



COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN NO. 10 SUMMARY REPORT CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT SESSION Angus Ridge Community Hall

Overview

Through Strategic and Business Planning and budget deliberations, Council identified the need to host one additional annual citizen engagement session to discuss certain County programs and services and obtain feedback from stakeholders. This session supplements the various citizen engagement events currently in place in accordance with legislation, as well as the direction of Council.

In January 2018 Council approved to host a Citizen Engagement Session at the Angus Ridge Community Hall and to include a presentation followed by a question and answer session.

The feedback gathered in this consultation will help Council and Administration make more informed decisions.

The Event

The Citizen Engagement Session was held on March 14 from 7-9 PM at the Angus Ridge Community Hall with approximately 30 residents attending, along with 6 County Councillors, the Acting CAO and Assistant CAO.

Notification of the event was provided to the community via an advertisement in the County Pages of the Pipestone Flyer, which is the County's official community newspaper. The notice of the meeting was also placed on the County's website. The website notice of the event was also shared by several staff members via their personal Facebook pages.

Topics shared in the County of Wetaskiwin presentation included:

- Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs)
- Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Programs and 2017 Highlights
- Recreation Programs and Winfield Arena Upgrades
- Dorchester Development: Water & Wastewater Services Agreement, Area Structure Plan and RR11
- Bridges
- Gwynne Slide
- Alder Flats Wastewater Project
- South Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Project
- Lime Stabilization Test Roads in Division 1, 2 & 5
- Club Root of Canola
- Gravelling Program for Division 1 & 2
- Road Maintenance Budget
- Brushing
- Ditching
- Base & Pave Project on RGE RD 240 North of HWY 814
- Development of policies and/or bylaws for Marijuana legalization



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Summary of Q&A:

What is the budget for the County Grader Patrols? – the overall Patrol budget is \$2,207,000. This includes 4 contract grader beats and 8 County grader beats. Each operator is responsible for approximately 160 km.

Where will the new contract grader in Division 2 area be located? – the contract operator will house the grader in the Gwynne Public Works storage shed. This is the same location that the County grader and operator started their beat from.

Can the gravel from the Battle River be mined by the County? – the approval to mine gravel from an active waterbody would fall under multiple Provincial departments. County Administration are not aware of any approvals for such operations and believe the process would require a number of studies and environmental regulations to navigate through.

What are the guidelines for use of the medical transportation? – the County will be updating it's website to outline the guidelines for County residents. Residents in the west utilize a service out of Winfield and in the east Wetaskiwin Transit. This information can be found under the FCSS section on the County website.

What information is available about the proposed grain terminal south of Wetaskiwin? – on March 20, 2018 the County received a news release from G3 regarding a proposed project. To read more, go to this website: <https://www.g3.ca/news-releases/news/239/g3-canada-ltd-to-expand-into-alberta-continue-growth-in-saskatchewan>.

Can the transfer stations accept Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) containers? – Administration will continue to investigate the safest method of disposing of DEF containers. Further information on this will be posted on the County website as it is obtained.

What is the status of the Angus Ridge Hall road from SH822 to the hall? – the Angus Ridge road was gravelled in 2012 and 2014. It was not included on the 2018 gravel budget nor are there any upgrades proposed for the next 5 years.

Can the County Community Peace Officers take a greater role in fighting rural crime? – Community Peace Officers (CPO) fall under the Solicitor General's authorization to employ peace officers. The Provincial program does not allow CPO's to investigate issues such as theft, impaired driving, assault or other similar Criminal Code Offenses. On March 13, 2018, Council directed Administration to enter into contracts to provide an enhanced RCMP member for the Thorsby/Breton detachment and an enhanced Crime Analyst for the Wetaskiwin detachment.



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Is there any information available regarding some of the test projects being undertaken such as the lime stabilization? – Public Works has been instructed to update the website with the results of the lime stabilization and any other dust suppression projects.

Next Steps

Going forward, Council and Administration will be able to consider the feedback provided at this consultation when making decisions.

In January 2019, Council will determine the location of the annual Citizen Engagement Session.

Thank You

The County of Wetaskiwin Council and Administration would like to thank those who participated in the Citizen Engagement Session for their valuable input which will be of assistance when making future decisions.

If you have further questions please contact Rod Hawken, CAO at 780-361-6225 or email rhawken@county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca.