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Next Regular Council Meeting: December 18th, 2007 @ 5:00pm

STRATEGIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT - Thank you for your participation!

The Town of Grande Cache is working on a Strategic Planning & Development Project. This project will include:

- A Community Profile that identifies municipal policies and actions that affect the ability of existing businesses to expand and prosper, as well as new investment opportunities that may be available.
 - A Preliminary Business Case to attract and encourage development of a major tourist resort.
 - Business Retention and Expansion Strategies that focus on what the Town of Grande Cache can do, to retain and attract businesses of all kinds.
- From November 5-9, surveyors visited local businesses to gather information and research. **Thank you to everyone that participated in the survey!** Watch our website this December to review highlights from the Business Retention & Expansion Survey.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS!



The Town of Grande Cache would like to extend a very big **THANK YOU** to EnCana, Talisman Energy, and ConocoPhillips!

A cheque for \$11,800 was presented on December 6th to Mayor Louise Krewusik for improving the GPS system at the Grande Cache Airport.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Title: Full Time Lifeguard/Instructor **Close Date:** December 17, 2007 **Department:** Akasaka Swimming Pool

At the center of a resources and eco-tourism based region known as the last undiscovered jewel in Alberta, the Town of Grande Cache offers an exceptional quality of life and a full-service progressive community which is an ideal place to work and live.

Reporting to the Aquatic Supervisor, the Lifeguard is a key member of the recreation team and will play a crucial role in providing a strong positive image for the Recreation Centre. The scope of this role encompasses working with the public through supervision of the pool and the pool area, instructing swimming lessons, and ensuring that the pool areas are kept in a sanitary manner.

As the ideal candidate, you are best known for your public relations skills, strong work ethic, ability to perform lifeguarding and instruction skills, and have a willingness to learn new skills. You are a creative thinker with a consultative team work approach, and possess a high level of personal integrity, as you will play an integral role in implementing the vision and direction for the present and future development of our Town. As well, you must be willing to work shift work.

As the successful candidate you will have:

- Ability to supervise clients in the pool and on the pool deck in accordance with legislation and policy requirements
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work independently but with a consultative, teamwork approach
- Ability to respond to inquiries from the public
- Ability to provide superior customer service for residents and visitors
- Ability to perform life guarding and instructional tasks
- Willingness to attend training and learn new skills
- Qualifications - NLS, LSI, Standard First Aid and CPR level 'B'

The Town of Grande Cache is offering a comprehensive benefits package and a competitive salary, commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Applications are invited in the form of a detailed resume, with a covering letter detailing your qualifications and experience relative to the position.

For additional information please contact:
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 E-mail: admin@grandecache.ca
 Address: Box 300 Grande Cache, AB. T0E 0Y0
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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

The Town of Grande Cache is once again offering monthly tax installments for 2008. Two (2) options are available; postdated cheques or preauthorized debit. Please call the Town Office **PRIOR** to January 1, 2008 should you wish to participate in the monthly tax program. If you are already participating in the monthly tax program and wish to withdraw or change your payment option please advise the Town Office **PRIOR** to January 1, 2008, or your payments will continue under the same option as 2007.

SNOW REMOVAL

The winter season is upon us and with it comes the snow! The removal of snow from the Towns roads and sidewalks continually causes problems with windrows in driveways, icy or snow covered sidewalks. Keeping the roads and walkways clear and safe is the top priority of the Public Works Department after a snowfall. There are situations that complicate our job, one of them being homeowners pushing snow from their driveways out onto the street. This is not only illegal, but it creates problems for the neighbours across the street. The snow pushed onto the road from the driveway builds up on the grader blade and does not come off until the next point of release, which is the driveway across the street. The Public Works Dept. would greatly appreciate your help in remedying this situation. Please pile your snow on your own property (i.e.) the lawn or beside the driveway. This situation will be monitored for the next snowfall and individuals who choose not to comply may be subject to fines.
 Thank you for your cooperation!

ANTON'S -AWAY

THE FUTURE OF CAMP HIDEAWAY!

As a part of a new strategic planning initiative, we are looking for people who have participated in field trips at Hide -A-Way or on the Incentive Hike with Anton Hauck and company over the last 30 years. Anton is in need of testimonials which will point to the impact of the learning experience as well as how it may have helped prepare you for the life you lead now. He will use this input to help in the creation of a proposal which would see Hide-A-Way become a destination place for groups who wish to increase their awareness, skills and appreciation for nature. If you have had a positive experience participating in any of these trips, please take a moment to forward him your thoughts and opinions on the value of such an experience. If you know someone who has benefitted from their experience in these educational adventures and may not see this ad, please let them know so they might be able to respond accordingly.
 To provide your feedback or for information on the Hideaway Project please contact Anton Hauck @ 780.827.4836 or by email anton_hauck@yahoo.ca



GRANDE CACHE WILL BE A VIBRANT AND PROGRESSIVE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY THAT ACHIEVES EXCELLENCE BY EMBRACING CULTURAL DIVERSITY, SAFE, AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS, LEADING EDGE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, AND A SUSTAINABLE DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY.

RECREATION EVENTS!

> Whoville Holiday:

Saturday December 15th, 2007 at the Recreation Centre
 Cost: \$2 / per child or \$5/ family
 1-2pm: Crafts / 2-3:30pm: Movie & Skate
 Cookies & Hot Chocolate from 3:30 - 5pm / Santa from 4-5pm
 Feel free to come dressed up as your favorite Whoville character!

> Holiday Lights Competition:

Awards will be offered in two categories: Residential and Commercial/Industrial. On December 12, judges will drive the streets of Grande Cache looking for fantastic Holiday decorations and light displays, featuring LED lights – in our efforts to preserve the environment. The following prizes will be awarded in both categories: 1st Place \$300.00, 2nd Place \$200.00 and 3rd Place \$100.00. Thanks to our sponsors the Town of Grande Cache, Willmore Wilderness Foundation, Michel's Super A and Milner Power. Registration forms may be picked up at the Recreation Centre and Town Office, or on our website www.grandecache.ca. Winners will be announced at A Whoville Holiday, winter celebration at the Recreation Centre on December 15th.

> Winter Fun 2008:

January 2nd, 3rd & 4th from 9am-3:30pm
 Fee: \$12/day *this event is for ages 6-10
 Registration deadline is December 20, 2007 and space is limited. No phone registrations will be accepted. Payment must accompany registration. Join us for skating, games, swimming, crafts, curling and lots of other fun activities!

> Family Skate at Power Pond

January 5th from 6-8:00pm
 Bring the family out to power pond for some great winter fun. We will be playing festive music as you skate in the great outdoors. Hot chocolate and other goodies will be available. A fundraising BBQ will be provided by the Youth Programs. A shuttle service courtesy of Milner Power will bring skaters to and from the Recreation Centre starting at 5:30pm.

> Stocking Stuffers

Recreation Centre Day Passes will now be available in books of 5 passes. Cost is \$10 for Youth and Seniors and \$15 for Adults. Passes may be used for swimming, skating, fitness centre usage and any drop-in programs (including Aquafit and Water Running).

> Community Christmas Concert

7:00 p.m. December 18th, at the United Church

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

In keeping with the Town's new direction, we have made some much needed changes to our Christmas decorations. Our old decorations were becoming unsafe to use after battling 30 years of Grande Cache winds. The mounting brackets were beginning to fail, causing the decorations to fall off the light standards. This situation was of great concern because of the danger to the public. We decided to abandon them, and go with a new approach. We are in the process of making new decorations, however we did not get them completed in time for the Christmas season. We do hope to be ready for next year with a brand new look. We hope you will be patient with us during this transitional time and look forward to lighting up for next year.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS ISSUED BY-LAW 641

As INFORMATION only, the following Development Permits for Permitted Uses, where no variances or relaxation of standards were APPROVED:

PERMIT #	DEVELOPMENT APPROVED	CIVIC ADDRESS
K-080-07	FASCIA SIGN	9800 - 99 ST
K-081-07	12 X 12 SHED	10853 - 98 AVE
K-082-07	24 X 16 REAR DECK	11062 SWANN DR
K-083-07	15 X 15 REAR DECK	10522 - 99 AVE
K-084-07	REFUSE STORAGE	3100 PINE PLAZA
K-085-07	24 X 50 PORTABLE CLASSROOM	11080 SWANN DR
K-086-07	26 X 30 COVERALL BUILDING	9902 - 98 STREET