Municipal District of GREENVIEW

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Council Highlights – October 27, 2026

Valleyview, Alberta

Greenview Council Re-elects Reeve Ryan Ratzlaff and Deputy Reeve Tom Burton
Ryan Ratzlaff, Councillor for Ward 2, Little Smoky, and Tom Burton, Councillor for Ward 6, DeBolt, were re-elected as Reeve and Deputy Reeve at Greenview's organizational meeting on October 27, 2026. Both will continue in their leadership roles for another year, with Ratzlaff entering his second year as Reeve and Burton his third year as Deputy Reeve.

Two-Year Property Tax Exemption for Mountain Métis Cultural Association
The Mountain Métis Cultural Association received a property tax exemption for 2027 and 2028 following Council's approval under the Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation. The exemption will help reduce operating costs as the association continues providing cultural and community services.

The value of the exemption will depend on the community centre's assessed value as construction progresses. The association will be required to reapply by September 30, 2028, aligning its renewal with other participating organizations.

Grande Cache Recreation and Trails Master Plan Concept Adopted
The Grande Cache Recreation and Trails Master Plan concept was approved to guide future recreation and trail planning in the hamlet and surrounding area. Council further directed Administration to provide updates and corrections to the plan that will provide a higher conceptual approach to recreation management in Grande Cache and area. Developed through public engagement, data collection and work with Alberta Forestry and Parks, the plan includes recreational infrastructure, community priorities and feedback on service satisfaction.

The plan will support coordinated planning for connected municipal and provincial trails, which provide recreation opportunities for residents and attract visitors to Grande Cache. Approval did not commit funding to specific projects.

One-Year Funding Renewed for Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum
Operational support for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum in Wembley will continue through a one-year Regional Sustaining Grant Agreement with the River of Death and Discovery Dinosaur Museum Society. Council authorized funding of $150,000 in 2027, funded through the Regional Sustaining Grant budget.

The agreement maintains Greenview's existing annual contribution, supporting museum operations, educational programming, community outreach, palaeontological research and field activities.

Festival of Trees Sponsorship Supports Regional Health Care
A $5,000 sponsorship to the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation was approved to support free adult admission to the 2026 Festival of Trees, taking place November 26–29 at the TARA Centre at Evergreen Park in the County of Grande Prairie. Funding will come from the 2026 Community Services Sponsorships budget.

The Foundation's largest annual fundraiser supports specialized medical equipment, patient care programs and education at the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital, which serves residents throughout the region, including Greenview.

Strategic Plan Sets Direction for Grande Cache All-Season Resort Designation
A strategic plan adopted by Council establishes direction for pursuing an All-Season Resort Designation in Grande Cache, centered on the Grande Cache Golf & Country Club and Grande Mountain. The plan focused on low-density tourism development and year-round recreation that complement the hamlet's character and support economic diversification.

Greenview's role includes municipal planning, advocacy, community engagement and preparing for potential investment. Resort designation and provincial approvals remain the Province's responsibility. Further community engagement will help guide the initiative as it progresses, including through the All-Season Resort Advisory Committee.

-30-

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- **November 10, 2026 –** Regular Council Meeting, Valleyview Council Chambers
- **November 11, 2026 –** Remembrance Day, Statutory Holiday. All Administration Offices Closed
- **November 17, 2026 –** Regular Council Meeting for 2027 Budget Deliberations, Valleyview Council Chambers
- **November 24, 2026 –** Regular Council Meeting, Valleyview Council Chambers

Media inquiries may be directed to:
Stacey Sevilla | Manager, Communications & Marketing | Direct: 780-524-7625
stacey.sevilla@mdgreenview.ab.ca