



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights

May 9, 2017

Delegations

Shell provided a presentation regarding their 2017 plans in Greenview. Their work is focusing on the Duvernay and Montney plays in the Grande Prairie, Fox Creek and Drayton Valley areas. Shell has established an office in Fox Creek with an intention that full time staff will live in the area. At peak activity in 2017 there will be 200 contractors per day in the Fox Creek area of Greenview. Approximately 60 employees and contractors stay at the Iosegun Lake Road Camp managed by Horizon North. There are 8 full time Shell Operators in the Grande Prairie office which opened in 2008 for the Gold Creek operations, with 30 contractors per week supporting operations.

Shell has taken great steps to support the local community and encourages youth to explore careers in the trades and science fields. In early April 2017 they partnered in **Experiential Learning Week** at the Fox Creek School with Northern Gateway and Northern Lakes College. All students from grades 7 to 12 participated in the program and had opportunities to work with instructors from NAIT, Alberta College of Art and Design, rig and oil and gas technologist through hands on experiences. They have also sponsored five welding booths at Fox Creek School which allow students to pursue welding as part of their regular studies. Check out the showcase video at foxcreekschool.ca

Geothermal Study

Dr. Jonathan Banks provided a report to Council on the **Deep Dive Geothermal Analysis** of the best geothermal reservoirs for commercial development in Alberta. Greenview was one of the municipalities which funded the study. There is a lot of geothermal heating potential near Valleyview (over 1GW), and electricity potential near Fox Creek (500 MW or more). Grande Cache wasn't in the original study area, but inferences have been made based on studies nearby in Hinton where the electrical power potential was over 600 MW, Grande Cache could be comparable.

Greenview is identified as an ideal location due to the potential shown in the study and the number of existing wells which could be retrofitted from oil and gas for geothermal use. Well retrofit would significantly reduce costs and the risks of exploration. Additional areas where geothermal could be used in northern Alberta include year round agriculture (greenhouses) and residential heating. Retrofit wells have been found to be cost competitive with natural gas for heat use when done on a community scale, as seen in Europe. Geothermal greenhouses are also common in Europe. Other direct applications could be the oil and gas industry using their own wells to heat permanent camps for their workers.

Ryan Dick of **Terrapin Geothermics** also presented to Council and reported that Greenview has all of the ingredients for a major renewable energy project. Forward looking political leadership, geothermal resource available, abundant wells in the region that could be retrofitted for geothermal and community building that is in the early stages of planning. There are currently major grants and funding available with policies at provincial and federal level that will incentivize renewable energy development.

A lot of work and planning remains in order for community scale geothermal to become a reality. Greenview is interested in future discussions in this regard.

Grants

Valleyview and District Agricultural Society will receive 190 tonnes of aggregate valued at \$5,225.00, including delivery for the Agricultural Society Grounds. The Society is constructing a multi-use building there and plans to build a covered walkway between their existing building and the new building to allow use of the two buildings together. In 2017 the Valleyview and District Agricultural Society received \$40,000 in capital funding for the multi-use building and they also receive \$14,500 annually in operating funding.

The **Alberta High School Rodeo Association** will receive \$1,500 for the 2017 Provincial Finals in Olds, Alberta from June 2 to 4, 2017.

Greenview will provide the **Grande Prairie Stompede Association** will receive \$25,000 for the 2017 Stompede which runs from May 30 to June 4, 2017.

Greenview will be a title race sponsor for the Capstan Hauling Rat 200 Jet River Race in Grovedale for the June 16 to 18, 2017. The **Grande Prairie River Rat Association** will receive \$5,000 in sponsorship for the 2017 event. Greenview provided \$5,000 in 2016 for the Capstan Hauling Rat 200 and \$25,000 in 2015 for the World River Jet Boat Race.

Grande Prairie and District Victim Services will receive \$1,000 for the 2017 Annual Dinner and Auction.

Events and Sponsorships

Grande Cache Ratepayer BBQ will be held on July 18, 2017 following the Committee of the Whole Meeting. It had previously been scheduled in September due to a community scheduling conflict which has now been resolved.

Administrative Items

Policy 4001 **Security Deposits for Residential Construction** to Proposed Residential Developments was approved. The original deposit was set at 20 per cent of the estimated cost of construction to a maximum of \$50,000. This amount will be reduced to 10 per cent or a maximum of \$30,000.

The November 2017 **Municipal Planning Commission** meeting will be scheduled for November 8, 2017 instead of November 15, 2017.

Council will provide recommendations to Administration regarding guidelines to be considered in developing the **Expression of Interest Hiring** policy.

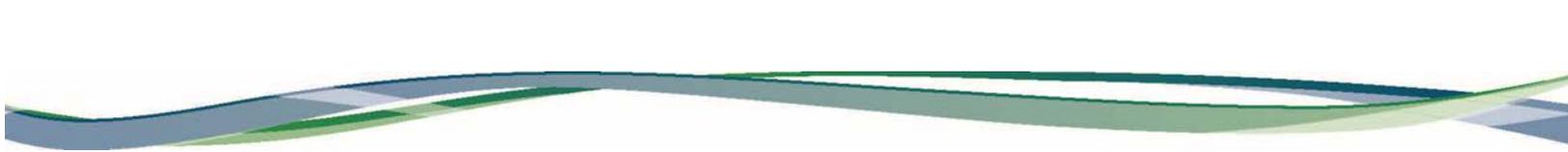
Council directed Administration to prepare a **Council Remuneration Report**.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: June 13, 2017.
- Committee of the Whole: June 20, 2017 in Grovedale.
- Municipal Planning Commission: June 14, 2017.
- Green View FCSS: June 21, 2017. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): June 28, 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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