Mayor Castle, Deputy Mayor Moulun, Councillors Nelson, Rempel, Stad, Staples and Zwart were in attendance

The Regular Meeting of Council opened with call to order and adoption of the agenda, with amendments including the addition of one item, RCMP Monthly Report, and the deletion of the presentation from Dr. Gillett of the Grande Cache Medical Clinic and the utility billing for the Grande Cache Hotel.

There was a correction to the Regular Meeting minutes for November 23 in the first paragraph under Open Public Forum. Administration requested the minutes indicate that the Town provided fill for the entrance leading into the golf course parking lot. Council adopted the minutes as amended.

Sgt. Dickinson gave a verbal overview of the monthly RCMP report, recent activities and an update on their file caseload.

In the Open Public Forum, Pam Brown questioned if the MD of Greenview is a member of the Town’s Emergency Management Planning Committee. Mayor Castle explained the role of the MD on this Committee.

Pam Brown asked what the Town’s plan is to fill the bylaw enforcement officer’s position and when is it anticipated the peace officer/bylaw enforcement officer will be on staff. Mrs. Thompson explained interviews are being conducted and it is expected an individual will be in place in mid-January.

Administration presented Animal Control Bylaw No. 801 for third and final reading. Administration requested three minor changes, including a change in the heading for Part Eleven by deleting ‘Destruction’ and replacing it with ‘Disposal’. Under section 14 of the bylaw, ‘..on any public or private property within the corporate boundaries of Grande Cache’ was added to the end of each sentence in section 14.1 and 14.2. The bylaw received third and final reading as amended.

Councillor Nelson’s November 9 presentation regarding the concern of wildlife attractants and the impact of wildlife predators within the community was discussed. Council declared
September 10 annually as ‘Charlie Day’ with the intent to educate the public on wildlife hazard awareness. Administration was directed to draft a wildlife management plan in cooperation with the local Fish and Wildlife Officer and the Grande Cache Environmental Committee.

Bylaw No. 818, To Remove the Municipal Reserve Designation from Lot R27, Block 2, Plan 772 0057, (Recreation Centre) was given first reading and the public hearing for this bylaw was scheduled for January 25, 2017.

A report was presented regarding the modification of the proposed plan to protect the Recreation Centre’s electrical systems. Council approved the modifications of the plan. The costs for this project were previously approved by Council.

Council considered the report regarding the Town’s involvement in 2017 Death Race/Deathfest. The following was approved: a) to continue with the merchandising agreement for 2017, with the plan to only re-order out of stock items that are proven sellers; b) that Tent City be administered out of the campground with the intent that the Grande Cache Municipal Campground is full first before utilizing the ball diamond area for overflow camping and that some administrative support be provided to the Grande Cache Municipal Campground during the August long weekend; c) the stage known as the ‘Showmobile’ be booked for the August long weekend, this is cost shared with the Canadian Death Race; d) a letter to be sent to interested parties stating the Town of Grande Cache will not be responsible for ‘Deathfest’ as of January 1, 2017 in an attempt to generate local business or community interest in creating or continuing with a festival for the August long weekend; e) the Town of Grande Cache continue to be involved in the usage and booking of the Community Bus during the Canadian Death Race; and f) the Deathfest Committee be dissolved effective January 1, 2017.

Council deferred the Report for Council regarding the Recreation Centre Arena Cooling Tower (condenser) Replacement to the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 1, 2017 and requested that Administration provide additional information regarding projected savings and engineering costs.

The report for Bylaw No. 819, To Remove the Municipal Reserve Designation from Lot R1, Block 10, Plan 1436 RS, land for the proposed new Fire Hall, was presented. Council gave first reading to the bylaw and a public hearing was scheduled for January 11, 2017.

The 2017 Operating and Capital Budget was approved as presented. Information for the public will be available the week of December 19 in the Town Office and on the Town website.

Councillor Nelson was appointed to the Water North Coalition and Councillor Zwart as an alternate on this Committee.

Councillor Nelson questioned the fundraising initiative – ‘Pet Photos with Santa’ by Little Critters Bed & Biscuit. Donna Criss, owner of Little Critters Bed & Biscuit, explained they are asking for donations of items that can be used in the pound such as food, leashes, dog beds or carriers, etc. Any monetary donations will be used for a spaying and neutering program. Little Critters have been hosting this event for the past several years and each year the organization chosen to receive the financial donation is different.
Council received a letter from the Whispering Pines Lodge Residents Society asking Council to provide a letter of support regarding their requested facility expansion at the Whispering Pines Seniors Lodge.

The Grande Cache Recreation Centre agreement, which addresses the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16’s 50% contribution towards the capital costs of the Recreation Centre expansion for 50% ownership of the expansion (land and building). Council approved and authorized Administration to sign the agreement.

**The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.**

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