

AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY MARCH 8, 2021 AT 7:00 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 10 ST BEAVERLODGE, AB

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2021 AT 7:00 PM WALKER ROOM 1016-4TH AVE, BEAVERLODGE, ALBERTA

COUNCIL

Mayor Gary Rycroft

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

Deputy Mayor Gena Jones

Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

Councillor Cal Mosher

Councillor Terry Dueck

Councillor Hugh Graw

Jeff Johnston, CAO

STAFF

Tina Letendre, Deputy CAO

Nichole Young, Executive Assistant

1.0 <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Mayor Gary Rycroft called the meeting to order.

7:00 PM

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#036-2021-02-22

Councillor Hugh Graw

CARRIED: That the agenda be accepted with the addition of the following:

- New Business 6.5 RCMP
- New Business 6.6 Rhapsody Awards Video Launch

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 February 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

#037-2021-02-22

Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

CARRIED: That the minutes of the February 8, 2021 Regular Council meeting be accepted with the following change:

- New Business 6.2 Beaverlodge Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Investigation Costs Resolution # 030-2021-02-08 should read "That Council approves the request for \$100,000 for the investigation costs (preliminary work), towards the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade."
- 4.0 DELEGATIONS

4.1 FCSS - Trudy Hodges, FCSS Coordinator & Amie Greene, FCSS Program Services Coordinator

#038-2021-02-22

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

CARRIED: That Council accepts their presentation for information.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 2021 Municipal Election – Advance Voting

#039-2021-02-22

Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

CARRIED: That Council sets the days and hours for Advance Voting as Saturday October 9, 2021 from 10 AM – 4 PM and Wednesday October 13, 2021 from 4 PM – 8 PM.

6.2 Municipal Election – Institutional Voting Stations

#040-2021-02-22

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

CARRIED: That Council approves the set up of an Advanced Voting Station at Amisk Court on October 18, 2021 from 2 PM - 4 PM.

6.3 Town Website Update

#041-2021-02-22

Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

CARRIED: That Council directs Administration to proceed with updating the Town Website.

6.4 MDB Insight – Regional Economic Development Summit 2

#042-2021-02-22

Deputy Mayor Gena Jones

CARRIED: That Council accepts the MDB Insight report for information.

6.5 RCMP

#043-2021-02-22

Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

CARRIED: That Council directs Administration to write a letter espousing Council's support for the RCMP and their belief that it should remain in Alberta. The letter should also make mention that the problems with Alberta's judicial system need to be addressed in order to support the good work the RCMP does. This letter is to be addressed to Premier Jason Kenney, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Kaycee Madu, MLA Travis Toews and AUMA President & Chair Barry Morishita and is to be circulated to other communities in the region.

6.6 Rhapsody Awards Video Launch

#044-2021-02-22

Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

CARRIED: That Council accepts for information that the video launch of the Rhapsody Awards is Friday Feb 26 at 5:30 PM.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

7.1 Telus – Universal Broadband Support Letter

#045-2021-02-22

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

CARRIED: That Council agrees to sign this letter of support for Universal Broadband.

7.2 Communities in Bloom - Registration & Webinars

#046-2021-02-22

Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

CARRIED: That Council accepts this letter from Communities in Bloom for information.

7.3 Tourism Ireland – Global Greening 2021

#047-2021-02-22

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

CARRIED: That Council agrees to participate again in the 12th annual Global Greening 2021 event with Tourism Ireland on March 17, 2021.

7.4 Beaverlodge Mural Foundation – Letter of Support

#048-2021-02-22 Councillor Terry Dueck

CARRIED: That Council directs Administration to confirm the not-for-profit status of the Beaverlodge Mural Foundation and upon confirmation of their status, write a letter of support for them to Alberta Culture Days 2021.

8.0 COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Action List

#049-2021-02-22

Deputy Mayor Gena Jones

DEFEATED: That Council proposes to change the speed limit on Highway 722, within the Town boundaries from 80 KMH to 60 KMH.

#050-2021-02-22

Councillor Hugh Graw

CARRIED: That Council accepts the Action List for information with the removal of Item 14 regarding the speed limit on Highway 722 within Town boundaries.

8.2 Manager Reports

#051-2021-02-22

Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

CARRIED: That Council accepts these reports for information as presented.

9.0 CLOSED SESSION:

10.0	ADJOURNMENT	Mayor Gary Rycroft adjourned the meeting.	8:44 PM
		Mayor, Gary Rycroft	
		CAO, Jeff Johnston	



February 16, 2021

His Worship Gary Rycroft Mayor Town of Beaverlodge Box 30 Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0

Dear Mayor Rycroft,

We are delighted that the Mountview Health Complex RFP is coming to a close and are anxious to see the consortiums that are bidding on the project.

As you may be aware, the extension to our original contract will expire on March 31, 2021. We believe that we should be able to find your partner and negotiate the Letter of Intent by August 31, 2021. This would entail another extension of the contract for P3 Capital Partners to work with the Mountview Steering Committee for an additional 5 months.

As you know, our agreement included a project fee that would cover our engagement through until commissioning of the project should it proceed. Any fees paid to us up to that date should be capitalized into the project..

If this is acceptable, please date and sign this letter and send a copy back to Monica Barclay.

Sincerely,

Doug Horner

Partner

Mayor Gary Rycroft

Acceptance of Contract Extension

cc. Jeff Johnston, CAO



THE GRANDE PRAIRIE HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORTS CENTRE (GPHPSC)

Project Proposal received January 11, 2021.

Feedback from Administrative Working Group

Purpose:

The goal of AWG is to help applicants strengthen their project proposal application to be better prepared to answer questions from Elected Officials during project presentation.

Points for consideration:

- Provide additional detail on the attachment: Utilization Report and references
- · Clarify operating season timeframe.
- Ownership, public vs private vs other? How would the Municipality have security/assurance for their investment if 100% privately owned? Are there any other models to compare?
- Current relationship with college/education component
- Speak to flexibility, if any, for timelines of project.
- Zoning for property, currently agricultural. Re-zoning timelines may need to be taken into consideration.
- · Potential partnerships
 - o What are potential partners currently spending to rent municipal facilities?
 - Are potential partners in a financial position to afford high performance? Please provide further detail.
- Clarify estimated investment of "human capital".
- Provide information on user groups that have a need for more capacity in the region to provide high performance activities.
- Is Alberta Sport Connection meant to be Grande Prairie Regional Sport Connection?
- Budget Notes
 - o Approximate cost per hour to utilize each part of the facility, gym, ice, etc.
 - o Comparisons to other high-performance facilities as a reference.
 - o How were your current projections derived?
 - o Is projection of \$40K per year a hired employee or management fee? Provide clarification.
 - What plan is in place to manage financial shortfalls and/or positive net income.
 - o Insurance rate seems low for the number of facilities; does this include liability insurance? Please clarify.



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Request for Decision

Report Title - Presenter, Position

Grande Prairie High Performance Centre – Financial Decision: Dan Lemieux, Director of Community Services

Supported By:

Christine Rawlins, Manager of Parks and Recreation

Meeting:

Regular Council Meeting

Meeting Date:

February 22, 2021

Agenda Category:

Unfinished Business

Executive Summary

A presentation was made to the Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee (GPRRC) on February 1, 2021 by proponents of a new High Performance Center in the region. The GPRRC made a motion to seek input from each municipality in a timely fashion due to a pending land and building acquisition in Q1/ early Q2 of 2021 with a goal to be operational in Q3 of 2022.

Background / Proposal

Motion GPRRC 02-01-2021-01 moved by Tom Burton:

"To receive the presentation for information and direct Administration to take the project proposal back to each municipality for discussion" – CARRIED

The GPRRC is seeking a response from each of the seven partner Councils to determine if there is:

(a) municipal *willingness* to endorse the concept of a High-Performance Centre in the Grande Prairie region to allow for further research and development in the future;

AND

(b) municipal *willingness* to enter into an agreement to contribute to both capital and operating expenses for a High Performance Centre in the Grande Prairie region pending a more detailed business case.

The GPRCC did not enter into any discussions about how capital or operating funding responsibilities could be shared amongst the seven regional partners, or whomever may come forward in support of the project. It was concluded that the first step was to determine an expression of interest (or willingness) from each municipality before bringing the project back to the next scheduled GPRRC meeting on March 18, 2021.

As established in the GPRRC Terms of Reference, if the Committee determined that there was municipal support to endorse the High Performance Centre, the next step would require the committed municipalities to enter into detailed discussions on what the agreement and financial contribution would be for each committed partner.

Mr. Jordan Johnsen and Mr. Ryan Pomeroy presented the same information to the County's Committee of the Whole meeting on January 28, 2021. No motions were made at that time.

Options &	& Benefits
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County Council has several options:

Option 1: That Council endorse the concept of a High Performance Centre in the Grande Prairie
region to allow for further research and development in the future and endorse, in principal,
entering into an agreement to contribute to both capital and operating expenses for said facility
pending a more detailed business case

Benefits: Supports the intent of the project and potential funding of the project

Option 2: That Council endorse the concept of a High-Performance Centre in the Grande Prairie
region to allow for further research and development in the future but declines the option to enter
into an agreement to contribute to both capital and operating expenses for said facility pending a
more detailed business case

Benefits: Supports the intent of the project but does not endorse a future financial commitment

Option 3: That Council decline the endorsement of the concept of a High-Performance Centre
in the Grande Prairie region to allow for further research and development in the future and not
enter into an agreement to contribute to both capital and operating expenses for said facility
pending a more detailed business case

Benefits: Does not support the intent of the project and does not endorse a future financial commitment.

Option 4: As Council directs

Costs & Source of Funding

No financial request at this time. If Council selected Option 1, the financial implication would be investigated further at the GPRRC level and brought back to County Council as a separate request.

Municipal Plans

- 1. Strategic Plan: Theme #6: Safe Communities
- 2. Other Municipal Plans: 2016 Grande Prairie Joint Recreation Master Plan

Communication / Public Participation

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 vo-way communication in feedback, listen and □Survey	,	concerns. □Public Hearing	□Other
volve the public to ensu with the public through □Public Notice	the process	and aspirations are considered ☐Community Workshop ☐O	,

□Not Applicable
Administrative Recommended Action
Option 4: As Council directs
Attachments
 GPRRC Request for Decision – High Performance Centre (Feb 1, 2021) GPRRC Project Proposal Application – High Performance Centre (Feb 1, 2021) Grande Prairie High Performance Centre Proposed 5-year Operating Budget Ice and Room Utilization provided by High Performance Centre Feedback to applicant from GPRRC Administrative Working Group Letter of support from Grande Prairie Regional College Letter of support from Grande Prairie Minor Hockey Association
☐ Approved by Director
☐ Approved by Chief Administrative Officer

February 22, 2021

Krista Schuett Regional Recreation Coordinator Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee 10808 - 100 Avenue Clairmont, Alberta T8X 5B2

Dear Mrs. Schuett:

Re: High Performance Centre in Grande Prairie Region

The above item was on the Council agenda on February 16, 2021 at which time the following motion was made:

RESOLUTION NO. 061-02-21

Moved by Councillor Siggelkow that Council decline the endorsement of the concept of a High-Performance Center in the Grande Prairie region and not enter into an agreement to contribute to both capital and operating expenses for said facility.

CARRIED

Trusting you will find the above satisfactory. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Rachel Wueschner, CLGM

Chief Administrative Officer

Rochel Weschner

RW/be

c.c. Melody Sample

Clint Froehlick

Naomi Robinson



February 25, 2021

Krista Schuett
Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Coordinator
c/o County of Grande Prairie
10001 – 84 Avenue
Clairmont, AB
T8X 5B2

RE: Regional High Performance Training Centre

Dear Krista,

The Town of Wembley Council passed the following motion regarding the regional high performance training centre at the recent Regular Council Meeting dated February 22, 2021:

That Council endorse the concept of a High-Performance Centre in the Grande Prairie region to allow for further research and development in the future but declines the option to enter into an agreement to contribute to both capital and operating expenses for said facility.

Feel free to contact me should you have questions.

Noreen Zhang

CAO

Regard

Subject:

FW: MD of Greenview - Motion 21-02-076 High Performance Centre

From: Kevin Gramm < Kevin.Gramm@MDGreenview.ab.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1:30 PM

To: Stephanie Cajolais < scajolais@cityofgp.com; Krista Schuett < kschuett@countygp.ab.ca; Arlen Miller

- ">; Charmaine Baker (recreation@wembley.ca">"recreation@wembley.ca">">; community
- <<u>community@hythe.ca</u>>; Christina Ketchum Wembley Recreation Director <<u>christina@wembley.ca</u>>; Christine Rawlins
- <crawlins@countygp.ab.ca>; Dan Lemieux <dlemieux@countygp.ab.ca>; Deborah Wood
- <Deborah.Wood@MDGreenview.ab.ca>; Karna Germsheid <karna@gpsportconnect.ca>; Katie E. Biberdorf
- < kebiberdorf@cityofgp.com >; Leona Hanson < cao@hythe.ca >; Michael Roma (roma@rcstrategies.ca)
- <<u>roma@rcstrategies.ca</u>>; Naomi Robinson <<u>fcss@sexsmith.ca</u>>; Rachel Wueschner <<u>admin@sexsmith.ca</u>>; Rae Cook
- <RCook@beaverlodge.ca>; wellness@sexsmith.ca

Subject: MD of Greenview - Motion 21-02-076 High Performance Centre

Good afternoon,

At today's regular council meeting of Greenview, council through motion 21-02-076 voted unanimously to:

That Council take no action on the request to provide an expression of interest to the Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee regarding the willingness to endorse the concept of a high performance sports centre and associated financial contribution agreement for capital and operating expenses in the Grande Prairie Region.

Thank you,

Kevin

Kevin Gramm

Manager, Recreation Services Grande Cache

Municipal District of Greenview No.16 | 10450 Hoppe Avenue Grande Cache, Alberta TOE 0Y0

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Thank you.

Nichole Young

From:

Chris Graham < cgraham@campaign-office.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 11:39 AM

To:

Nichole Young

Subject:

ALBERTA/ NWT COMMAND -ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - MILITARY SERVICE

RECOGNITION BOOK

Attachments:

Ratesheet.pdf

Good Morning Nicole,

Thanks for taking a moment for me today. Appreciate your help with this.

Ladies & Gentlemen of Council,

Thank you for your time this evening.

We wanted to say thanks very kindly for the support over the years with the Military Service Recognition Book, the support is greatly appreciated and goes a long way in supporting Veteran Services and Legion activities in the province, thank you very much.

Here is the information regarding the 14th Annual Military Service Recognition Book.

This annual publication recognizes those brave individuals who sacrificed so much for the freedoms that we enjoy today. Thousands of copies will be distributed free of charge to all Legion Branches and advertisers, select schools and libraries, and will be available on-line for anyone to view or print.

We are profoundly indebted to our Veterans. Their extraordinary service and commitment have afforded us the rights and freedoms that are merely a dream to millions of people around the globe.

The Royal Canadian Legion has honoured these deserving citizens with unwavering support. The Military Service Recognition Book is a fitting tribute to our Veterans and will be an invaluable resource to our young people, whose pride and character will be enhanced by learning about the very important role played by our Veterans, the Royal Canadian Legion, and the contributions of its members and supporters. Past copies can be viewed online by clicking here: books

We would sincerely appreciate **TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE's** support and appreciation for our Veterans by purchasing an advertisement in our next edition. You guys have always gone with the business card size space, here is what we have on file from last year:



The Town of Beaverlodge is a proud sponsor of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #121. We want to thank all of those who have provided service to our country by serving in the Armed Forces.

If you require any additional information, please reply to this email or phone me at our toll-free number below.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Chris Graham

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Alberta-Northwest Territories Command The Royal Canadian Legion

"Military Service Recognition Book"

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your interest in the Alberta-Northwest Territories Command of The Royal Canadian Legion, representing Veterans in Alberta and the NWT. Please accept this written request for your support, as per our recent telephone conversation.

The Alberta-NWT Command is very proud to be printing another 5,000 copies of our annual "Military Service Recognition Book" that helps recognize and honour many of our brave Veterans who served our Country so well during times of great conflict. This annual publication goes a long way to help the Legion in our job as the "Keepers of Remembrance", so that none of us forget the selfless contributions made by our Veterans.

We would like to have your organization's support for this Remembrance project by sponsoring an advertisement space in our "Military Service Recognition Book." Proceeds raised from this important project will allow us to fund the printing of this unique publication and also help our Command to improve our services to Veterans and the more than 170 communities that we serve throughout Alberta and the NWT. The Legion is recognized as one of Canada's largest "Community Service" organizations and we are an integral part of all the communities we serve. This project ensures the Legion's continued success in providing very worthwhile services.

Enclosed, please find a rate sheet for your review. Whatever you are able to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact the **Alberta-NWT Command Campaign Office** toll free at **1-888-404-1877**.

Thank you for your consideration and or support.

Sincerely,

John Mahon President



Alberta-Northwest Territory Command The Royal Canadian Legion

"Military Service Recognition Book"

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Inside Front/Back Cover (Full Colour)	\$1,995.24	+	\$99.76	=	\$2,095.00
Full Colour 2 Page Spread	\$3,190.48	+	\$159.52	=	\$3,350.00
Full Page (Full Colour)	\$1,595.24	+	\$79.76	=	\$1,675.00
Full Page	\$1,195.24	+	\$59.76	=	\$1,255.00
1/2 Page (Full Colour)	\$895.24	+	\$44.76	=	\$940.00
½ Page	\$695.24	+	\$34.76	=	\$730.00
1/4 Page (Full Colour)	\$542.86	+	\$27.14	=	\$570.00
1/4 Page	\$442.86	+	\$22.14	=	\$465.00
1/10 Page (Full Colour)	\$323.81	+	\$16.19	=	\$340.00
1/10 Page (Business Card)	\$271.43	+	\$13.57	=	\$285.00

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March 1, 2021

Dear Community Development, Beaverlodge

2020 was quite a year for the Beaverlodge Mural Foundation (BMF). With our mural material in lock down by the Covid-19 restrictions, our mural project were placed on hold until such time as we were able to get the necessary materials to proceed. We are happy to report that our planned mural is now underway with completion scheduled for this summer.

With the lock down the BMF board saw an opportunity to involve families in painting their own 2x4' mural and with approval from AHS, the BMF created our Mini Mural Masterpiece Makers (4M) that was displayed at the Beaverlodge and Area Cultural Centre (BACS), and now resides on the fence at the community garden. Everyone that participated in our 4M project enjoyed it so much that they wanted to know what the BMF was going to do for 2021!

Building on our the success of our 4M project the BMF Board has decided to make a permanent mosaic mural and to offer the schools in and around Beaverlodge the opportunity for students in the 5th grade and up the chance to paint tiles for a 5x10' permanent mosaic mural. The BMF in conjunction with the Beaverlodge Art Cub worked up a 3x5' mosaic mural as a practice run. We were pleased with the resulting mosaic mural and are eager to begin the larger one involving the schools and community. The four Beaverlodge schools have given us an unequivocal "YES" to our mural design and we are now in the process of transferring our design to our mural board material and having the tiles in the schools by the end of March. The schools then have until June 1 to return their painted tiles at which time we will then mount them into the 5x10' permanent mosaic mural display.

The mural design depicts the beginning of agriculture in the Beaverlodge Valley with the breaking of prairie sod with oxen and a single bottom plow. The design continues through to the combining of a swathed crop with today's modern machinery. (See attached picture).

The BMF is looking for sponsors to help cover the cost of our mosaic mural tiles. 450 4x4" tiles are required to complete this mosaic mural. 190 tiles have been requested by two schools to date. In the event that there are more tiles than the schools chose to paint, the "extra" tiles will be offered to the community for painting. Total estimated cost of the mosaic mural is \$4500.00 and you can sponsor as many or as few tiles as you would like.

We hope you will support us in this truly unique Beaverlodge mosaic mural. If you have any questions about this mosaic mural project please don't hesitate to contact me.

MAR - 1 2021

Jim Drabble, Chairman

Beaverlodge Mural Foundation

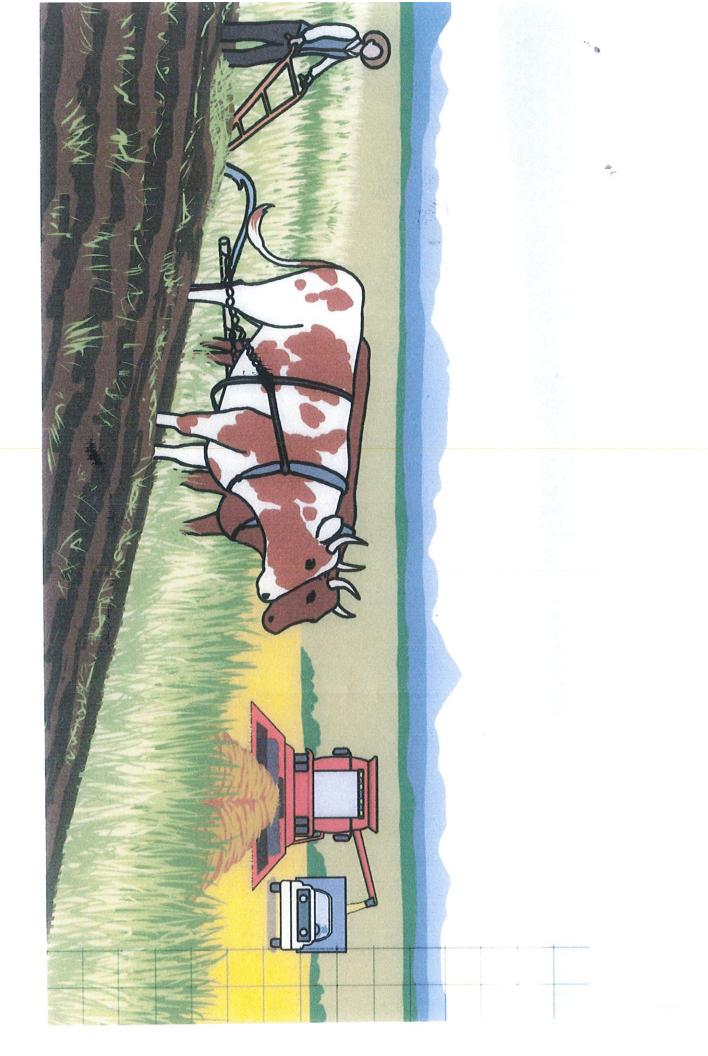
Box 122

Beaverlodge. AB. T0H 0C0

780-354-8530

Yours truly, /

drabblei@hotmail.com





February 23, 2021

Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) – Directive 067 Feedback Suite 1000, 250 – 5th Street SW Calgary, AB T2P 0R4

Dear Regulator,

RE: Westlock County Concerns Regarding Proposed Changes to AER Directive 067

At the County Council Meeting of February 23, 2021 Westlock Council passed a resolution to forward a letter of concern to the AER. Westlock County has significant concerns regarding proposed changes to Directive 067 which fails to address non-payment of levied municipal taxes by Licence Holders of provincially regulated oil and gas properties.

Westlock County (for the tax years 2015 – 2019) has written off \$ 2,377,848 with an additional \$702,000 anticipated for 2020 for a total of \$3,079,848. The annual levy is approximately \$ 11,000,000. These write-offs represent an average of 7% of our annual levy over the past four years. Included in these write-offs is \$137,082 in uncollected School Tax and DIP Requisitions, which have been recovered through the PERC and DIRC Grant program. In addition, \$20,320 of uncollected Senior's Housing requisitions are included in the write offs and to date are not recoverable.

In principle Westlock County Council supports changes to this Directive which better protects the interests of all Alberta residents. The proposed changes to the AER that protect the required funding of the province's Orphan Well Fund and ensure the payment of all provincial fees and royalties is encouraging. It is disappointing though to see that the AER has elected to ignore calls (for more than three years now) from over eighty (80) rural municipalities seeking to ensure that the AER (and the Province of Alberta) act to protect municipal taxation and security powers relating to insolvent Licence Holders (or those continuing operations under bankruptcy protection).

Many operators are defaulting on municipal taxes owed (including School and Seniors Foundation levies) which are assessed by (and ultimately owed to) the Province of Alberta. It is disappointing that the AER has ignored these municipal calls and decided not to address these well documented and often communicated concerns.

Westlock County requests that the AER include the following three (3) necessary amendments in conjunction with the current update of Direction 067:

- "Section 5 Maintaining Eligibility" the AER should immediately revoke the licenses of continuing viable Licence Holders choosing not to pay all (or any) of their municipal tax obligations.
- "Section 4.5) -Unreasonable Risk (Obtaining General Licence Eligibility)" the AER should not
 authorize or permit the purchase or transfer of any licences involving an existing oil or gas licence
 holder (or operator) currently in default of any municipal tax obligation anywhere in Alberta and
- 3. <u>"Section 4.5) Unreasonable Risk (Obtaining General License Eligibility)</u>" the AER should initiate steps with the assistance of the Alberta Government (Municipal Affairs) to ensure that municipalities are recognized as secured creditors (through any bankruptcy involving Licence Holders) to secure and collect that municipality's (and the province's) taxes levied and owed.

Alberta's rural communities are the municipalities that own and are expected to safely maintain the important infrastructure necessary for the oil and gas industry to succeed. As a partner in this success the fair assessment and collection of municipal taxes (including provincial taxes levied for school and seniors) is foundational to the support and maintenance of this infrastructure by our municipality.

Sincerely,

Jared Stitsen Reeve

CC:

Glenn van Dijken, MLA Shane Getson, MLA Provincial Caucus Member Communities – RMA Member Communities - AUMA



Minutes for the Town of Beaverlodge Economic Development Committee Meeting

Thursday Feb 4, 2021 at 9:00AM

Chair - Terry Dueck

ATTENDANCE:

Terry Dueck - Chair

Gary Rycroft - Mayor

Cyndi Corbett - Councillor

Wael Ammar - Member

Callie Balderston - Absent

Jeff Johnston - CAO

Tina Letendre - Asst. CAO

Tracy Ferguson - Member

Tracy Brekkaas - Member - absent

Recording Secretary - Nichole Young & Iris Arberry

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting commenced at 09:02 AM.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

#001-2021-02-04

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

CARRIED: That the agenda be adopted as presented.

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

#002-2021-02-04

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

CARRIED: That the minutes of the November 20, 2020 meeting be accepted as presented.

4.0 OLD BUSINESS:

4.1 Frequent Shoppers Survey – include questions about the program such as are you satisfied with how it went? Would you participate again? Ideas for improvement? Also ask about suggestions for spring, suggestions for summer use of the Arena and ideas for events. Aim to have the results compiled for the end of March.

#003-2021-02-04

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

CARRIED: That the Committee proceed with the survey to businesses with the discussed ideas.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS:

- 5.1 Christmas Craze in Crazy Times Tracy spoke to this and said it went really well and businesses said they liked the protracted attention as opposed to just one evening and participation was very good. The student tree trimming went very smoothly as well with a lot of participation and the timeslots ensured Covid protocols were followed. The Light Up the Lodge Contest was successful as well, but only a list of the business winners was known. Tracy will forward the information about the residential winners.
- 5.2 Christmas Ornament Sales Cyndi sold 38 at the Farmer's market and an additional 101 were sold at the Town Office for a total of 139 sold. The remaining 161 ornaments are to be sold at the Arts & Culture Center and the Rec Centre. Look online for information on a 2020 Museum.

www.beaverlodge.ca



#004-2021-02-04

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

CARRIED: That we sell the remaining ornaments at Beaverlodge Arts & Culture Center as well as the Recreation Centre for the original price.

#005-2021-02-04

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

CARRIED: That the Committee do some research into if there is a 2020 Museum.

5.3 **Beaver Cup** – Councillor Dueck suggested contacting Cody Mould to inquire what they are thinking about hosting this tournament in 2021.

#006-2020-02-04

Councillor Terry Dueck

CARRIED: That the tournament organizer, Cody Mould, be contacted about his plans for a 2021 tournament.

- 5.4 Methanol Plant discussion around the possibility of a methanol plant, cost is however likely prohibitive.
- 5.5 Chop Stick Factory Councillor Dueck spoke about the one previously operating in Sturgeon Lake and has said he will contact Doug Horner and get some information to bring back.

#007-2021-02-04

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

CARRIED: That this idea be brought before Council to see if they would like us to proceed with the investigation of this idea.

- 5.6 Summer use of Arena Ideas were discussed for this but it should be a revenue generating idea so it was decided that members should bring their ideas back for the next meeting.
- 5.7 Spring Initiatives As Easter is a likely time that we will enter stage 3 or 4 we would like to plan some sort of event. A photo scavenger hunt involving Easter Eggs with different locations and clues was popular. PW could build the 'Easter Eggs' and schools could decorate them and they would be large enough to take a selfie beside.

#008-2021-02-04

Councillor Cyndi Corbett

CARRIED: That this idea be brought to Council for approval.

6.0 ROUND TABLE:

- Jeff reminded the committee that there needs to be a budget request for Council for the Committee. He will send out 2019 & 2020 budget information and we will meet prior to March 9 to solidify the request before Council budget meeting on March 9.
- Cyndi spoke about the provincial town hall and reminded everyone that GPRTA will promo any
 events we have if we want them to.
 Next meeting:
- Thursday March 4, 2021 @ 10:00 AM



7.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 AM.

Chair, Terry Dueck

CAO, Jeff Johnston



Council Activity Report

Period: February, 2021

Date	Committee/Meeting Title	Comments/Purpose
Feb 01_2021	Grande Prairie Regional	Special Meeting to establish regional status to
	Recreation Committee	Two potential projects
Feb 04_2020	Other	AUMA President's Summit on Policing
Feb 04_2021	South Peace Physician Attraction	Deferred quarterly meeting
	and Retention	
Feb 08_2021	Subdivision & Development	Receive and approve home based business
	Board	
Feb 08_2021	Town Council	Regular Council meeting
Feb 11_2021	Other	Mountview Health Complex – P3 Partners Mtg
Feb 15_2021	Grande Spirit Foundation	Meeting with Chair and Director of City
		Protective and Community Services Committee
Feb 16_2021	Grande Spirit Foundation	Present to whole City Protective and Community
		Services Committee
Feb 16-18_2021	Other	Virtual Growing the North Conference
Feb 17_2021	Other	AUMA President's Summit on Policing
Feb 22_2021	Town Council	Regular Council meeting
Feb 24_2021	Grande Spirit Foundation	Covenant Care Meeting
Feb 26_2021	Grande Spirit Foundation	Management Committee Meeting

Item Number	Subject	Requested On	Committee	People Responsible	ltem Notes	Status	Target Date of Completion
Н	Land Use Bylaw	ongoing		CAO	The Town has reviewed the draft Land use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan from John Simpson and submitted their revisions. Mr. Simpson will revise and send back on March 12, 2021.	In progress	May 2021
2	NW Parking Lot of Town Square	2017-03-27		CAO	Awaiting Land Titles Registration.	In progress	Spring 2021
٤	Bylaw & Terms of Reference for Recreation & Public Works Committees	2017-10-30		CAO	CAO to complete bylaw & terms of reference for new committees	On Hold	Summer 2021
4	Hydrant Repairs	12-Nov-19		PW.	There are 3 hydrants to repair, 11A St 5th Ave West & 6th Ave - 7th St & 10th St- 1st Ave	ploy no	Summer 2021
2	Bulk Water Hose	23-Mar-20		Admin/PW	Removal of our bulk water hose and having customers bring their own. Discussed as part of the Phase 2 upgrade of the WTP.	in progress	4/1/2021
9	10A St & Highway 43 (Subway Intersection)	22-Jun-20		CAO/Admin	Locate the engineered drawings and plans for the removal of water from this intersection.	On Hold	Spring 2021
7	Paint Road lines, angle parking lines & parking lot lines	4-Aug-20		PW	Crosswalks done. Centre lines, parking lot and angle parking lines to be painted downtown - delayed until spring.	on hold	Summer 2021
∞	Set Meeting for PWSD land	14-Sep-20		Admin	Contact PWSB and the Chair of the Parents Advisory Council to set up a meeting with council to discuss the future use of the land located on 7th Ave between 10th & 11th Street. Letter regarding Council's preference to wait until in-person meetings are allowed was sent Jan 28, 2021.	on hold	Fall/Winter 2021
6	Set meeting about new Firehall	14-Sep-20		CAO	CAO is waiting for proposals from Beairsto & Assoc.	In progress	4/30/2021
10	Road Patching	28-Sep-20		Admin	Paving/Patching areas - all areas that were prepped were completed however the 8th Street area will not be done until next year.	on hold	Summer 2021
11	Town Limit Signs	28-Sep-20		PW	PW has received the signs and the Town has received approval from Alberta Transportation to install	ploy no	Spring 2021
12	Repairs to Outdoor Rink	28-Sep-20		P&R / PW	Build benches and install a Port-A-Potti. Broken equipment has been removed and will need to be replaced as it is destroyed. Green building has been locked.	on hold	Summer 2021
13	Grande Prairie & District Catholic School Board	26-Oct-20		Admin	Set up a meeting with the Board to discuss St. Mary's Kitchen	In progress	4/30/2021
14	Fencing	25-Jan-21		CAO/PW	Installation of a fence around the Water Treatment Resevoir.	ploy no	Spring 2021
		Current as of:	3/8/2021				