

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Meeting Highlights February 26, 2018

Delegations

The **Watino River Boat Association** provided a presentation to Council regarding financial support for a boat launch in Watino along the Smoky River. Council accepted the presentation for information and will consider the funding request at a future meeting.

Funding Requests and Tenders

A request for \$10,000 in funding for renovations to the **Greenview Veterinary Clinic** from Dr. Pozniak was denied by Council.

South Peace Regional Archives will receive an operating grant in the amount of \$6,000 to assist in reducing the organization's 2018 projected operating deficit.

Windsor Ford of Grande Prairie will be awarded the **2018 Light Truck Tender** in the amount of \$730,597.91 for the purchase of 16 vehicles.

Administrative Items

Administration will present consolidated **2019 Capital and Operational Budgets** to Council over seven consecutive meetings beginning with the September Committee of the Whole meeting.

Meetings with the leaders of **Grande Cache Co-operatives and Enterprises** and Councillor Winston Delorme will be held regularly to enhance communication with Greenview residents in the Grande Cache area.

Administration provided a report to Council regarding the auctioning of the **Eben Rock gravel pit** located at E ½ 27 69 26 W5M in the Ridgevalley area. The property is currently owned by Eben Rock Products and is being sold at auction in March 2018 for the purpose of aggregate extraction. Based on review of drilling tests, WSP Engineering has advised the extraction and crushing of the material would not be cost effective for Greenview's use. Council accepted the report for information.

Greenview will enter into a contract for **Hybrid Assessment for Centralized Industrial Property** with Alberta Municipal Affairs. Due to changes to the *Municipal Government Act*, Municipal Affairs is taking over the responsibility of providing assessment services for Designated Industrial Properties across the province. Greenview will be compensated for the services provided to Municipal Affairs through the hybrid contract model. Under the contract municipalities will be able to renegotiate terms with Municipal Affairs at the end of the first year. Greenview will continue to designate Accurate Assessment Group as the municipal appointed assessor working on behalf of the province. Greenview currently has a three year assessment contract in place with Accurate Assessment Group.

The Equipment Contractor Registry (Policy 4004) was approved by Council.

Council directed Administration to bring forward a report regarding gravel haul rates in the municipality for discussion at a future Council meeting. The report will include consideration of the rates being charged for the Forestry Trunk Road.

Bylaws

The Land Use Bylaw (Bylaw 17-779) was approved by Council following second and third readings. Updates to the Land Use Bylaw are the result of two years of work with landowners and members of the public. Greenview's existing Land Use Bylaw was adopted in 2003 and had been amended periodically since its adoption.

Public engagement for the Land Use Bylaw Refresh began with public workshops, open houses and sessions involving Council and the Citizens' Panel. These sessions focused on identifying ways to address new challenges related to subdivision, development and land use. The primary goals resulting from the initial consultations were incorporated into the updated bylaw and are as follows:

- Provide a "user-friendly" document that is easy to use.
- Increase clarity and certainty for landowners.
- Provide redefined, comprehensive land use districts.
- Provide clear, easy to find information.
- Provide fairness and procedural clarification.
- Respond to new land use and development trends.
- Clarify requirements and expectations.
- Provide clear, easy to find mapping.

Public engagement was a key aspect of the Land Use Bylaw update, with Council and Administration attending community events throughout the process to allow citizens to comment on proposed changes. The bylaw received first reading on June 27, 2017, and a public hearing on August 22, 2017. In response to concerns that were raised at the public hearing an additional open house was held at the Sturgeon Heights Hall on November 27, 2017. Council reviewed the revised bylaw at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on December 18, 2017. The following changes were made based on public input:

- Change the name "Conservation Country Residential (CCR) District" to Country Residential Three (CR-3) to better reflect the development intent of that district.
- Set a maximum number of recreational vehicles for non-commercial use be allowed on private properties without a development permit. The maximum number of recreational vehicles will be determined by land use district, parcel size and whether or not a parcel is noted within the Sturgeon Lake Area Structure Plan.
- Revised definition of "Accommodation, Clustered Leisure."
- New use and definition of "Craft Brewery and Distillery."
- Added regulations for Campgrounds.

Council reviewed the Bylaw at the Regular Council Meeting on January 22, 2018, and tabled the Bylaw until after Council could meet with Administration to review the Bylaw. Administration met with Council on February 14, 2018, and the following changes were made:

- Section 5.12.1 added "permanent" to swimming pools.
- Removed "barbed wire will be redistricted in CR-1 District to the side and rear year parcel lines".

- Section 5.19.2 changed minimum height for trees to 1,000 mm (39.37 inches).
- Section 5.19.2 removed "A minimum caliper width of 60 mm (2.36 inches) measured at 450 mm (17.72 inches) from ground level".
- Changed minimum size for development permit requirements for fabric covered buildings to 15.0m² (161.5 ft²) to correlate with accessory buildings sizes.
- Section 5.23.1 removed "A suite is not permitted in conjunction with the keeping of boarders or the operation of a bed and breakfast".
- Section 5.24.1 added a maximum of eight (8) customers per day.
- Section 6.1.2 removed Country Residential One and Country Residential Two.
- Section 6.1.3 added Country Residential One and Country Residential Two.
- Sections 6.1.2 and 6.1.3 increased trailer size to 12.2 m (40.0 ft.)
- Section 6.1.3 increased storage of trailers to two (2).
- Added "Shipping Containers" as a permitted use in all Districts.
- Added "Recreation, Indoor" and "Recreation, Outdoor Passive" as permitted uses in Institutional (INS) District.
- Minor grammar and vocabulary revisions.

Greenview appreciates the input that ratepayers have provided throughout the process of updating the Land Use Bylaw. If you have any questions regarding how the updated Land Use Bylaw will affect you please contact Greenview's Development Officers at 780-524-7600.

Events and Meetings

- Regular Council Meeting: March 12, 2018.
- Committee of the Whole: April 16, 2018.
- Municipal Planning Commission: March 13, 2018.
- Green View FCSS: March 21, 2018.
- Agricultural Services Board (ASB): March 22, 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.

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