



## MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW NO. 16

*"A Great Place to Live, Work and Play"*

# For Immediate Release

### **Budget 2015 Approved by Greenview Council**

December 15, 2014

The Municipal District of Greenview No. 16 approved the 2015 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budgets on December 9<sup>th</sup>. They also accepted the 2016 and 2017 Budgets as information. Greenview has adopted a three year budgeting process, which will allow greater transparency and enable long term planning.

*"A three year budget creates efficiencies for both Staff and Council and helps to keep our end goals in sight. This type of budget is becoming a norm among municipalities because of the benefits it provides."*

Chief Administrative Officer Mike Haugen

Budget 2015 provides funding for enhanced services to ratepayers. Beginning on January 5, 2015, the Grovedale and Grande Cache satellite offices will be open to the public full time. These locations were previously operating on a part time basis, but will now follow the same schedule as the rest of our offices (Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) A coordinator will be hired to facilitate ratepayers' access to Greenview services in the Grande Cache area.

*"This budget addresses areas that require special focus including recreation and economic development. To encourage our residents and tourists to enjoy Greenview's fantastic outdoor opportunities we are investing \$875,000 in upgrading and developing outdoor recreation facilities throughout the municipality.*

*We have allocated \$10 million in 2015 to the Valleyview Multiplex followed with \$15 million in 2016. Our residents will also see the benefits of \$6.8 million in new water services for the Grovedale, Landry Heights and Grande Cache areas, and other local infrastructure upgrades like \$5 million in continued improvements to the Forestry Trunk Road."*

Reeve Dale Gervais

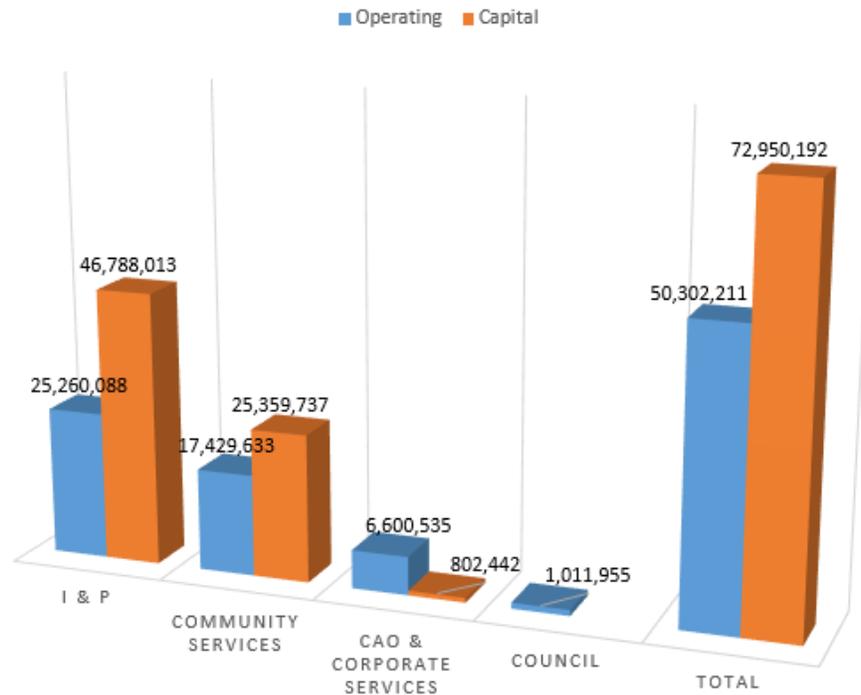
In 2015 Greenview will be hiring an Economic Development Officer to support Council's plan of attracting growth and diversifying our economy. As our communities grow we are looking into the possibility of opening another satellite office with dedicated administrative support in DeBolt in 2017.

Community Development Initiative funding is being provided in the amount of \$2.6 million to each of Fox Creek, Valleyview and Grande Cache for a total of \$7.8 million. These dollars are in addition to project specific funding that is provided for projects and services such as the Valleyview Multiplex, libraries, fire departments, museums and recreation.

Administration has planned for possible changes in revenue from the Well Drilling Equipment Tax allocating \$9 million from this source, over \$4 million less than 2014 revenue. It has been assumed this funding, administered by the province of Alberta, will continue from 2015 to 2017.

# Greenview Budget 2015 Highlights

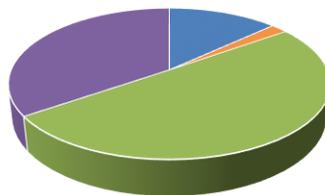
## 2015 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS



### Budget 2015 by the Numbers:

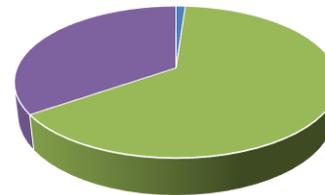
- Net Revenue: \$93,897,932\*
- Operating Expenditures: \$50,302,211
- Capital Expenditures: \$72,950,192
- Contributions from Reserves: \$30,815,516

2015 Operating Budget



- CAO & Corporate Services
- Council
- Infrastructure & Planning
- Community Services

2015 Capital Budget



- CAO & Corporate Services
- Infrastructure & Planning
- Community Services

\*Net Revenue doesn't include the Education Property Tax which is reflected on municipal tax notices. Greenview administers this program on behalf of the province of Alberta. It is estimated that in 2015 around \$20 million will be provided to the Alberta Schools Foundation by Greenview's ratepayers. Every year the province calculates the amount each municipality must contribute to the education system based on assessment value. Municipalities collect the education property tax from ratepayers and then forward it to the province for deposit into the Alberta School Foundation Fund.

## Infrastructure & Planning

Total Budget \$72 million (\$25.3 Operating and \$46.8 million Capital).

Key Operational Expenditures for Infrastructure & Planning:

- Environmental Services \$3 million for water supply, distribution, wastewater and solid waste management.
- Road maintenance \$12.3 million (including \$4.3 million for gravelling).

Key Capital Expenditures for Infrastructure & Planning:

- Water Treatment Plants in Ridgevalley (\$1.8 million) and Grovedale (\$5 million).
- New Grovedale Operations Shop \$1.36 million.
- Forestry Trunk Road Improvements \$5 million.
- Old High Prairie Road (HWY 49 to Township Road 720) regrade \$5.58 million.
- Cozy Cove Road (Range Road 245) surfacing \$1.7 million.
- Young's Point Road repairs, spray patch and chipseal \$950,000.

## Community Services

Total budget is \$42.8 million (\$17.4 Operating and \$25.4 Capital)

Key Community Services Operational Expenditures:

- Protective Services \$1.6 million.
- Family and Community Support Services \$1.2 million.
- Agricultural Services \$1.47 million.
- Operational funding for recreation facilities such as arenas, pools and ski hills \$393,395.
- Cultural buildings such as libraries, community halls and museums \$579,000.
- An inventory of potential recreation sites within Greenview is being developed for \$361,973.
- \$7.8 million for Community Development Initiative funding to Fox Creek, Valleyview and Grande Cache (\$2.6 million per town).
- Community Grant funding has been allocated \$1.4 million. Grant requests will be considered as part of the December Committee of the Whole meeting on December 16, 2014. Greenview has currently received \$2.6 million in requests.

Key Community Services Capital Expenditures

- Valleyview Multiplex \$25 million (\$10 million in 2015 and \$15 million in 2016).
- Fire Hall Replacements in DeBolt (\$6.4 million) and Grovedale (\$6.3 million).
- Outdoor Recreation Facilities (Upgrades and New Developments) \$875,000.

The Budget 2015 Report is being prepared by Greenview's Administration and will be posted to our website at <http://mdgreenview.ab.ca/programs-services/departments/finance/budget/> when it is ready.



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