

Cremona council briefs

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Policing priorities set

Cremona council would like RCMP officers to focus on crime reduction, traffic safety and increasing visibility in the community this year.

Those are the top three priorities council has set for the Didsbury RCMP detachment's 2016-17 annual performance plan.

The new plan starts April 1 and Sgt. Kimberley Pasloske asked council during its Feb. 16 meeting for its priorities.

Council decided to keep the same priorities as last year, but would like to see officers conducting more presentations at Cremona School and would like more of a police presence during the lunch hour and after school.

FCSS funding approved

Cremona council approved Family and Community Support Services

(FCSS) funding recommendations for 2016 during its Feb. 16 meeting.

A total of \$6,915 is being divided and distributed to 10 different organizations or programs.

Of that money, \$181 is going to the Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre for two different programs, \$600 is going to the Shalom Counselling Centre and \$700 is going to Accredited Supports to the Community for a healthy families program.

The Water Valley Playschool is receiving \$500, while Chinook Arch Victims Services is receiving \$1,200, and the Chinook's Edge School Division is receiving \$1,000 for family school wellness.

The Mountain View Communities Adult Learning Society is receiving \$562, while \$500 is going to the Mountain View Emergency Shelter Society and \$1,671 is going to the Cremona Community Engagement Society.

Officials said they were not able to meet all of the funding requests

because more money was requested than is available.

Lions support skating rink project

Cremona Lions Club member Larry Steeves told council during its Feb. 16 meeting the club supports its idea to transform the outdoor skating rink into a skate park during the summer.

He said the club will donate the money it makes from running the RV dumping station towards operating costs of the skating rink and skate park project.

He also said members would like to volunteer their services to help build it.

Cremona residents were able to utilize an outdoor skating rink in the village this winter for the first time in several years, after council approved a resident's request for one last year.

It was built on the northeast side of the tennis courts in the village and has been so popular it's prompted village officials to look into transforming it

into a skate park during the summer.

Council gave village officials the go-ahead during its January meeting to apply for the Mountain View County Recreational Board Grant to build and maintain the rink for residents next winter.

New waste commission agreement approved

Cremona council approved the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission's new membership agreement during its Feb. 16 meeting.

The new agreement was recently completed and approved by the commission's board of directors and each member municipality is required to approve and sign it.

Other member municipalities include Carstairs, Olds, Didsbury, Sundre and Mountain View County.

The commission oversees waste collection and the operation of facilities in the county.