

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 12, 2010

Keeping you informed of the services, business and development that affect YOU!

□#1 Road Work Underway – The road construction crew is moving to the Wolf Lake Road after completing the shop site grading and the Marie Lake landfill reclamation. The road oiling crew returned on May 3 to start with some small rip and relay projects before tackling work on the Gurneyville Road. E Construction will start the dirt work on the nine miles of base paving on July 5, with paving scheduled to take place in August. Cement stabilization costs are being tallied to complete the Birch Grove Road and Township Road 610A. Once the concrete powder is supplied, the oiling crew will be completing the two road projects. Two patching trucks are working in Wards 1 and 2, with the third truck responding to emergency calls. Please call 780-826-3951 to report a pot hole. Road graveling has begun, with approximately 600 miles to be completed.

□#2 Agricultural News – In cooperation with the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) Program, the M.D. has distributed 25,000 trees to residents for spring planting. The M.D. will be planting over 1,000 trees at its Tree Nursery east of La Corey. The PFRA is using the nursery as a demonstration plot for fall seeding tree versus spring seeding trees. Total claims in the first quarter of the VSI (Veterinary Services Incorporated) Program were slightly higher at \$11,541. The increase is due to increased support by the M.D., from 50 per cent to 60 per cent coverage, and the fact that bills from the St. Paul veterinary clinic are now covered. An additional 20 producers have signed up in the last three months.

□#3 Waste Wrap Up – The old Marie Lake landfill has been capped with clay that will shed water so it will not penetrate the old pits. The site will be seeded with native grasses and additional monitoring wells will be added this fall to monitor ground water for the next 25 years. Summer staff started on the routine clean-up of the bins located throughout the M.D. now that everyone has started their spring cleaning. Three new bins will be placed in La Corey this week between the old fire hall and the fire/grader shop. Once the old Marie Lake landfill reclamation is complete, a new bin site will be placed at the entrance. They will replace the bins in the Marie Lake subdivision, and give better access to the houses along the Cold Lake lakeshore. All bins in the M.D. are being retrofitted with steel lids to prevent the wind from whipping them open and garbage flying out.

□#4 Community Services Update – Flat Lake Community Hall received its \$15,000 annual operating grant and a \$5,000 Special Projects Grant to replace their ceiling, install energy efficient lights and paint the interior of the hall. All M.D. operated campgrounds opened Friday, May 14. Construction of the new Parks Shop will begin this month. Community Hall meetings will be held at La Corey, Riverhurst and Flat Lake to discuss insurance issues.

□#5 Increased Community Patrols – Residents should watch their speeds now that Peace Officers have started to patrol all the hamlets and subdivisions within the M.D. of Bonnyville on a regular basis. Now that the M.D. no longer provides services to the

Town of Bonnyville additional portions of the M.D. are benefiting from regular patrols. Ward 6 was the first to see increased Community Patrols and Ward 2 is next on the list. In the past, Peace Officers concentrated on Wards 4 and 5 because of the heavy industrial traffic in those areas of the M.D.

☐#6 New Fire Service Bylaw Passed – Council passed a new Fire Services Bylaw to bring regulations in line with current provincial standards. The biggest change is in regards to the sale and discharge of fireworks and pyrotechnic devices. To stay in line with the Alberta Fire Code, no person shall sell, purchase, possess, handle, discharge, fire or set off fireworks unless a permit issued by the fire services for that purpose has been obtained. Also, no one can discharge, fire or set off fireworks on privately owned land unless they first obtain the written consent of the owner or occupant of that land and the owner or occupant of neighbouring land on which debris might reasonably be expected to fall and provide a copy of the consent to the fire services. A Fireworks and Possession and Discharge Permit will cost \$10 and be available from any licensed fireworks retailer the M.D. or from the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority. The permit system will be implemented this summer.

☐#7 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Council reduced its summer Council Meeting dates, cancelling July 14 and 28 and August 11, and setting July 7 and August 25 as the meeting dates.

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