

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights
December 11, 2017

Delegations

Tracy Vavrek of the Community Foundation of Northern Alberta provided a presentation regarding the **2017 Vital Signs Report**. This is the first year that Greenview has participated in the project. The 2017 report focused on the theme of belonging and their research found a higher sense of belonging in Greenview and the Northwest Alberta Region than the national average. To view the full report click [here](#).

Rick Anderson, Executive Director of **Synergy Alberta** provided a presentation to Council. Synergy Alberta is a non-profit organization that supports multi-stakeholder collaborative initiatives, referred to as synergy groups, to foster information sharing and understanding regarding resource development. There may be interest in developing a synergy group in the Fox Creek area. Synergy groups are community based and can include active participation from the community, industry, government departments and the Alberta Energy Regulator. Participation in the groups is voluntary and they do not replace consultation or regulatory bodies. Mutual understanding is promoted through education and respectful dialogue to assist throughout all stages of industrial development. There are currently 15 synergy groups active in Alberta.

Funding Requests

Lisa Airth from the **Grovedale Daycare Society** provided a presentation to Council regarding developing a daycare in the Grovedale area. The Society is requesting \$462,000 in capital funding from the Municipal District of Greenview to purchase and transport a portable which would be connected to Penson School for the daycare. Council directed Administration to prepare a report comparing the cost of a stick built building to be presented at the January 15, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting.

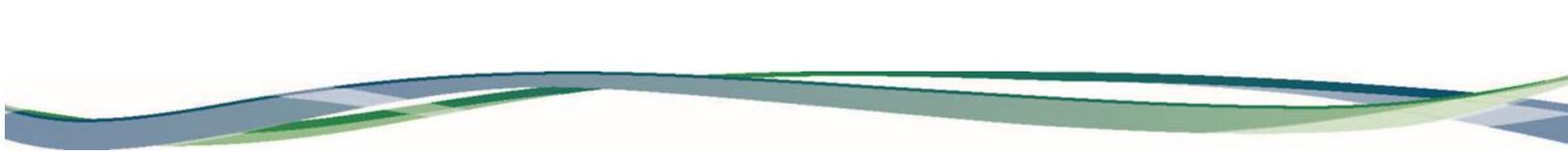
The **Evergreens Foundation** is constructing the Parkland Seniors Lodge within the Town of Edson. The project is funded by the Government of Alberta and the eight municipalities that are members of the Evergreens Foundation, including Greenview. The 2016 Capital Requisition to the Evergreens Foundation for the Parkland Lodge will be forwarded in the amount of \$942,293.97 with funds to come from the Community Services Budget.

Appointments

Greenview appointed Councillor Dale Smith as a member of the **Water North Coalition** and Deputy Reeve Tom Burton was appointed as an alternate to the committee. The Water North Coalition works to ensure sustainable water systems are available to every northern community and is comprised of voting members from northern municipalities, First Nations, Metis Settlements and non-voting members from water/wastewater commissions, other levels of government, and rural water co-operatives.

Grande Cache Co-operatives and Enterprises

A report regarding the **Eagle's Nest Hall** was provided to Council. The Eagle's Nest Hall is the community hall for Greenview residents in the Grande Cache area co-operatives and enterprises. The facility requires upgrades to address community requirements and is frequently used for large events such as celebrations, meetings, wakes and funerals. Further consultation with the Town of Grande Cache and other parties is recommended to determine if there are other buildings in Grande Cache that could be repurposed, such as the old swimming pool, or an opportunity to assume the lease on an existing building, such as the Metis Local Hall. Other options would be to renovate the existing Eagle's Nest



Hall or to construct a new Greenview Community Hall for residents in the Grande Cache area. The report was accepted as information.

Administrative Items

Council Orientation continued with presentations from the Managers of Environmental Services, Construction and Maintenance and Operations.

The **2018 Consolidated Budget** was approved by Council. The full details of Budget 2018 will be posted publicly in the New Year following final administrative work on the budget as directed by Council.

The **2017 Third Quarter Financial Report** was accepted as information.

Greenview will apply to reallocate \$250,000 in funding from the Government of Alberta's **Regional Collaboration Grant**. Funds will be used to update the Intermunicipal Development Plans between Greenview and the Towns of Grande Cache, Valleyview and Fox Creek, pending agreement by all municipal partners.

Council denied a request from **Oil City Equipment Sales Ltd.** to waive the penalty for unpaid taxes in 2017.

Effective January 1, 2018, Council approved a **Cost of Living Adjustment** in the amount of 1.3 per cent for staff and Councillors.

Security Cameras have been installed at water points throughout Greenview and security card readers have been installed at all Greenview facilities.

Holiday Hours

Greenview offices will be closed from December 25, 2017 to January 1, 2018. The closure does not apply to transfer stations, utility operations, road maintenance or other required services. Transfer stations will be open on modified hours on December 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be closed on December 25, 26, 27 and January 1 to observe the statutory holidays. Transfer stations will operate with their regular schedule and hours on all other days during the Holiday Season.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: January 8, 2018.
- Committee of the Whole: December 18, 2017.
- Municipal Planning Commission: January 9, 2017.
- Green View FCSS: December 20, 2017.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): December 20, 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. FCSS meetings take place at the Green View Community Resource Centre. The public and media are welcome to attend our meetings in person or view the agendas and minutes online at www.mdgreenview.ab.ca/governance.

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