



# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Council Meeting Highlights  
February 12, 2018

### Delegations

The **Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)** provided a presentation regarding the Draft Caribou Range Plan for the Smoky and A La Peche caribou herds. CAPP stated that oil and gas industry concerns regarding the implementation of the caribou recovery plans are complex and risks remain regarding land access, tenure, and implementation costs. The recovery plans are drafted by Alberta Environment and Parks in response to federal requirements under the *Species at Risk Act*. CAPP emphasized that industry is prepared to contribute to the recovery efforts provided there is a working landscape and the costs are reflective of competitive investments that are already in place. The current plan contains too few details to make a concrete assessment and uncertainty leads to investment risk for industry and communities. The province is holding information sessions on the draft plan throughout February and March. Feedback can also be provided online at <https://talkaep.alberta.ca/caribou-range-planning>

**South Peace Regional Archives** provided a presentation to Council regarding their services. Greenview's historical records are hosted at the archives. Their efforts are supported through dedicated volunteers with 2,000 hours of volunteer work in the last year. The archives have outgrown the existing available space and they have leased an offsite storage site to allow them to continue services for the region. In 2018 they will have an additional deficit of \$27,000 which is the result of increased utility costs and the lease of additional storage space. They will be approaching all of their member organizations for assistance and requested that Council provide an additional \$6,000 to offset the increased costs. Greenview provides \$30,500 in annual operating funding to the South Peace Regional Archives.

### Correspondence

Greenview will write a letter to the Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, stating Council's concerns regarding the decision to cap the 2017 **Assessment Year Modifiers** at 2016 levels. The letter will also be sent to the Premier, Minister of Treasury Board, AAMDC and AUMA. Greenview and other municipalities are concerned that this represents a change to the procedure that has been followed in previous years where the assessments were determined by market value. Due to this change, there will be significant impacts on the funding that Greenview and other municipalities had projected for Budget 2018. The direct impact for Greenview will be \$5.3 million less in funding in 2018.

The **Peace Wapiti School Division** has written to Greenview regarding pedestrian safety concerns at school zones within the Hamlet of Ridgevalley. Greenview plans to install solar powered radar speed detection signage 75 metres prior to entering the school zones at each location. A four way stop with signage will also be installed at the main intersection in Ridgevalley at Range Road 262 and Township Road 713. The project will be funded with \$28,511.80 from the 2018 Operational Budget.

## Funding, Grants and Sponsorships

Greenview will provide \$47,193.26 for the 2018 **Tri-Municipal Industrial Partnership** Budget from the Contingency Reserve Fund. Annually Greenview provides 50 per cent of the partnership's operating funding at \$105,000 annually. The City of Grande Prairie and County of Grande Prairie each provide 25 per cent of the funding at \$52,500 annually. Funds remain from 2017 due to several projects being completed under budget. The existing funds are being held in trust and will be used in planned projects for 2018. The partnership has also benefited from \$210,000 in CARES funding from the Government of Alberta.

Council will provide the **Economic Developers Association of Alberta** \$1,000 in sponsorship funding for the Elected Officials Course on February 23, 2018 in Grande Prairie with funds to come from the Council Budget.

The **Valleyview Petroleum Association** will receive \$500.00 in sponsorship for their upcoming curling bonspiel March 9 to 11, 2018 with funds to come from the Community Service Miscellaneous Grant.

## Administrative Items

The following policies were approved by Council:

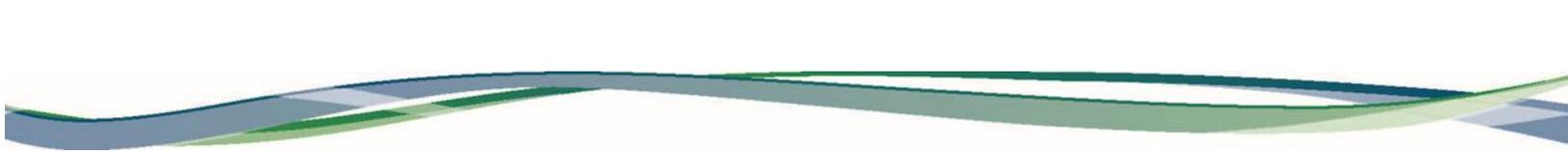
- **Expenditures and Disbursement (Policy 1018)** has been updated to include any capital expenditures approved by Council in budget may be awarded by Administration to a maximum of \$200,000, with the exception of Requests for Proposals, which must be awarded by Council. The previous maximum was \$2,000,000.
- **Special Occasion Messages (Policy 1024)** from Council to Greenview residents, business owners and organizations are available for significant birthdays and anniversaries by request.
- **Smoke Free Workplace (Policy 2009)** has had wording updates. As in the previous version of the policy, all Greenview buildings and vehicles are smoke-free environments. Greenview provides \$250 reimbursement for employees who have purchased stop smoking aids or programs, each employee is eligible for the funding once.

The **Bank Account Signing Authority** will be updated. Former Councillors Dave Hay and George Delorme's names will be removed from the list of signing authorities for Greenview's bank accounts and new Councillors Shawn Acton and Winston Delorme will be added.

Greenview's **Council Chambers Upgrade** will proceed with the contract being awarded to AVI-SPL Canada Limited at a cost of \$71,693.36. Upgrades to the system wiring are necessary due to the age of the equipment which was originally installed in 2011. The upgraded system will also allow Councillors to virtually attend Council meetings in cases of inclement weather, add a queue system for the chamber microphones, and enable digital voting. Additional cameras will also be added to allow remote participants to see who is speaking during meetings.

## Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: February 26, 2018.
- Committee of the Whole: February 20, 2018.
- Municipal Planning Commission: March 13, 2018.
- Green View FCSS: February 21, 2018.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): February 28, 2018.



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

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