

Topic: Gravel Industry Focused Enforcement – Enhancing the Gravel Point Officer Position

Introduction:

Currently there is one Community Peace Officer assigned as the Gravel Point Officer. This position was created in 2006 from one of the recommendations from the Gravel Resolutions Committee. Gravel activity throughout the County is stretching this resource. It is proposed to temporarily provide additional resources to this position.

Facts (Background Information):

There are currently 47 gravel pits in Parkland County. Another 8 are in the application process. One gravel pit alone, which has an Alberta Transportation contract, on a daily basis is seeing about 200 trucks travelling on County roads and the adjacent Provincial highways. The role of Enforcement Services related to the gravel industry is to perform traffic enforcement, enforcing the Haul Agreement, including implementing the administrative penalties, tracking the daily truck sheets submitted by the companies, assist Planning & Development in enforcing the conditions of the Development Permit, respond to and investigate complaints from the public and liaise with all stakeholders. Currently Parkland County has one Gravel Point Officer. The significant increase in gravel activities this year has resulted in this officer being unable to address all these concerns in a timely fashion. It is recommended to provide additional resources to enhance the Gravel Point Officer.

Analysis:

Administration is recommending enhancing the Gravel Point Officer by:

1. Secondment of the two Municipal Enforcement, CPO1, positions to enhance the Gravel Point Officer
 - a. As these positions are already approved in the 2013 budget there is no additional cost to the County,
2. Back fill the 2 Municipal Enforcement positions with 2 term Bylaw Enforcement (CPO2) Officers for one year:
 - a. Cost from August – December 2013
 - i. Salaries - \$24,570 + 14% benefits = 3,440 - \$28,010 x 2 = \$56,020
 - b. Cost January – July 2014

i. Salaries - \$36,041 + 14% benefits - \$5,046 - \$41,087 x 2 = \$82,174

3. These two options will be re-evaluated in May 2014 with recommendations to Council to either continue or not,
4. Enter into an Enhanced Policing Agreement with the RCMP Spruce Grove/Stony Plain Detachment until the end of 2013 or \$10,000 whichever is reached first.
 - a. This option will be re-evaluated with recommendations to Council prior to renewal.

Alternatives:

1. Continue with one Gravel Point Officer

Conclusion/Summary:

Administration supports enhancing the Gravel Point Officer position to enhance quality of life and public safety within Parkland County.

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