

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS September 10, 2014

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**□#1 M.D. Funds Two Initiatives in Neighbouring Urban Communities** – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to give \$112,000 to the Bonnyville Minor Football Association to pay for the total cost of installing stadium lighting on Walsh Field in the Town of Bonnyville. The Association is a community football league that attracts youth of both sexes from across the region. Presently, 60 percent of the youth on the teams are from the M.D. The association charges a minimal annual fee of \$150 to participants that covers all playing costs. If a youth does not have the funds, Kid Sport is asked to cover the costs. Currently there are about 100 families involved in the three football levels. The lighting will also enhance other activities on the field such as track and seniors using it for walking. Council also agreed to give the City of Cold Lake \$130,000 for the Splash Park to be installed at Kinosoo Beach in the spring of 2015. The Splash Park in Cold Lake is part of the Kinosoo Beach Park Master Plan upgrade.

**□#2 Transportation and Utilities Update** – In a race to beat the snow, the Road Construction Crew is wrapping up work on the last piece of Township Road 602 from Secondary Highway 897 to Range Road 440. They will move to Range Road 454 and Township Road 622 next. Crews are still working to get all the road oiling completed. The Pavement Assessment has been completed for the La Corey North Resource Road and the M.D. is now looking at funding options. The Road Paving Crew has completed the Goodridge Road and will be moving to Township Road 622 next. Crews will be doing some patch work in Fort Kent and on La Corey North Resource Road when available. The Dust Suppressant Crew has completed the MG 60 and Fly Ash applications. The crew will be working on MG 30 touch ups and wrapping up the program by mid-September. The alignment of the Moose Lake Trail has been staked out and notification letters have been sent out. The M.D. is in discussion with Alberta Transportation regarding the existing cattle-pass under Highway 28 and what could be done to utilize this for temporary access of the trail. The road sand pickling has been completed and stockpiled, ready for the upcoming winter season.

**□#3 Agricultural News** – Reconstruction and landscaping of North Shore Heights bin site has been completed. K&K Metal Recycling will be picking up all metal from M.D. landfills sites in mid-September. Residents are encouraged to recycle their metal to the landfills rather than leaving it on their properties to become an unsightly mess. Suspected Clubroot Disease in a Canola crop was detected in a neighbouring county. Adjacent fields were inspected to ensure it had not spread to the M.D. Bertha Army Worm and Grasshopper counts remained low for the 2014 crop year. Lygus Bug counts were high this year and many producers sprayed for them. The 2014-16 Agriculture Service Board Grant Agreement was reviewed and approved by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. Ag staff are on the lookout for Scentsless Chamomile and will pick or spray when they encounter the noxious weed.

**□#4 Public Safety Update** – The Public Safety Department is now operating at its full strength of 11 Peace Officers. Five of the new Officers are taking a Transportation of Dangerous Goods Inspector’s Course in order to have all staff qualified to meet the demand on our roads. One Officer is taking the Emergency Vehicle Operator Driver Instructor’s Course in order to re-qualify the rest of the staff. Public Safety has improved its reporting system for Commercial Vehicle Inspections to allow Officers to search the data base from their vehicle during traffic stops to determine when the vehicle and/or driver was last checked by staff. This allows Officers to focus on trucks or drivers with past issues or have not yet been inspected. Officers have been doing early morning patrols on main street Ardmere to deal with engine retarder brake concerns.

**□#5 Community Services News** – Say goodbye to summer. The camping season wraps up on Sunday, September 14. The M.D. campgrounds will reopen in spring 2015. After undertaking extensive cost comparisons with other ski hills across the province, Council agreed to a two percent increase in fees at Kinsoo Ridge. Pre-season sale for ski passes ends Monday, September 15.

**□#6 Planning and Development Update** – In August, 41 Development Permits and 20 new Residential Building Permits were issued, with a year-to-date total of \$47,805,132. Year-to-date housing starts include 87 Single Family Dwellings and 24 Mobile Homes. These statistics point to a leveling off of the market, with numbers closer to those in 2011 rather than last year. Final Reading was given to Bylaw No. LU 542 to amend the zoning on SW 19-64-2 W4M from Agricultural “A” to Country Residential “CR 1” for the Osprey Ridge multi-lot subdivision on Little Bear Lake. First Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1579 Sun Ridge Estates Area Structure Plan on Moose Lake for a multi-lot subdivision. First Reading was given to Bylaw No. LU 544 to amend the zoning on NE 32-60-6 W4M from Agriculture “A” to Country Residential “CR” for lots 1.5 to three acres for the proposed Sun Ridge Estates. First Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1580 Silver Ridge Estates ASP for a multi-lot subdivision on Moose Lake and to Bylaw No. LU 545 to amend the zoning from Agriculture “A” to Country Residential “CR” for lots 1.5 to three acres for the same subdivision.

**□#7 Additional Funding Support** – Council agreed to provide \$59,900 in matching dollars for a Capital Projects Grant to the Ardmere Community Society for kitchen renovations. The Society received a CFEP grant of \$75,000 from the provincial government. Flat Lake Community Hall received a \$35,000 Annual Operating Grant. The Bonnyville Agricultural Society received its \$20,000 Annual Operating Grant. Council agreed to a joint sponsorship with the Town of Bonnyville for a \$6,000 breakfast at the Oil and Gas Show with each paying \$3,000. Council agreed to purchase a \$600 table for eight at the Sleds and Threads fundraising event on October 25 for the Cold Lake Snowmobile Club.

**□#8 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – Council passed a resolution titled the Regional Partnership Solution to Municipal/Community Viability which they will take to the next Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C) Convention once it is passed at the upcoming Zone meeting.

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