

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS April 22, 2015

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□#1 M.D. Receives Clean 2014 Audit Report – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council approved the 2014 Consolidated Financial Statements. Auditors Hawkings Epp Dumont LLP, gave the M.D. a “clean report” for the year ending 2014, stating the municipality has good, solid, financial assets to provide future government services for its residents.

□#2 Please Control Your Dogs – The Public Safety Department is receiving an increasing number of complaints about dogs at large and chasing livestock. While acreage owners outside of subdivisions do not have to license their dogs, Officers can lay charges against the pet owner, or the farmer can take matters into his own hands in accordance with his authority under the Stray Animals Act. Stray dogs tend to pack up and can cause livestock loss for producers. Public Safety is urging acreage residents to keep dogs on their own property.

□#3 Annual Toxic Round Up In June – Council agreed to provide \$3,000 in funding for the annual Toxic Round Up on June 20 at the Bonnyville Fire Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The M.D. will also provide a waste collection bin and cardboard recycling bins. The costs for the Round Up have increased over the years, so Council agreed to boost the funding from the traditional \$1,000.

□#4 Planning and Development News – In March, 15 Development Permits and two new Residential Building Permits were issued, with a year-to-date total of \$4,541,326. Year-to-date housing starts include four Single Family Dwellings and four Mobile Homes. First Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1603 to Close and Lease an Undeveloped Road Allowance for grazing purposes West of NW 17-60-2 W4M, one mile east of Beaverdam.

□#5 Still Looking for Non-Profit Groups – The Agriculture and Waste Services Department is looking for charitable groups who want to make a bit of cash. The Department is signing up groups who want to participate in the annual Roadside Clean-Up. The M.D. will pay groups from \$40 to \$100 per kilometre depending on the road that is being cleaned. Interested groups can call the Ag and Waste Department at 780-826-3951. Ardmore School kicked off the spring season with a hamlet clean-up.

□#6 Transportation and Utilities Update – With the arrival of a dry spring T&U staff are out in full force. Road Construction crews are back at work. Currently, the crew is working on Township Roads 604 and 610 hill cuts as the frost is still in other roadways. The crew will be going to Township Road 603 next and then back to Township Road 624. The Oiling Crews began Rip and Relay projects on Township Road 614, and Range Roads 464 and 483. Three Patch Trucks are up and running, with a fourth scheduled to start on the May long weekend. Once again, three trucks will follow the two-week Ward rotation, with the fourth truck dealing with emerging issues. Construction will begin on

Gurneyville Road on May 4, with a scheduled completion date of mid-September. Two steamers are dealing with culvert issues as they arise and a crew is dealing with drainage issues. Work will begin on Range Road 484A and on Ardmore Phase III the first week of May. Brushing and alignment work is being done on the Moose Lake Trail, with paving work starting as soon as conditions allow. SE Design & Consulting is working on the Highway 28 underpass design, which will be submitted to Alberta Transportation for approval. Work is starting on the new La Corey Fire Hall and Grader Shop. The Iron Horse Trail is being bladed.

□#7 Funding Support – Eastbourne Community Club received its annual \$35,000 Operating Grant. The Cold Lake Agricultural Society and Glendon Agricultural Society each received their annual Operating Grant of \$20,000. Glendon received a \$500 donation for its annual graduation ceremony and Council agreed to provide an additional \$500 donation to help cover costs of the school's 100-year celebration on May 29 and 30. Council agreed to provide a \$100 sponsorship to the Kinosoo Performing Arts for the final year, as they will no longer be subsidizing these types of programs. Council will donate a painting to the July 12 Lakeland United Way Charity Golf Classic for its silent auction.

□#8 Briefs, Briefs – School Resource Officers have incorporated the two Francophone Schools into their schedules and have started doing visits and sessions with the students. Council agreed to cancel the May 13, July 8 and 22, as well as the August 12 Council meetings.

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