

M.D. of Bonnyville Media Release February 19, 2013

M.D. closes Chatwin Lake Bin Site

SDAB denies development permit

The Municipal District of Bonnyville will close the Chatwin Lake garbage bin site at Township Road 611, west of Highway 28 on Tuesday, February 26. Residents can take their household garbage to the Bonnyville Landfill located at Township Road 604 and Range Road 461 or the Fort Kent transfer site, which is one mile north of Fort Kent on Range Road 450.

The Chatwin Lake bin site has been a point of contention for over 10 years due to an adjacent landowner's protests against the site, which was initially located on the M.D.'s road allowance, and later moved to provincial land in the same vicinity. The adjacent landowner's residence is 350 metres away from the bin site. The landowner recently won a Court of Queen's Bench injunction against the M.D., requiring the municipality to apply for a Development Permit for the bin site. The M.D. is currently appealing this ruling in Provincial Court.

The M.D. applied for, and was granted, a Development Permit by the Municipal Planning Commission. The permit was subsequently appealed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) by the adjacent landowner. A ruling by the SDAB on Friday, February 15 denied the Development Permit for the garbage bin site. The Appeal Board denied the Development Permit based on the fact the bin location was on provincially owned land, and at this time, the M.D. did not have written consent from the Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Department (ESRD) to apply for the permit. The M.D. is currently in the process of negotiating with ESRD to purchase the bin site land, but does not have formal approval to use the land. The M.D. had received verbal approval from ESRD to put the bins at the site.

While M.D. Council looks at alternative options for residential garbage, residents are asked to use the Bonnyville Landfill or the Fort Kent transfer sites. At the present time, the other bin sites in the Moose Lake residential areas cannot take any additional waste. Residents are urged not to leave their garbage outside the Chatwin Lake site or in roadside ditches. There will be increased surveillance by Community Peace Officers while options are being investigated.

Residents can contact Director of Agricultural Services Matt Janz at 780.826.3951 with any bin site concerns. Moose Lake subdivision residents are urged to attend the M.D. Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 7 at the Shaw House Information Centre at Vezeau Beach to discuss their concerns regarding residential garbage.

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