

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 25, 2011

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□#1 Roundabout Petition Accepted As Information – In a recorded vote Municipal District of Bonnyville Council accepted the non-sufficient Roundabout petition for information and agreed to continue with the Memorandum of Agreement and legal binding contract with Alberta Transportation to fund the construction of a Highway Roundabout at the intersection of Highways 892 and 55 as per Council Motion No. 11.177. Reeve Ed Rondeau and Councillors Barry Kalinski, Mike Krywiak, Glen Johnson and Fred Bamber voted in favour of the motion. Councillors Dave Fox and Don Sinclair voted against the motion. The petition against the Roundabout questioned the payment of \$2 million in partnership funds to the province for the construction of the Roundabout at the junctions of Highways 892 and 55.

□#2 Support For Slave Lake – Council agreed to donate \$10,000 to the Lakeland's Slave Lake Benefit Fund. All proceeds will go directly to the Town of Slave Lake. The M.D. has also sent two Public Works staff trained in water and sewer issues to Slave Lake to help with the ongoing clean up. Darrin Turner and Ben Sikorski volunteered to lend their expertise and the M.D. will pick up any expenses they incur while in Slave Lake. A joint effort between the Canadian Public Works Association, Alberta Public Works Association and the M.D. of Bonnyville, along with other agencies assisting the Town of Slave Lake, provided a unique opportunity for our staff to provide some well needed relief for the Town of Slave Lake operational staff. They were joined by two operators from the City of St. Albert and will provide assistance in public works operations. "Every now and then we get a chance to really make a difference and I know the impact of these men will be felt by the staff of Slave Lake. The remaining operational staff will cover as needed during the time Darren and Ben are gone, so in some way we all get to contribute. We should all be proud of these efforts and being part of an organization that supports this kind of activity," says Transportation and Utilities Director Darcy Zelisko. M.D. staff also raised \$1,100 last week at the Public Works Week Open House for Slave Lake. Council will also be attending the Slave Lake Benefit Dance at the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre on Friday, June 3 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Everyone is urged to attend and to make donations to the silent auction.

□#3 Waste Disposal Charges Increased – Council agreed to increase the majority of Solid Waste Disposal fees at M.D. landfill sites after a review was done by the Waste Reduction Committee. The fee to dispose of fridges and freezers was reduced to \$20 from \$30. All other disposal fees increased by \$10 to \$20. These rates do not affect residents, as they can bring their own waste to the landfill at no charge. The new rates are in line with our neighbouring urban municipalities and apply to large commercial trucks dumping at our landfills.

□#4 Crane Lake ATV Crackdown – Over the long weekend Public Safety Peace Officers were on patrol in the Crane Lake area strictly enforcing the rules against ATV traffic in campgrounds and on road ways. As a result of the multitude of complaints

against ATV traffic in the area, Peace Officers will continue enforcement throughout the summer to reduce infractions. Campground patrols will continue throughout the summer at all M.D. camping spots, with the primary focus being Friday evenings and Saturday. Formal quad patrols on the Iron Horse Trail began on the May long weekend, with the goal of a minimum of three patrols per week along the popular trail. More patrols will be added as issues crop up.

□#5 Funding Support – Dupre Community League received an Annual Operating Grant of \$5,000 and a Special Projects Grant of \$5,000. The group is in the process of rebuilding their existing ball diamonds, adding a playground, campground and there are plans to construct a new community hall. Council agreed to provide a maximum of 60 tonne of cold mix to pave the Lakeland Centre for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder parking lot in Cold Lake. The in-kind donation is worth approximately \$3,600 (plus trucking). Council asked administration to make sure that an approved contractor is laying the cold mix. Council agreed to sponsor a \$500 team in the Genia Leskiw Lakeland United Way Charity Golf Classic on July 17.

□#6 Agricultural Update – A total of 55 kilometres of M.D. roadways have been cleaned up by local groups with over 500 bags of garbage collected. Warmer weather brought residents into fields and yards, and M.D. rental equipment went flying out the door. Land rollers are going out daily, with staff delivering the 30-foot roller due to the weight and dimensions of the machine. Post pounders, tree planter and corral panels are also popular items. The M.D. currently has seven post pounders to rent; four in Bonnyville, one in Cherry Grove, one in Iron River and one in Therien. Construction crews are finishing capping the Iron River and Fort Kent Landfills. Top soil will be placed over the summer months. New burn cells and a metal storage area were added to the Fort Kent Transfer Station. The operator shack has been moved to the east end of the site to control traffic and make it user friendly.

□#7 Transportation and Utilities News – Range Road 624 (Hamelot Road) has been removed from the Road Oiling Priority list because portions of the road were found to be substandard and need to be rebuilt. RR 624 will now be placed on the 2012 Road Construction Priority list. The second lift of RR 411 (Cherry Ridge Estates Road) will now be placed on the 2011 priority list as the replacement road in Ward 6. The north end of Range Road 415, south of Township Road 630, will be reconstructed for 300 metres prior to oiling. The Road Paving crew has completed the bottom lift on the “Shop Road” and the intersection on Hwy 660 will be done this week. Subgrade work will begin on Wolf Lake Road this week. The Road Oiling Crew has moved from RR 484 (Minnie Lake Road) because of frost and excessive moisture in the subgrade and will return once other projects are completed in the area. Contracted gravelling is scheduled to start on May 25 in the east end of the M.D. Two patching trucks have been assigned to Wards 1 and 5 as of June 1. The Road Construction Crew has started on RR 430 and will be moving to the Baywood Road once work is completed. Industry partners are currently working on M.D. roads as well. Devon is completing its portion of road graveling and will begin dust control this week. CNRL roads have been inspected and the company’s contractors will begin graveling shortly.

☐#8 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – M.D. Council will be meeting on July 6 and August 24. The June 1 Council Committee Meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled to June 29. M.D. representatives will attend a Cold Lake Stewardship Forum on June 8 hosted by the City of Cold Lake to discuss the status of a proposed regional waterline from Cold Lake to the Town of Bonnyville and the potential impacts on other users of the water body.

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