

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS October 9, 2013

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□#1 Water Restrictions Implemented at Ardmore Bulk Station – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to limit the amount of water usage at the Ardmore Bulk Station by implementing a restriction that water cannot be used for dust control, pipeline pressure testing or other industrial uses that non-potable water would be suitable for. Increased industrial water usage from the Ardmore Bulk Station is placing a lot of strain on the Ardmore reservoir, with the pumps running in excess of 20 hours a day to keep the reservoir full. M.D. staff will be monitoring the water usage.

□#2 Council Accepts Moose Lake Trail Master Plan – Council agreed to accept the September 20, 2013 Bonnyville/Moose Lake Region Recreational Trails Master Plan prepared by Focus Corporation for the Lakeland Sports and Recreation Association (LSRA) as information only. The LSRA can now approach community organizations, industry and individuals for financial donations to construct the trail.

□#3 Public Auction Date Set – The date of the Public Auction of Lands on the Tax Arrears List was set by Council for Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 2 p.m. in Council Chambers. Each year, municipalities must offer for sale, at a public auction, any parcel of land on the previous year's tax arrears list where the tax arrears are not paid. Administration works to collect the taxes in arrears before the auction date, and remove the property from auction sale. Sale conditions are set for the auction. These include: all sales are subject to the reserve bid and any conditions and/or reservations on the existing title; all sales subject to approval of Council; all properties are to be sold on an "as is, where is" basis and the municipality gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the ability to develop the subject land for any use proposed by the purchaser.

□#4 Tire Marshalling Area Undergoing Construction – The tender for the construction of a Tire Marshalling pad at the La Corey Transfer Station was awarded to Karasiuk Enterprises for \$13,200. The Alberta Recycling Management Authority provided the M.D. with a maximum grant of \$30,000 to assist with the construction of the tire marshalling area. Construction will be completed by the end of October.

□#5 Development Continues in the M.D. – The Municipal District of Bonnyville continues to attract more residents. In September, 68 Development Permits and 30 New Residential Building Permits were taken out for a year-to-date total of \$94,746,049. Year-to-date Housing Starts total 32 Mobile Home Units and 202 Single Family Dwellings far surpassing the 2012 total of 135 Single Family Dwellings. Final Reading was given to Bylaw Nos. LU 529 and LU 530 to amend the Area Structure Plan for Elk Haven Estates and to zone from Country Residential CR1 to CR to allow for the subdivision of lots with an area of 1.5 to 3 acres. Final Reading was given to Bylaw No.

532 for the rezoning of a three-acre parcel within SE 26-63-7 W4M to Intensive Recreation to develop a 14-stall RV Park at Manatokan Lake.

☐#6 Slow Down, You're Moving Too Fast – Public Safety Officers have increased their patrols on the La Corey North Resource Road in the hopes of slowing down traffic. In the last few weeks, Peace Officers have been encountering higher than normal speeds on the Resource Road. They are now consistently issuing tickets for higher than 40 km/hr over the speed limit, when in the past speeding vehicles were going only 20 to 30 km/hr over the limit. With the increase in traffic on the road, Officers are concerned for everyone's safety. They are urging those who travel the road to please slow down.

☐#7 Construction Season Coming To A Close – It was a good news, bad news report from the Director of Transportation & Utilities. The good news is that the Road Construction and Road Oiling Crews are finishing up their scheduled work. Bad news is that the snow will soon fly and crews, such as the Patch Trucks, will be changing over to sanders for the winter and other crews will be shutting down until spring.

☐#8 Funding Support – Dupre Community League received a \$5,000 Capital Grant to improve the ball diamond. Funds will assist in paying the costs of trenching for a well, building new baseball dugouts and installing a new pump in the well. Council agreed to give \$1,000 to the Cold Lake Tri-Town Emergency Food Bank and the Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre Food Bank to help alleviate the need during Christmas. Council will purchase a \$520 table for eight at the Bonnyville and District Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards Banquet.

☐#9 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – M.D. Council Meetings on November 13 and December 25 were cancelled due to a conflict with the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMD&C) Conference and Christmas.

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