

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS January 15, 2014

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❑ **#1 Banner Year For Growth** – The 2013 year-end total for Development Permits totaled \$117,256,318, surpassing the 2012 total of \$94,845,166. The year-end Housing Starts total 39 Mobile Home Units and 238 Single Family Dwellings, surpassing the 2012 total of 135 Single Family Dwellings. As a result of this continuing growth, Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to conduct a Municipal Census between April 1 and June 30 as the population has increased significantly since the federal census in 2011. This population increase will provide additional funding from provincial and federal grants. The M.D. is also applying to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval to include the shadow population of workers, who are living in the M.D. temporarily, as part of the population in the municipal census.

❑ **#2 Public Safety Update** – A four-way stop in Fort Kent is being installed and a parking restriction along main street in Ardmore is being implemented. In Ardmore large, heavy vehicles will only be permitted to be parked for one hour maximum along the main street once signs are installed. Public Safety Officers have been called to a significant number of single-vehicle collisions along M.D. roads, the majority occurring on the La Corey North Resource Road. Most of the accidents have occurred because the vehicle was pulled into the ditch when the wheels catch the snow at the edge of the roadway. Officers note that vehicles travelling at higher speeds result in more severe situations, than just being pulled slightly into the ditch at a lower speed.

❑ **#3 Fort Kent Skating Rink RFP** – The M.D. is asking for Request For Proposals for Design Build Services to design and construct an outdoor covered skate rink in the Hamlet of Fort Kent. Award of proposal and deadlines are within the RFP. Copies of the RFP can be picked up at the Department of Community Services office located at 61330 RR 455, at the Municipalities Main Office located at 4905-50 Ave in Bonnyville or downloaded from the M.D.'s webpage www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca under Requests For Proposals (RFPs). For more information, contact Ms. Chris McCord, Director, Community Services at 780.826.3972.

❑ **#4 Rat Alert** – At the end of December, the M.D. Pest Control Officer received a rat complaint when an African Soft Tail rat was brought into a Cold Lake veterinary clinic. The rat was sent to the provincial lab for proper identification. An African rat causes problems in other parts of the world, but the species would not survive in the Northeastern Alberta climate. It is illegal to have a pet Norway Rat in Alberta, and residents should contact local or provincial inspectors to check if their rat species is allowed in the province.

❑ **#5 Agricultural Services Update** – The truck emptying bin sites in the M.D. has been operating six days a week to keep up with the increased usage over the past month. There has also been an increase in illegal dumping that is occurring around the City of Cold Lake and the Town of Bonnyville. This may be due to the fees that they charge at their

transfer sites. The building at the Fort Kent Landfill has been replaced due to the floor rotting out and the damage from this summer's fire at the site. Over the next couple of years other landfill buildings will be upgraded. The Coyote and Wolf Reduction program is in its fourth month with 487 coyotes and 15 wolves being brought in – a slightly lower number from this time last year. The Ag office has received two predation complaints since October. In 2013 seven producers used the coyote toxicant program.

□#6 Transportation and Utilities News – Council agreed to hire an engineering firm to develop the Phase II tendering documents for the Gurneyville Road (Range Road 460). Council also agreed to approach the Town of Bonnyville to cost share on their one-mile portion of the 6.5 mile project. Council agreed to work with the County of St. Paul on the tender to overlay the Murphy Road (Range Road 450). The M.D. has 3.2 km of roadway that will be added to a separate schedule in the tender that the County of St. Paul is putting out. The cooperative tender will result in cost benefits for both municipalities. Council agreed to hire an engineering firm to develop the tender documents for eight miles of Range Road 485 in order to be prepared to apply for a Canada Building Program Grant to reconstruct a portion of the roadway and base pave the whole eight mile section. Land acquisition has started on 2014 road projects and will continue for the next two months. JMB will complete the haul of 160,000 tonnes of gravel into the T&U yard this week and will then continue to stockpile 40,000 tonnes of gravel on the east side of the M.D. Sagoo Trucking will be starting on the Two Hills gravel haul next week. Crews are ready to start brushing the new road alignment for Wolf Lake Phase 2.

□#7 Planning and Development Update – Final Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1545 and LU 510 to adopt the Twin Creek Area Structure Plan east of Moose Lake and south of Bonnyville for Country Residential Development for SE 10-61-6 W4M. Concerns with the seasonal flooding of creeks running through the property will be addressed in the storm water management plan.

□#8 Lobbying Letters – Council sent a letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs Ken Hughes regarding the capital improvements to the La Corey Resource Road, which is the primary route to service Improvement District 349 (Cold Lake Air Weapons Range). It is the understanding of M.D. Council that the Improvement District has a commitment to contribute to capital projects. A letter was also sent to Minister of Transportation Wayne Drysdale requesting a meeting to address the following concerns: Intersection of Highways 660 and 41, Intersection of Highways 28 and 892 (Ardmore), shoulder width of Highway 659 east of the Town of Bonnyville, upgrading Township Road 420 east of the City of Cold Lake and turning over the municipal portions of Highway 657 to the province.

□#9 Funding Support – Council donated \$1,875.00 to the Lakeland Regional Career Expo organizing committee to sponsor the March 12 Annual Lakeland Job Fair and the May 7 Career Expo Day for Bonnyville and Cold Lake middle and high school students.

☐#10 **Brief, Briefs, Briefs** – The purchase of a Laserfiche Storage Server for \$50,000 was approved. The January 29 Council Meeting has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

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