



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

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Council Highlights – June 22, 2021

Forestry Trunk Road Phase 5 Construction Tender Awarded

Administration posted Forestry Trunk Road Phase 5 tender on May 26 and closed on June 9. This contract consists of clearing of right of way, excavation and placement, installation of culverts, erosion control measures, gravel surfacing and clearing of next phase. Council directed Administration to award the Forestry Trunk Road Phase 5 Construction Project to Acre Prime for \$4,355,316.80, with funds to come from the 2021 Roads Capital budget.

Greenview College, Trades, and Apprenticeship Scholarships Awarded for 2021

The College, Trades and Apprenticeships College Program Scholarship Policy was created in February of 2020. Administration reviewed the applications to determine the student's financial need, community involvement, work experience or other work placement program, apprenticeship program, GPA or course average, residency, and applicable application status from the previous year.

Greenview awarded 3 Trades and Apprenticeships Program Scholarships for a total of \$7,500 and ten University 4 Year College Scholarships for a total of \$25,000 with funds to come from the Community Services Budget. The Scholarship recipients list will be posted to the Greenview website.

Fox Creek and Valleyview Community Development Initiative Agreements Authorized

For several years Greenview has provided funding to the Towns of Fox Creek and Valleyview by way of a Community Development Initiative (CDI) agreement. The amount of funding is based on Greenview's assessment and the inclusion of individual partnerships where the municipalities have joint interests. Greenview recognizes and is committed to the well-being of its communities, environment and a high quality of life within Greenview's borders.

Council authorized Administration to enter into a one-year (2021) Community Development Initiative Agreement with the Town of Fox Creek in the amount of \$2,295,000.00, and further authorized Administration to enter into a one-year (2021) Community Development Initiative Agreement with the Town of Valleyview in the amount of \$2,805,000.00, with funds to come from the Community Services Budget.

Greenview Supports the Grande Prairie Regional College to Provide a Bachelor of Business Administration Program

In early May 2021, Minister Nicolaides formally announced that Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC) will be transitioning into a polytechnic. A polytechnic is a post-secondary institution offering career-focused education that is experiential and hands-on. This transition is an exciting milestone as it brings GPRC another step closer to the long-aspired degree-granting status.

GPRC has been working diligently to lay the groundwork necessary to provide select degrees over the last few years. While a Bachelor of Computing Science degree is currently in the approval channel, one of the other degrees being considered is a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) with specializations in Small Business Management and Leadership for Skilled Trades. Council authorized Administration to provide a Letter of Support to the Grande Prairie Regional College for a Bachelor of Business Administration degree program.

Council Compensation Survey

The Council Compensation Review Committee met for the first time on June 10, 2021. The committee approved a Council survey and requested that current members of Council participate to collect additional data for the Compensation Review Committee to evaluate in their review of the Council compensation package. Participation in the survey is voluntary, but

greater participation will help the committee make an informed decision when reviewing the compensation package. Councillor responses will remain anonymous when the data is presented to the committee. Administration plans to present the data to the Committee in July.

Greenview Expresses Concerns with Criminal Activity Trends and the Justice System

On May 18, 2021, the Valleyview RCMP gave a presentation to the Greenview Committee of the Whole. The presentation provided statistics regarding criminal activities and trends within the detachment area. Council expressed concerns at the meeting that localized illegal activity is partly due to diminishing release conditions for repeat offenders. Council authorized Administration to send a letter to the Alberta Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, expressing Greenview's opinion that the justice system can do more to deter criminal activity.

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Upcoming Events and Meetings

- **July 1, 2021 – Canada Day Statutory Holiday. All Greenview Administrative Offices Closed**
- **July 13, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting, Valleyview Council Chambers**
- **July 20, 2021 – Committee of the Whole, Grande Cache Public Service Building**

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