

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 14, 2014

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

□#1 Wolf Lake Road Phase II Hits Roadblock – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council's two-year negotiations for the development of Wolf Lake Road Phase II has hit a roadblock. The Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Department (ESRD) has mandated that a permanent locked gate be erected on the existing Wolf Lake Road so that the new and old roads do not form a loop. The gate was requested to alleviate hunting pressures on the area. However, ESRD was unwilling to consider a seasonal gate. The M.D. and its industry partners involved in the development of Wolf Lake Phase II, argue that a permanent locked gate is unmanageable. Council is frustrated with the position taken by the provincial government. While one provincial department is issuing multiple well leases for the area, creating the need for the municipality to develop a safe access route, another department is throwing up demands that are impossible to achieve in a developing region. Currently industry, residential and tourism traffic share a narrow, twisting road, which becomes hazardous in rainy weather. The new road would have provided safe, straight, direct access to one of the M.D.'s most popular campgrounds. Council will continue working with its industry partners to develop a safe access route for all traffic in the Wolf Lake area.

□#2 Toxic Round-Up June 28 – The Municipal District of Bonnyville Council is providing a \$1,000 donation for the Annual Toxic Round-Up. It will be held June 28 at the Bonnyville Fire Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The M.D. also provides six yard waste collection and cardboard recycling bins. The M.D. partners with the Town of Bonnyville, ATCO Electric, Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. and the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority to host the annual Toxic Round-Up.

□#3 Agricultural News – The Agriculture and Waste Department is still looking for non-profit groups to do Roadside Clean-Up. Rates are \$60/km for Urban, \$100/km for Special Areas and \$40/km for Rural Roads. Six weed inspectors were appointed by Council: Matt Janz, Janice Boden, Mike Penner, Ian Kurek, Julia Sveinson and Sarah Dery. Council signed off on the Scale Agreement with the Bonnyville Municipal Seed Cleaning Co-Op Ltd. The scale is operational for the Seed Cleaning Plant and once a few changes are made to the road to allow for longer trailers to access the site, it will be open for public use.

□#4 Transportation And Utilities Update – Slow down and watch for signs as construction season is underway. Underground work has started in Ardmore and detour routes have been set up. The Road Construction Crew is completing Range Road 481 and will move to Range Road 485 shortly. The contractor has started to remove the cold mix on Crane Lake Road and earthwork will begin soon. The Murphy Road overlay contractor will begin May 20. Range Road 461 paving will start May 27. Four Patch Trucks are now working throughout the M.D. and will be rotated through the Wards on a two-week basis. Road Oiling Crews are working on Township Road 635 from Secondary Highway 892 to Range Road 450. A second crew has started on Township Road 620

from Highway 41 to Range Road 464. The Dust Suppressant Crew will start its program on May 20 with reapplication of MG 30 on previous year's road projects. Currently gravel is being laid prior to product placement. M.D. gravel truck and contracted haulers have started running two gravel spreads throughout the municipality. Council agreed to pay \$45,346 for Falling Weight Deflectometer Testing on the La Corey North Resource Road to assess the state of the pavement on the much travelled highway. Council agreed to proceed with the replacement of 55 metres of sidewalk in the Hamlet of Therien for a maximum cost of \$33,000.

□#5 Public Safety Update – Public Safety Officers began the summer shift schedule this past weekend. Officers will be patrolling M.D. campgrounds on the weekends and doing quad patrols throughout the municipality. Industry Officers are continuing their truck checks, with less than 10 overweight charges being laid since April 1. The majority of the charges have been in relation to the gross vehicle weight exceeding what the truck has been registered for. Officers have not charged any driver for taking an overweight truck on a weight banned road.

□#6 Kinosoo Ridge Master Plan Study Approved – A \$31,000 Master Plan Study for Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort was approved by Council. The study will update the Kinosoo Ridge Ski Area Master Plan to incorporate new facilities and upgrades to improve the resort's services. The study will incorporate the relocation of ski lifts, trail improvements, development of employee housing, expansion of the parking lot and the development of cross-country and snowshoeing trails.

□#7 Planning and Development Update – In April, 32 development permits and 16 new residential building permits were issued, with a year-to-date total of \$14,955,497. Year-to-date housing starts include 31 Single Family Dwellings and five Mobile Homes. The Second Reading of Bylaw No. 1571 for the Road Closure and Lease on the east part of SE 32-60-3-W4 was defeated. Final Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1572 for the Road Closure and Lease on the east half of SE 10-62-1-W4.

□#8 Funding Support – Council approved a Capital Projects Grant of \$83,200 for the Ardmore Community Society contingent on the group receiving a CFEP grant from the province for \$104,000. Funding will be used to renovate the Ardmore Community Hall, purchase fire suppression equipment, kitchen equipment, furnaces and repave the parking lot. Willow Prairie Agricultural Society received its \$35,000 Annual Operating Grant. Council agreed to provide a \$1,500 In-Field Banner Sponsorship for the joint World Professional Chuckwagon Races and Bonnyville Rodeo from July 24 to 27.

□#9 Brief, Briefs, Briefs – Reeve Rondeau proclaimed June 2 to 8 Senior's Week. Please check the website www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca for events.

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