

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS November 24, 2010

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□#1 Funding for Energy Centre Phase 2 – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to contribute \$1 million from the 2010 budget to the construction of Phase 2 of the Cold Lake Energy Centre. In discussions Council acknowledged that the M.D. currently has a surplus of \$1 million in the budget. In August, the City of Cold Lake had requested a \$3.07 million contribution from the M.D. for construction of Phase 2 of the Energy Centre.

□#2 Planning and Development Update – The M.D.'s Planning and Development Department has processed 54 subdivision applications for single lot and multi-lot subdivisions in 2010. Each application takes up to three and half months to complete. At the end of October the month end value of development was \$9,035,000, with a year-to-date total of \$49,076,451. In October, 41 Development Permits and 29 new residential building permits were taken out. Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping is being updated on a day to day basis and all maps – including ownership, land use and hamlets – can be found on the M.D. web site. Address maps are being developed for all the rural, multi-lot subdivisions that will be posted on the web site as well. Global Positioning Systems (GPS) have been placed in M.D. vehicles and equipment tracking reports – for such vehicles as graders – can be generated as requested.

□#3 Transportation and Utilities Project News – A letter of support was provided to AltaGas Utilities Inc. as the company moves forward with the proposal to have the Hamlet of Fort Kent put back into the Rural Franchise Area. There will be no adverse effects on Fort Kent customers with this change. The Road Construction Crew completed work on the landfill reclamations this week and with the onslaught of the bitter cold construction operations are now shut down until spring. The Road Oiling and Road Paving Crews are also finished for the season. The brushing crew continues to work on requested areas to clear obstructions. The Patching Crews are done for the season, although a few big holes will be dealt with this week. Vehicles have been switched over to plow trucks for the winter. The remaining trucks will be switched over to sanding trucks this week and the remaining graders will be outfitted with wing blades. E Construction has hauled in cold mix patching material in preparation for the spring season. Tenders will close on Bridge File 76031 (bridge over Muriel Creek) and the work will be completed by the end of January. Tenders for the remaining work on the Fort Kent Street Improvement Project will be put out in January. The Director of T&U and the Industry Liaison Officer are working with CNRL and Devon to develop 2011 road use agreements.

□#4 Property Tax Exemptions – Council agreed to waive the requirement for seven non-profits to reapply for 2011 property tax exemptions. These non-profits include: Ardmore Community Society, Tri-Town Museum Society, Bonnyville Golf and Country Club, Lakeland Sports and Recreation Association, Bonnyville Shooting Sports Association, Cold Lake Water Sports Club, and the Grand Centre Golf and Country Club.

The organization's facilities were exempted except for those areas that had a liquor license or were leased out.

☐#5 Funding Support – The Bonnyville & District Historical Society & Museum and the Cold Lake Museum Society received their annual \$17,500 operating grants from M.D. Council. Council agreed to increase the per capita funding for the Northern Lights Library System to \$4.33. Council also agreed to provide the Bonnyville Municipal Library and the Cold Lake Public Library with \$20 in per capita funding. The M.D. Library Board has agreed to top up the per capita funding to the two local library systems by fifty cents. The Lakeland Centre for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder received \$1,000 to support one child for the Lakeland FASD Summer Camp Program. The Glendon School volleyball team received a donation of \$250 to assist with the costs to send players to the provincial championships in Taber. Council purchased four \$25 tickets to the Fort Kent Senior Drop-In Centre Annual Christmas Party.

☐#6 Community Services Receives Provincial Grants – The Alberta Sport, Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation provided a \$2,667 Operating Grant to Pelican Point M.D. Park; an \$8,000 Operating Grant to Muriel Lake M.D. Park; an \$8,000 Operating Grant to Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort and a \$2,667 Operating Grant to Cold Lake M.D. Park.

☐#7 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Council agreed to send the Reeve and two Councillors to the 2011 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Halifax. The December 22 Council Meeting was cancelled, Council's next scheduled meeting is on December 8.

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