

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW No. 16

Manager's Report

Department: CAO Services

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June was a busy and productive month for CAO Services, beginning with participation in a two-day Economic Development Strategy session in Grande Prairie. The session brought together staff from multiple departments to identify priorities, set clear goals, and begin developing a more coordinated and streamlined approach to economic development moving forward.

On June 4, Greenview Council took part in the Tri-Municipal meeting with the Province, the City of Grande Prairie, and the County of Grande Prairie regarding the Upper Smoky Sub-Regional Plan. This meeting was an important opportunity for Council to raise questions, seek clarity on the draft plan, and hear the perspectives of neighboring municipalities.

A successful Public Information Session was held on June 6 focused on Renewable Energy Projects. Approximately 35 attendees participated, with strong engagement and thoughtful discussion around renewable development and its alignment with municipal policy.

On June 9, a wildfire resulted in the closure of the Forestry Trunk Road, prompting a high volume of access permit requests from industry. CAO Services supported efforts in coordination with our Regional Fire Chief, and Forestry during this time to ensure timely responses and minimal disruption to operations.

Later in the month, CAO Wabick, Legislative Services Manager Sarah Sebo, and Government Liaison, Wendy Unger, attended the Local Government Administration Association (LGAA) Conference in Canmore. This annual conference is directed toward senior municipal staff and focuses on governance, legislative updates, and emerging issues in municipal administration. It offers valuable peer-to-peer learning opportunities and facilitates important connections with colleagues across the province, allowing Greenview to stay aligned with evolving practices and policy conversations.

In addition to scheduled meetings and events, a significant portion of the month was spent navigating ongoing and often complex internal and external matters. The continued work on Greenview's Land Use Bylaw and various renewable energy proposals required extensive internal coordination and discussions with affected parties. These issues—along with day-to-day operational challenges—kept the CAO and support staff fully engaged, balancing strategic priorities with timely responses to pressing and sometimes contentious matters.

CAO Services also worked closely with ATCO to prepare communications related to the planned power outage in Grande Cache scheduled for July 7–8, ensuring residents and stakeholders are informed and prepared.

Throughout the latter half of the month, considerable focus was directed toward provincial advocacy, including preparing for engagement on the Police Funding Model, continued work on the Upper Smoky Sub-Regional Plan, and early research into the implications of Bill 49: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, as well as Bill 50: Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act.