

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS October 26, 2011

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□#1 New Deputy Reeve – Councillor David Fox was elected by Council to the year-long Deputy Reeve position at the annual Municipal District of Bonnyville Organizational Meeting. Committee appointments remain the same as the previous term except for a few minor changes: Councillor Glen Johnson was appointed to the North East Muni-Corr Ltd Committee with Councillor Barry Kalinski as the alternate. Audrey Campbell was given a two-year Member-At-Large appointment to the Bonnyville Family and Community Support Services Committee. The Lakeland Doctor Recruitment Committee was deleted from the list. Council recommended that Councillor Johnson be appointed to the Cold Lake Library Board. Meeting dates, Council remuneration and subsistence rates remain the same as last year.

□#2 Public Safety Initiates “Cop Card Program” – Public Safety School Resource Officers have initiated the “Cop Card Program” in Glendon, Ardmore, Bonnyville and Iron River Schools. The program will start in Cold Lake schools in November once the RCMP Card Program is finished. The Public Safety program consists of 27 cards, featuring staff, equipment and vehicles. Once the youth accumulates three cards in each category, they will receive a Public Safety T-Shirt. After discussions with the Village of Glendon, village administration is considering appointing a staff member as a Bylaw Officer to handle long grass and weed complaints, which will allow M.D. Peace Officers to focus on more complicated Bylaw concerns and traffic patrols, but still maintain the 10-hour per month limit.

□#3 First Reading On Bylaws – First Reading was given to a series of Bylaws to close and lease road allowances: Bylaw 1503 south of S1/2 Section 9-59-8 W4M was previously leased but had expired; Bylaws 1504 East of the E1/2 of Section 10-64-7 W4M, Bylaw 1505 East of the E1/2 of Section 24-64-7 W4M and Bylaw 1506 East of the SE 3-64-7 W4M are all for Devon Canada to access well sites. Land Use Bylaw Amendments were given first reading for Bylaw LU 501 to rezone five acres from Rural Industrial to Agricultural on Part of SW 30-61-5 W4M and Bylaw LU 502 to revise the concept plan for the Wood Creek Area Structure Plan.

□#4 Agricultural Update – The Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program has been in operation for four weeks with numbers slowly coming in. Staff expect numbers to rise during November as it coincides with hunting season. Beaver dam blasting started last week and will continue until work is complete. Beaver trapping is continuing as well. The mowing program is complete, with mowers finishing on the west side of the M.D. Staff will be picking large rocks that were uncovered by mowing the bottom parts of the ditch in the next week. The Beaver Dam landfill reclamation is now complete and work has begun on the Muriel Lake landfill reclamation. Iron River will be the next reclaimed landfill to get topsoil. The Agricultural Services Board is putting forth a resolution at the November Regional ASB Conference to request the province stop allowing the importation of dead Norway Rats for pet food.

□#5 Funding Support – The Ardmore Golf and Country Club received a Special Projects Grant of \$2,047.50 to purchase a mower to assist in maintaining the golf course. Council purchased two tables for a total cost of \$800.00 for the Bonnyville Health Foundation 2012 Gala. The Glendon School Athletics Program received \$250 to attend the Cross Country Run Provincials in Medicine Hat.

□#6 Transportation and Utilities News – The M.D. is resubmitting a letter to new Transportation Minister Ray Danyluk to re-affirm the Gurneyville Road as the M.D.'s priority for future grant funding to base pave the south 6.4 km of the roadway. M.D. staff will be cleaning up a road allowance on the north side of Little Bear Lake, off of Highway 897, to provide better year-round access to the lake. This will eliminate people accessing the lake on the west side trail. T&U is waiting on ATCO for the installation of lights at the Crane Lake subdivision. The Road Oiling Crew has completed Township (Twp) Road 594 and Cherry Ridge and is currently working on Range Road (RR) 415. Patching trucks are finishing up in Wards 2 and 4 and will be switched over to sanding trucks as winter rolls in. The construction crew is working on Twp Road 594 and will then move onto the landfill reclamations. If the weather holds the crew may be able to do an additional quarter mile of road construction. Sand mixing starts this week and gravel exploration begins in two weeks. The Centennial Centre parking lot has been recompact.

□#7 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Council agreed to purchase a Snow Groomer for the Kinosoo Ridge ski hill for a total cost of \$173,490 (\$305,000 less a trade in value of \$137,500). Tax penalties for two ratepayers were cancelled and refunded because banking errors caused the payments to be late. Reapplication was waived for the 2012 Community Organization Property Exemptions for the 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 Grand Centre Golf and Country Club.

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