

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS September 24, 2014

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

☐#1 Coyote And Wolf Reduction Program Starts October 1 – Due to the high number of predators affecting local livestock, the Municipal District of Bonnyville Council is continuing with the Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program. The program will start on October 1. The Agricultural Department will only be accepting animals taken within M.D. borders and only M.D. resident are eligible for the incentive payment. The Ag Department must be contacted at 780-826-3951 before the animals are brought in. Copies of the program's regulations can be picked up at the ASB office or viewed online at www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca.

☐#2 Get Ready For Winter Fun – The new Tube Park at Kinsoo Ridge Snow Resort is slated for opening on November 22. The ski season follows quickly behind with opening set for December 6. And, Kinsoo Ridge staff won't be waiting for Mother Nature – they will be making their own snow.

☐#3 Agricultural and Waste News – Agricultural Services staff have seeded 16 miles of newly constructed ditches, with three miles left to complete. Clubroot has been found in the area and staff are on the look-out for infestations in M.D. fields. No Fusarium has been detected in M.D. sampled fields. Claims for the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) Program have increased by \$6,590 in the second quarter of 2014 for a total of \$48,047. This equates to a 16 percent increase from 2013. The total VSI budget is \$81,000. The Beaver Program will be stepped up on October 1 with contracted and staff trappers concentrating initially on our problem areas. Crews will be opening dams and culverts to mitigate any flooding issues. The blasting of beaver dams will commence in October, prior to freeze-up, to prepare the M.D. for spring water run-off. The M.D. will be starting its annual ground monitoring program, testing wells in our 12 existing and reclaimed landfills. New wells will be drilled in areas designated by Alberta Environment in accordance with the 25-year surveillance of our Class II Landfills. Solid Earth will be conducting the monitoring program and will report back to the M.D. in the first quarter of 2015. The testing will monitor any contamination levels and allow the M.D. to mitigate any concerns before groundwater can be contaminated.

☐#4 Transportation and Utilities Update – The 2015 Winter Gravel Haul Tender was awarded to People's Trucking from Edmonton for 200,000 tonnes of aggregate loaded and stockpiled at the cost of \$2,118,000. The Road Construction Crew has completed work on Township Road 602 from Secondary Highway 897 to Range Road 440, as well as work on Range Road 454. The crew is currently working on Township Road 622 and will be moving to Township Road 624 next. Road Oiling Crews have completed Township Road 634A north of La Corey and Township Road 624 from Range Road 415 to Range Road 420A. Another crew is still working on Township Road 634 from Range Road 422A to Range Road 430. Next they will move to Township Road 634 from Range Road 432 to Range Road 434. The third crew is working on Range Road 482 from Township Road 600 to Township Road 601. Road Paving Crews have completed

Township Road 622 and will be placing mix on Township Roads 624 and 634 next. Crews will be doing some patch work in Fort Kent and on La Corey North Resource Road when available.

☐#5 Public Safety Update – Schools across the region are taking full advantage of the student-focused School Resource Officer Program funded by the M.D. The Right Choices Program has already started in some schools and Officers have been invited to several parent meet and greets, as well as many one-on-one sessions. Public Safety Officers will be conducting another Tanker Traffic Inspection program during October and November. Officers are also deploying the speed display sign in problem areas. Typically the sign stays up for about 10-hours and then re-deployed the following day as officers have the opportunity.

☐#6 Partnership Support – Council agreed to provide a letter of support to the Town of Bonnyville for an Alberta Community Partnership – Intermunicipal Collaboration grant application. The Town is applying for a grant to hire a consultant to determine/define a governance structure for a regional water system. The Town wants to look at all the options prior to making a decision on what the governance structure would look like.

☐#7 Planning and Development Update – First Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1581 to Close and Lease an undeveloped Road Allowance South of SE 29-61-1 W4M, a 480 metre portion west of Range Road 414 on Township Road 614 for the purpose of cattle grazing.

☐#8 Funding Support – Council agreed to provide a matching Capital Grant of 40 percent of the total project costs of \$80,000, with funding not to exceed \$32,000, to Riverhurst Community Hall to assist with renovations to their roof. The hall board is applying for a provincial grant. Franchere Community Centre received a \$5,000 Capital Grant to replace the fence bordering the ball diamonds. Council agreed to provide \$3,000 each in funding to the Bonnyville and Cold Lake Victim Services organizations.

☐#9 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – A letter of employment for the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is being offered to Mr. Chris Cambridge. While the overall number of visitors to M.D. campsites went down this year because of the wet, cold June, revenues increased by 21 percent due to the increase in rates.

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