

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS October 13, 2010

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

□#1 Wolf Lake Road Patrol – Community Peace Officers are continuing to patrol Wolf Lake Road on a regular basis, but the majority of drivers they are encountering are driving responsibly. Since the last Council meeting at the end of September Officers have handed out seven tickets.

□#2 Agricultural News – The Roadside Seeding Program has started. The crew will seed all burrow pits and ditches associated with the road construction crew. Areas of the ski hill parking lot will be seeded and a few other locations where Public Works has disturbed the ground. The Pest Control Officer and Public Works are opening and prepping culverts throughout the M.D. for the winter. A lot of beavers have been trapped as the countless miles of drainage ditches, that haven't seen water in years, are prime areas for beavers to move into and damn up.

□#3 T&U Projects in Race Against Weather – The motorized gate controls have been installed at the Ardmore and Fort Kent Lift Stations. Road construction work continues on Dupre Road as organics were found just under the surface of the road. The Road Oiling Crew has completed Twp Rd 630 and started on RR 411. The Road Paving contractor has brought in another crew in order to complete the nine miles of paving prior to freeze up. Patch trucks are working in Wards 4 and 6. Weather has delayed the completion of the Fort Kent Street Improvement project, but a motion was passed to contract out the road work in the spring for early completion.

□#4 Planning and Development Update – The September 2010 month end permit value is \$3,769,347, with a year-to-date development total of \$40,041,451 – which is below 2009 totals, but above 2008. Twenty three development permits and 11 new residential building permits were filed. Council received an update on Country Residential development. After a public information session regarding the Riverhurst Subdivision south of Riverhurst Hall, the developer has agreed to lower the density of the lots, with a minimum lot size of three acres rather than 1.5 acres. The Hills of Cold Lake Estates is now in its final stage of approval for 300 plus lots adjacent to the west end of the City of Cold Lake. This development requires full water and sewer services. The developer is responsible to arrange for connection to city services and any upgrades the city may require to provide the service. The Area Structure Plan for Long Bay Estates has been approved. The Bylaw for the road closure within the subdivision has been given First Reading and a public hearing was held. The Bylaw has now been forwarded to Alberta Transportation for its approval. Fawn Ridge Estates, south of the City of Cold Lake (adjacent to the Tropicana New and Used), is still in discussion as the city and Alberta Environment determine how much separation is required between the proposed development and the Waste Transfer Station.

□#5 Funding Support – Alexander Recreation Society received a \$5,000 Special Projects grant to purchase new playground equipment. Beaverdam Community Society

received a \$5,000 Special Projects grant to shingle the hall's roof. Council gave the Bonnyville and Cold Lake Victim Services Society \$3,000 each to assist with providing sexual assault counselling in each community. Council agreed to purchase two VIP tickets for \$500 and a \$300 Friends of MFRC Sponsorship for the First Annual Afterburner Cup Charity Hockey Game on November 6. All proceeds from the event go to the Military Family Resource Centre on 4 Wing. Council provided \$500 to the organizing committee hosting the December 1 and 2 presentation by Rob Nickel on the need for safe internet practices and identity protection. He will be presenting to 2,800 students and 1,600 parents. Beacon Corner Pioneer Society will receive an M.D. flag for the Beacon Corner Monument, but Council declined to pay half the costs of the flag pole.

☐#6 Tax Sale Surplus Funds Transfer – Council approved the \$5,874.63 transfer of the unclaimed Tax Sale Surplus Funds to the municipality's general bank account. The funds will be used for municipal purposes. When the municipality sells property "for taxes", the surplus funds are kept for ten years, if the previous owners do not claim the funds in that time, they go into the municipality's coffers.

☐#7 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Council approved a \$34,962.43 payment to BKDI Architects for the extra design work on the proposed new Bonnyville Administration building.

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