

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS November 9, 2011

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☐#1 Rat Control Program Effective – The Municipal District of Bonnyville’s Pest Control Officer has been busy in October with rat complaints that in the end turned out to be weasels, mice and muskrats. He has conducted over 1,300 inspections in Ranges 1 and 2 of the M.D. He has also assisted rural municipalities in the Medicine Hat area with a rat infestation as the provincial Rat Control Program has a reciprocal agreement for assistance. The Rat Control Program is celebrating its 61st Anniversary this year. Alberta is considered the largest land mass outside of Antarctica that is rat free.

☐#2 “Cop Card” Program A Hit – The M.D. Public Safety School Resource Officers have introduced the “Cop Card” Program into the Glendon, Iron River, Ardmore and Cold Lake Schools. Some students have already collected the minimum number of cards and received their free t-shirt.

☐#3 Transportation and Utilities News – Council will be touring M.D. roads this month to map out the 2012 construction and maintenance priorities. Streetlight installation will be completed this month. The contractor is finishing up the landscaping and clean up for the Fort Kent Street Improvement Program. Council agreed to provide a maximum \$69,764 payment for the installation of water and sewer lines within Fort Kent’s 51st Street. The infrastructure extension is to service a new residential development. The cost of the installation increased due to extra material required for backfill. Council agreed to allow Ensign Energy Services Inc. to install a waterline connection to the M.D. transmission line as long as Alberta Transportation gives approval to cross under Highway 28. Ensign Energy will be responsible to maintain all the infrastructure of the connecting line. All 2011 Road Oiling projects were completed, with a couple of extra roads added in, before the crew shut down for the winter. Road gravelling is completed for the season. One patch truck is still working on potholes, but the other trucks have been switched over to winter gear. The construction crew will be working on Range Road 443 south of Township Road 632 until the cold and snow force them to shut down. Sand and salt mixing has been completed. The winter road maintenance night crew will begin their shifts on November 20.

☐#4 Agricultural Update – The construction portion of the Muriel Lake landfill reclamation is complete. More topsoil will be added later this year or in the spring. The next landfill reclamation will be Hilda Lake and Goodridge landfills. There has been a slow start up for this year’s Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program, but the numbers are expected to increase by the end of November. Beaver dam blasting was completed and trappers have had a good success rate.

☐#5 Funding Support – Council agree to a .22 cent per capita funding increase for the Northern Lights Library System Board – from \$4.33 to \$4.55. This would mean an increase of \$1,990.34 from last year paid by the municipality and the library board. The

total levy for 2012 would be \$41,163.85 from the M.D. Council agreed to provide a donation of \$950 to the Cold Lake Food Bank to reduce their financial shortfall.

□#6 Planning and Development News – It has been a busy year in the Planning and Development Department with 115 Single Family Dwelling permits and 10 Mobile Home units to date. Twelve new residential permits were issued in October. The October month end permit value was \$3,670,600.00, with a year total of \$50,737,430.00. First Reading was given to LU 1507 to close and lease a road allowance East of E1/2 Section 18-63-4 W4M. Bylaw LU 497 was given Final Reading with the revision to the Area Structure Plan for the dedication of Municipal Reserve being the most northerly lot of the concept plan and 20 meter wide connection of the internal road to the N/S road allowance as indicated on the concept plan. The remaining MR owing is to be deferred to the remnant of the quarter section east of Highway 897. Third Reading was given to Bylaw LU 498 to rezone Part of SW 12-62-2-W4M from Country Residential (CR1) to Country Residential (CR).

□#7 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Winter is officially here! Kinosoo Ridge has started making snow and will open its doors to the public on December 3. A ratepayer's tax payment penalty was cancelled because of a banking error. Reserve bids and conditions were set on properties for the 2011 Tax Arrears Public Auction to be held on December 6 at 2 p.m. There is a strong likelihood that all properties in the public auction may have their tax arrears cleared up prior to the auction.

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