



Straight From the Table

Council met on December 16th to work through a packed agenda. Here's a few of the highlights.

Council Supports Search and Rescue: Council approved a contribution of \$ 2500 to each of the three Search and Rescue organizations in Didsbury, Sundre and Olds to support insurance costs for each program.

Cost of Living Salary Adjustment: Council passed a motion providing a 1.5% salary and wage adjustment for County staff and Council to reflect the change in Alberta's Consumer Price Index over the last 12 months. The increase is effective January 1st 2005.

Acme Road West: Council passed a motion to apply to the Prairie Grain Roads Program for funding to initiate upgrades to Acme Road west of Highway 2. The work will include a pavement overlay and side slop improvement. Cost is estimated at \$ 1 million. With the grant in place, the County's portion will be \$ 330,000.

Council Approves 2005 F.C.S.S. Grants: Council approved funding for 17 organizations offering preventative services to strengthen local communities and families. Total funding requested was \$ 213,858 of which the Province of Alberta covers 80%. The approved County portion of 20% totals \$ 42,772.

County to Pursue Olds/Didsbury Airport Purchase: Council instructed the Airport Committee to pursue purchase of the Olds/Didsbury Airport from the Hangar owners. Council's resolution stipulates achieving a satisfactory agreement between all parties which includes satisfying a number of County conditions.

Update to Council by the Committee for Lone Pine: Representing the Committee for Lone Pine, Mr. Murray Marsh gave Council an update on the status of an upcoming NRCB Board Review Hearing regarding the AAA Cattle Company. Representatives from the County's Planning Department will be attending the Hearing to present information. Representatives from Council will attend as observers.

Administration Building Proceeding on Schedule: Steel delivery has now been made and the building can proceed to be enclosed. The project is on track with no deviations from the budget to date.

For more information on the Council meeting, please call the County office at 335-3311. The County office will close at noon on December 24th and will be closed on December 27th, 28th and January 3rd.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Mountain View County Council!

