

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS March 26, 2014

Keeping you informed of the services, business and development that affect YOU!

□#1 Planning and Development News - Council gave First Reading to two Road Closure and Lease Bylaws. The first was for a stretch of road on the east part of SE 32-60-3-W4. The second was for a road located on the east half of SE 10-62-1-W4. Council also gave First Reading to the Osprey Ridge Area Structure Plan for a 20-lot residential subdivision located at SW 19-64-2-W4. Council also gave First Reading to Land Use Bylaw 539, which would see that same land rezoned from Agricultural to Country Residential.

□#2 Agriculture and Waste Services Update – Ag Services will be selling 2% Liquid Strychnine again this year to help farmers control the gopher population. It will cost \$7.50 per 250mL bottle, which will treat one gallon of grain. Farmers will have to provide their name, size of farm and the legal land location where the product will be used. Contact Ag Services at 780-826-3951 for more information. Director Matt Janz said local non-profit groups looking for new fundraising initiatives are invited to participate in the spring Roadside Cleanup Program. Rates can vary from \$40 to \$100 per kilometre of roadside ditches cleaned.

□#3 Public Safety News – New signs advising of a one-hour maximum parking for heavy vehicles have been installed on Main Street in Ardmore. Director Chris Garner said it seems most trucks are complying. The Ward 5 Beat Officer for the area has given some warnings, and will continue to keep an eye on the area. Patrol and Industry officers in La Corey have been continuing with their enforcement of the “Local Traffic Only” area, making sure drivers aren’t using shortcuts through the hamlet to circumvent traffic. Officers will continue to monitor the situation.

□#4 Road Work – Council agreed to add the reclamation of four miles of Township Road 602 to the 2014 Road Priorities list. It will be completed in cooperation with industry partners. Director Darcy Zelisko says the project will consist of the four miles west of Secondary Highway 897, and will include fixing soft spots, drainage and firming up the shoulders of the road. Council approved a number of tenders. E-Construction was approved to supply 22,000 tonnes of Hot Mix Asphalt at a cost of \$80.97 per tonne. Kortech was selected to supply the M.D. with dust suppressant for 2014, which will see the continued use of MG-30, a magnesium-based dust control agent. North East Bulk Transport Services Ltd. was selected for the 2014 Gravel Haul contract. KRAN Construction was selected for the underground services portion of the Ardmore road project, coming in with the lowest bid at \$950,066. With warmer weather, crews are out gravelling last year’s road construction projects and other areas in the M.D.

□#5 Funding – Council agreed to provide operating grants of \$35,000 to three community hall boards – Ardmore Senior Citizen’s Club, Cherry Grove Rec and Ag Society and Beaverdam Community Society.

□#6 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Due to a scheduling conflict, the May 28 Council Meeting has been cancelled. Councillor Dana Swigart announced the M.D. and the Town will be receiving a rebate from the Centennial Centre this year, as the C2 turned a profit in 2013. The M.D. will be receiving \$224,801, while the Town will receive \$239,472. Council will send a letter to North East Muni-Corr to clarify the \$45,000 they approved for the Trestle Rebuilding project is contingent on the other municipal partners approving the funding formula presented at a previous meeting. Muni-Corr was looking for \$375,000 to be provided by the member municipalities, based on how much of the Iron Horse Trail goes through their community.

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