

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 25, 2014

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□#1 Unofficial Census Count – The Municipal District of Bonnyville has completed the 2014 Census with 5,227 dwellings out of a total of 5,268 homes counted. The unofficial total population count is 13,240 people, breaking down into 11,836 permanent residents and 1,404 Shadow Population (non-permanent residents working and living in the M.D.). The official count, along with the demographic, gender and location break down will be released in July.

□#2 Agricultural News – M.D. Council agreed to provide a letter of support in principal to the Town of St. Paul for a pilot program that has the potential to change how municipalities handle and dispose of Municipal Solid Waste. In partnership with the Department of Environment Sustainable Resource Development St. Paul is piloting a shredding process that has the capability of removing metal and aluminum from the waste stream. All the other materials will be shredded into a feedstock material which will then be shipped to the new Edmonton facility to make ethanol and methanol. Despite the inclement weather, the Roadside Mowing Program continues to progress at a good pace. The rural part of the mowing program started in Ward 4, with one crew moving west and the other east, from that location. The majority of the subdivisions close to urban centres are completed. Additional staff have been hired to open up beaver dams and deal with flooding issues. It is a challenging year for flooding concerns, with staff being careful when they open up waterways, so as not to flood the property next door. On July 1 staff can start releasing water in the creeks in order to relieve the water build up. For the past six weeks the M.D. has been conducting a Waste Services Survey in Ardmore, Fort Kent and the Moose Lake area, with 150 responses to date. The results will be tabulated and sent to Council at the end of July.

□#3 Transportation And Utilities Update – Council held a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of MG30, the dust suppressant material the M.D. has been using for the last two years. While some residents are pleased with the application of the product on the roads, others are requesting it not be applied. Council concluded that an application of gravel must be put on a road to provide a good base before the MG30 is applied, otherwise some roads are going to be a sloppy mess with all the rain the M.D. has been experiencing. Council did note that some larger gravel will have to be applied on some roads, which will require a short period of time to work in. During that time the road will be rather rough. Wet weather has delayed any further progress on this year's gravelling program. The Murphy Road overlay has been completed.

□#4 Planning and Development Update – Council defeated Bylaw No. LU 539 to amend the zoning of SW 19-64-2 W4M, Osprey Ridge on Little Bear Lake, from Agricultural A to Country Residential CR 1. Council agreed to provide services for one more lot in the Woodhaven Development in the Hamlet of Ardmore at the developer's expense.

☐#5 Public Safety News – Public Safety Officers have been doing extra patrols on Range Roads 442 and 443 north of Highway 28 due to concerns raised by residents as a result of the Ardmore Truck Detour. Patrol Officers are finding trucks are using the paved RR 443, instead of the signed RR 442 detour. RR 443 is weight banned at 75 percent so Officers are checking trucks they find on the road. Extra Officers will be on patrol during the July 1 weekend. As of the second week of July the department will be fully staffed with eleven Peace Officers.

☐#6 Community Services Update – Parks staff are upgrading the boat launches at Wolf Lake, Pelican Point, Manatoka Lake and Minnie Lake recreation areas. Upgrades to the campsite power, from 20 amp to 30 amp, are underway at Crane Lake West M.D. Park. A major clean-up is being done at Cold Lake M.D. Park, fixing up the entrance way, picking up old culverts, wood and garbage from behind the Homestead Museum, and erecting a chain link fence, with pedestrian access, along the boundary of the campground that runs parallel to the residential area on the east side.

☐#7 Funding Support – The Dupre community League received a matching Capital Grant of \$5,000 to put shale on its baseball diamond for a total project cost of \$12,000. North Shore Heights/Shay Cho Bay Community Society received a \$3,150 matching Capital Grant to replace the roof over their community shelter for a total project cost of \$6,300. Council agreed to provide the Bonnyville Pro Rodeo & Chuckwagon Association with two rodeo grounds grass cuttings before the July 24 to 27 event, a trailer of range panels and the use of the 30-foot land roller for the track. Council refused the request for gravel, as the M.D. does not have access to its own supply of the product and must stockpile to meet its own needs.

☐#8 Brief, Briefs, Briefs – Council agreed to participate in a joint doctor recruitment process with the Town of Bonnyville and the Bonnyville Health Foundation to attract general practitioners and their families to the area.

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