

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

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□#1 Award Winner – The Municipal District of Bonnyville’s School Resource Officer Program recently won a Friends of Education Award from the Northern Lights School Division. The Public Safety Department provides two Peace Officers who operate the School Resource Officer program in co-operation with 21 local schools in the Northern Lights School Division and Lakeland Catholic School District, within the M.D., Town of Bonnyville and City of Cold Lake.

□#2 Peace Officers Patrol Designated Wards – Now that a full complement of staff is in place, the Public Safety Department has reorganized its Peace Officer Program and designated Officers to M.D. Wards. Kevin Rowan will patrol Wards 1 and 6; Kevin Bordeleau is in Ward 3 and 4; and Mike Patry will be in Wards 5 and 2. Steve Goguen is now the Industry Relations Officer and will patrol industry roads throughout the M.D.

□#3 New Moose Lake Day Use Area – Council agreed to transform the old boat launch near Vezeau Beach into a Day Use Area called Vezeau Landing. The area will be leveled, sod installed and fenced. There will be two “walk through” entrances, but a large gate will be installed for maintenance equipment access. The cost of the renovations is \$5,000, which will come from the Community Services budget.

□#4 Funding Support – Council agreed to top up the funding for new curtains, track and hardware for the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre’s field house. The Centennial Centre received a grant for the project, but the final price came in \$7,143 over budget. The M.D. and the Town of Bonnyville will split the extra costs – with each paying \$3,571.50. The Franchere Social Community Centre received a matching dollar Special Projects Grant of \$2,580 to renovate the existing ball diamonds. The Bonnyville Senior Citizen’s Society received a grant of \$1,000 to help build a garage for its new bus. The Lakeland FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) Society received a \$1,000 grant for quilting material to be used by the Relief Society Organization from the Cherry Grove Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to make quilts for the new residential rooms established in the Society’s Cold Lake office. Council agreed to sponsor a curling Team in the Bonnyville Curling Club Kick Off and Business Bonspiel for the cost of \$300. A letter of support will be given to the Northern Lights School Division’s Leadership Program to acquire a grant for a student led environmental project to ban the use of non-recyclable plastic bags in the region and clean up the litter in the M.D. and Town of Bonnyville.

□#5 Agricultural Update – The placement of garbage bins at Dupre Hall for the use of the community was approved by Council. Bear problems at bin sites across the M.D. have decreased, but staff have had to increase the pickups at the sites to reduce the bear intrusions. Residents are still encouraged to make noise when entering the bin sites to scare off the bears and to close the bins properly to stop bears from rummaging through the garbage. The ASB Grant was approved for \$154,788 a year for three years to provide

the province with the administration of four Acts: Agricultural Service Board Act, Weed Control Act, Soil Conservation Act and Agricultural Pests Act. The M.D. also received \$55,000 in environmental funding to support ASB activities in the development and delivery of environmental extension programming. Council waived the 2011 property taxes of \$4,576.16 for the Bonnyville Municipal Seed Cleaning Co-Op.

□#6 Transportation and Utilities News – The M.D. is waiting for ATCO to set the date for installing street lights in the Crane Lake subdivision. The Fort Kent Street Improvement Program is moving forward with excavation completed and clay and gravel being placed. Forms are being put in place to pour the curbs. The Fort Kent Storm sewer is scheduled to be installed this week. The Road Oiling Crew has completed work at Minnie Lake and will remain split in two in order to finish all the oiling projects this year. The Patching trucks have moved to Wards One and Five for September. The Construction Crew has completed the Urlacher Subdivision Access and is completing work on Baywood Road. The Crew will move to RR 415, RR 435 and RR 450 in the subsequent weeks before the snow falls. Crews have completed the drainage ditch south of Fort Kent and addressed some of the drainage issues in Ardmore. A contractor is scheduled to line paint all the paved roads within the next month. The M.D. is working with industry partners on maintenance issues and securing more oil from partners for road oiling. Council agreed to proceed with engineering work for the Beartrap Road to have the design ready for tender.

□#7 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Bylaw No. 1499 to lease a road allowance located in the SE 23-62-1-W4M was given first reading. Council declined an invite to put in a bid to host the 2014 Alberta Summer Games. Council declined a request from Envision Edmonton to provide a \$1 per capita contribution for its ongoing campaign against the closure of the Edmonton City Centre Airport. The November 23 Council Meeting was cancelled as all of Council will be attending the AAMD&C Convention.

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