

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS November 27, 2013

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☐#1 **M.D. Public Safety Officers and RCMP Patrolling Local Highways** – Municipal District of Bonnyville Public Safety Officers are doing early morning patrols of the La Corey North Resource Road and Highway 892 to Imperial Oil. The patrols start at 4 a.m. in order to catch the early morning traffic. The patrols have been highly successful in catching aggressive drivers on the highways and being a visible presence in the early morning peak traffic period. In this week's presentation to Council, Bonnyville Detachment Staff Sgt. Luis Gandolfi said the RCMP will be running a series of high volume vehicle stops on Highway 28 and Highway 41 north of La Corey to reduce speeding and traffic incidents on the two roadways. Gandolfi also said the detachment was dealing with an increase of thefts of firearms from vehicles, so he encouraged hunters to remove firearms from their vehicles.

☐#2 **Kinosoo Ridge Renovation Reveal** – Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort is celebrating its new look with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting at noon on Saturday, December 7. Over the summer, a new Quad Chair was installed and additional runs were added for a total of 14, with eight lit for night skiing. There will also be some additions to the menu as the Ridge has hired two chefs from the United Kingdom who have been trained in mountain lodge menu planning. Council agreed to take \$40,000 out of the Quad Chair Construction Fund to install additional LED lighting on the hill to improve user safety and reduce utility costs. Council also approved the installation of a \$25,000 Chlorine Injection System by Bonnyville Water Conditioning to lower future maintenance costs and have clear water for drinking and ice.

☐#3 **Transportation and Utilities Update** – As ATCO has finalized the routes for both the Beartrap Transmission Project and the Bourque Transmission Project, Council passed a motion to require ATCO to set their lines 50 feet from the roadway's centre line, or as otherwise directed. A letter will be forwarded to ATCO advising the company of this policy. JMB will have hauled 160,000 tonnes of gravel into the Public Works yard by the end of December. Currently there are 35 to 40 gravel trucks going through the yard a day. Two Hills County is currently crushing additional gravel and the winter haul will start in January when JMB is finished. Council agreed to construct 200 metres of roadway access, at an estimated engineering cost of \$189,663, in order for a resident to access their quarter section. The road will be put on the Road Priority Construction List for budget discussions.

☐#3 **Planning and Development** – The Municipal District of Bonnyville continues to grow at an increasingly fast pace. In October, 48 Development Permits and 19 New Residential Building Permits were taken out for a year-to-date total of \$107,014,538. Year-to-date Housing Starts total 36 Mobile Home Units and 217 Single Family Dwellings, far surpassing the 2012 total of 135 Single Family Dwellings. Final Reading was given to Land Use Bylaw 533, which would see the south half of 25-60-9W4 rezoned from Agriculture 'A' to Direct Control District for the development of the Pine

Meadows Hutterite Colony. The rezoning will accommodate the development of the Colony, which includes building residential suites, a school and farming operations. First Reading was given to Bylaw LU 534 to rezone part of NW 30-61-5 W4M from Country Residential to Rural Industrial within the Aurora Borealis subdivision in order that the lots be consistent with the remainder of the development. First Reading was given to Bylaw LU 535 to rezone part of NE 35-61-6 W4M from Country Residential to Agricultural for a 10 acre parcel in order to give greater flexibility for development of the property. First Reading was given to Bylaw LU 536 to rezone part of SW 4-61-5 W4M from Rural Commercial to Agricultural for 2.5 acres to construct a single family home.

□#3 Agricultural Services News – The Tire Marshalling Area at the La Corey Landfill is complete and in use. Residents can bring their tires to the landfill and no fee is charged. The M.D. will collect some money when the tires are sent to the recycler. The Alberta Recycling Management Authority provided a \$30,000 grant to construct the marshalling area. The Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program has been running for two months with positive feedback from producers. To date, 157 coyotes and six wolves have been brought in. The road and the new scale have been completed at the Bonnyville Seed Cleaning plant, with only the electronic portion remaining to be installed.

□#4 Funding Support – Council has agreed to support the Lakeland Seniors Games Association, providing a \$5,000 donation to host the Alberta 55 Plus Zone 7 Mini Summer Games from June 24 to 26, 2014, as well as appointing Councillor Dana Swigart to sit on the organizing committee. Council agreed to fund the cost of grooming the Iron Horse Trail for snowmobiles at \$2,070 per round trip to a maximum of \$6,210 (three times). The Riverland Recreational Trail Society provides this service. Council donated \$1,200 to the School Resource Officer “Write To Fight” Program to fund the purchase of tickets for students of the program to attend the recently held MMA/UFC Event in Cold Lake in which Public Safety Officer John Tomaino returned to the ring to raise money for the program. The Glendon Cross Country Provincial Team received a donation of \$250 to assist with costs to attend Provincials in Drayton Valley. Council denied a request from North East Muni-Corr Ltd. to consider taking out a debenture on its behalf in order that it could proceed immediately with the rebuilding of the Beaver River Trestle.

□#5 Brief, Briefs – Council agreed to a request from the Northern Lights Library system to increase the per capita rate from \$4.78 to \$4.8756. This will be an increase of \$864.89, paid by the municipality and the library board. Council increased the monthly honourariums, the daily meeting rate and subsistence rates for Council, and Committee/Board members. Councillors will now receive a monthly honourarium of \$2,000 and the Reeve will receive a \$3,000 honourarium. Councillors, Reeve and Committee/Board members will receive \$150 per meeting less than four hours and any meeting over four hours will be considered two meetings. Per diem rates for breakfast, lunch and dinner increased by \$5 to \$20, \$25 and \$30 respectively.

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