



# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Council Meeting Highlights

May 23, 2017

#### Delegations

Brenda Yamkowy, Executive Director of **United Way Alberta Northwest** provided a presentation to Council on the 211 Alberta Initiative. The cost for installation will be approximately \$105,000 followed by \$75,000 annually. The proposed implementation area will include the City and County of Grande Prairie and Greenview. **211 Alberta** provides a point of contact to understand what services are available in their community by telephone and through an online resource directory. The initial cost estimate on a per capita basis for Greenview would be \$13,000. Greenview is invited to be part of the 211 Steering Committee together with the neighbouring municipalities of the City of Grande Prairie and County of Grande Prairie. Swan City Rotary has also expressed interest in supporting the initiative. Council accepted the presentation for information.

Sean Ward with Reynolds Mirth Richards Farmer LLP provided a presentation to Council regarding the **New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA)**. The NWPTA is intended to promote an open and public procurement process and to liberalize trade, investment, and labour mobility. The agreement sets out broad principles which include a \$75,000 limit for procurement of goods or services and \$200,000 limit or greater for construction. Purchases and contracts above the thresholds must be advertised electronically through a public tendering system such as the Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC) or the municipality's website. The tendering process must be fair and transparent and provide every qualified contractor the opportunity to bid on the work without discriminating against bidders who are from out of town or out of province. Criteria such as previous experience, references, quality of work, can be considered in addition to the lowest price. All bidders must be subject to the same criteria and evaluated fairly.

#### Administrative Items

Council accepted a report on the **Approach Application and Installation Process** with the changes of a non-refundable fixed rate of \$2,000 for gravelled approaches and \$5,000 for paved approaches. The application fee will be amended to \$175. Approaches can be constructed by contractor or day labour.

The **2017 First Quarter Budget to Actual Report** was accepted for information.

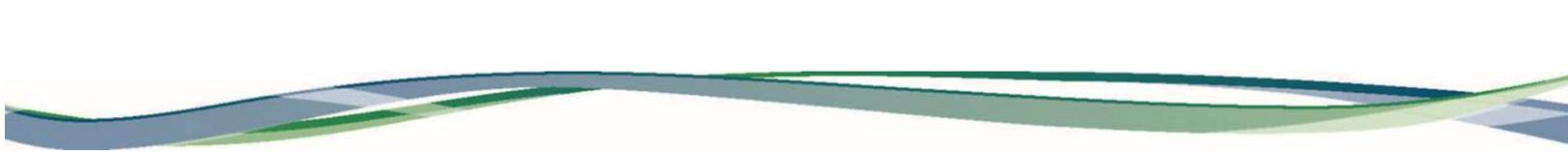
**Surplus Digital Communication Tools** will be publicly advertised and the list will be made available for donations to non-profit organizations until June 9, 2017. Any remaining digital communications tools will be made available to Council Members and Greenview staff for purchase after June 23, 2017 at \$100 per item. Any remaining surplus will be disposed after June 30, 2017.

Council will respond to the letter from Dr. Gillette regarding **Grande Cache Physician Recruitment**, indicating that recruitment incentives will be considered on a case by case basis.

Administration will investigate solutions to the problems of ice developing on the cement pads at the **water points**.

#### Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: June 13, 2017.
- Committee of the Whole: June 20, 2017.

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- 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](http://www.mdgreenview.ab.ca).

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