017 scholarships open on June 30, 2017. For more information on the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta, go to [www.buildingtomorrowtoday.com](http://www.buildingtomorrowtoday.com)

**Fox Creek RCMP** and **Valleyview RCMP** provided presentations to Council regarding 2016 statistics within the Municipal District of Greenview. In Valleyview 3,514 new files were opened in 2016, a decrease from 3,813 new files in 2015. With the changes to the overall file caseload crime prevention efforts have increased and individual offender management of chronic offenders has been enhanced to prevent recurrence. RCMP in Valleyview responded to 290 service calls in 2016 which is also down from 2015. The top three types of files were mischief, assault and disturbing the peace. Total property crimes are down but mischief files have increased.

Importantly the clearance of files is up over the past year; while the provincial average for property crime file closure is 28 per cent, the Valleyview area has nearly double the file completion rate with 49 per cent of property crime cases closed in the past year. The Valleyview enhanced policing position that is being offered in partnership with Greenview has been filled and will begin in June 2017. The position is funded by Greenview Protective Services with \$156,600 in Budget 2017.

In **Fox Creek** 53 per cent of calls are from the Town of Fox Creek, 41 per cent of calls are regarding Highway 43, and 6 per cent are from Greenview. The Fox Creek detachment is fully staffed with five employees and a Fox Creek enhanced policing position isn't being requested at this time. Fox Creek RCMP are working with local industry to address concerns regarding crimes from non-resident workers and impacts on the community. In the first three months of 2017, Fox Creek RCMP had already laid twelve impaired driving charges which is the number they usually process in a year. The RCMP are putting strategies in place to address issues that arise when there is a large influx of non-residents which typically occurs during plant turn around and major industrial construction projects.



A public hearing for **Bylaw 17-778** Road Closure (Vivian) was held to close a portion of the West boundary of the original government road allowance adjoining the east boundary of the South East quarter of S23 69 22 W 5 M. There is an existing structure which is encroaching on the road allowance. Adjacent landowners were present to speak for and against the proposed bylaw.

To celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's confederation, Greenview is offering \$150,000 in **Canada 150 Grants** to community organizations for events and projects that will build community pride and celebrate our history in 2017. Greenview Canada 150 Grants were approved by Council for the following organizations:

- Fox Creek Municipal Library \$4,500 sponsorship for a day of culture to be held on September 30, 2017.
- Cranberry Rodeo Association \$15,000 to enhance the 2017 DeBolt rodeo by making the attendance fees free to all and enhancing their annual rodeo with flat racing and chuckwagons.
- DeBolt & District Pioneer Museum \$30,000 for Heritage Day celebration events to be held in conjunction with the rodeo featuring entertainment, community BBQ and fireworks.
- Mountain Metis Nation Association \$13,100 for a Heritage Day music festival in Grande Cache.

The Canada 150 grants program is accepting applications now for the second round of funding. Applications are due July 10, 2017 and application forms are available on our website.

Greenview will purchase a mascot to promote the municipality at events beginning in summer 2017. A contest to name the mascot will be shared with local schools. If you would like to invite Greenview's mascot to visit your event, or share information through Greenview's online community event calendar contact the Communications Department at 780-524-7600.

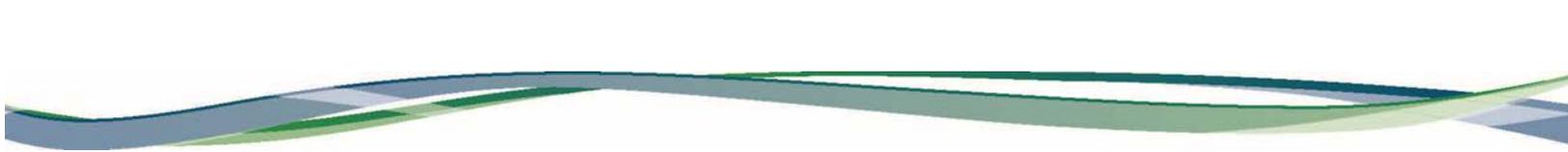
The **Valleyview Seed Cleaning Plant** will be dissolved and assets disbursed. Greenview will assist in the process and costs will be recovered from the sale of the assets. A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 10, 2017 followed by a meeting of the shareholders on March 10, 2017. The facility isn't profitable due to the low volume of seed being processed and the plant hasn't been in use since 2013. It is also noted the facility is beyond repair and costs are outstanding for taxes and utilities to the Town of Valleyview in the amount of \$4,250. Estimated costs of dissolution (advertising, hall rentals, legal and professional fees) are \$2,000 plus the costs of Agriculture Services staff time. Salvage value of the equipment is estimated at \$10,000 and market value for the land could be \$150,000. Demolition costs are estimated at \$50,000.

The property will be listed for sale as is including equipment. If the property doesn't sell as is, equipment will be sold separately, property demolished and the vacant lot will be listed for sale. Funds for the sale and dissolution will be transferred to the Agriculture Services Budget with an upset limit of \$40,000 to be reimbursed by Valleyview Seed Cleaning Cooperative Limited.

Council appointed the 2017 **pest and weed inspectors**. Dennis Haglund, Maureen Bly, Hazel Edwards, Amy Cymbaluk, Jennifer Hammel, Jesslyn Alguire, Hayden Grotkowski and Glenn Allen will be working throughout Greenview beginning in May.

Following the success of the **Take It or Leave It** areas at the Grovedale and New Fish Creek Transfer Stations, Council directed Administration to implement Take It or Leave It areas at all Greenview transfer stations.

The **2016 audited financial statements** were presented to Council by Hawkings Epp Dumont LLP and were accepted as revised. The audited financial statements are available on the Greenview website. A verbal update on the fourth quarter was also provided to Council.



The third party engineering report completed by Helix Engineering regarding the McAusland development was accepted as information.

## Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: May 9, 2017.
- Committee of the Whole: May 16, 2017.
- Municipal Planning Commission: May 10, 2017.
- Green View FCSS: May 17, 2017. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): May 24, 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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