

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS February 26, 2014

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□#1 Road Tenders Approved – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council awarded the tender for 3.2 kilometres of Overlay on Range Road 450 (Murphy Road) to Sandstar Construction Ltd. for \$632,720. The total project budget was approved for \$687,280. Council awarded the 2.8 km Base Paving tender of Range Road 461 to Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd. for \$1,700,605. The total project budget, including contingency and engineering was approved for \$1,960,000. Council awarded the Ardmore Street Improvement Surface Works Phase I tender to Knelsen Sand & Gravel for \$1,084,895. The total Phase I project budget was approved for \$1,256,000. Council awarded the Reconstruction of approximately 5.3 km of the Crane Lake Road tender to Norelco Contractors Ltd for \$2,476,392. The total project budget was approved for \$2,850,000.

□#2 Fire Guardians Appointed – Council appointed the following individuals as Fire Guardians for the 2014 Fire Permit Season: Brian McEvoy, Jay Melvin, Irene Welecki, Rollie Inman, George Koskiniuk, Bob Highberg, Dee Booker and Jenett Hatch. The following Fire Chiefs were also appointed Fire Guardians to allow them to cancel permits in the event of an incident: Walter Smyl, Dan Amalia, Gordon Graves, Darryl Shyian, Dana Swigart, Andy LaFrance and Al Donald. Council also passed the motion to allow Reeve Ed Rondeau, or in his absence, Deputy Reeve David Fox, to declare a fire ban in consultation with the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority. This allows for an immediate response to changing fire conditions without the need to call a Special Council meeting to implement a fire ban.

□#3 Public Safety Update – Now that the Truck Check Initiative has been completed, Patrol Officers are now focused on their regular duties. Public Safety has been receiving lots of complaints regarding barking dogs and dogs at large, especially in our hamlet areas. Officers have also been checking out different bus routes each morning shift to ticket drivers who fail to stop for the red flashing bus lights. In preparation for the spring road bans, Industry Officers completed a week of training in Leduc County on the use of our portable scales. The calibration of the scales was also confirmed and certified. One of the M.D. Officers has been designated and registered as an instructor so he will be able to train and qualify new staff on the proper use of the scales.

□#4 C2 Centre Financial Governance Standardized – In order to standardize the capital purchase governance of the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre, Council agreed to leave capital purchase prioritization up to the discretion of the Bonnyville and District Leisure Facilities Corporation Board. The budget for capital purchases is \$100,000. Previously, the M.D. of Bonnyville procedure for any capital purchase was for Council to approve capital items one-by-one or at least as a group of related items that make up one capital project. However, the Town of Bonnyville takes a different approach. Now the C2 Board can make the purchasing decisions independent of the M.D. Council, as long as the purchases stay within the approved capital budget set by both the Town and M.D. of Bonnyville.

□#5 Financial Services News – Council agreed to purchase a folder/insert/sealing machine for a maximum cost of \$13,200. The old machine needs to be replaced, and with several projects scheduled to utilize significant mail-outs, the purchase needed to be moved up to this year. Council approved the \$6,000 purchase of several pieces of equipment that will monitor the M.D. server room. The equipment, one environment monitoring card, one uninterrupted power supply and four battery packs, will ensure that data corruption or loss because of a power interruption will not occur.

□#6 Transportation and Utilities Update – Geotechnical Drilling has been completed on Wolf Lake Phase II. The project is scheduled to go out to tender on March 11, with tenders closing on March 25. The M.D. is waiting for approval from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development to complete the brushing of the entire road right-of-way. Crews have been brushing some smaller projects, as well as working on some drainage concerns, as conditions allow. Snow removal crews are active as needed. Sagoo Trucking is currently working on the M.D. gravel haul to the Public Works yard from the County of Two Hills. They have hauled in 150,000 tonnes of the 200,000 tonnes that is contracted for this winter. The haul is scheduled to be completed in a few weeks. The M.D. is getting several projects ready for tender in hopes of accessing federal grant funding. Baywood Road has been completed and put on file. Range Road 485 has been awarded to SE Design, as well as Gurneyville Road. These tenders should be ready by mid-April. The Town of Bonnyville portion of the Gurneyville Road will be included in the M.D. tender package.

□#7 Planning and Development Update – Council agreed to have the water connection fee of \$3,600 per residence, for a 15-lot development in Fort Kent, added to the local improvement taxes to be paid in installments. The developer will have to pay the \$2,000/per residence sewer connection fee for the whole development.

□#8 Funding Support – Council approved the donation of two Kinosoo Ridge Family Tubing Packages to the Lakeland United Way Radio Auction. Council agreed to purchase an \$800 table of eight for the 4 Wing Cold Lake 60th Anniversary Celebration Gala Mess Dinner on July 18. All money raised will go to the 4 Wing Military Family Resource Centre and the 4 Wing Base Fund. The base will be hosting an Air Show on Saturday, July 19 as part of the celebrations.

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