

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS November 12, 2014

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

□#1 Participate in BSE Surveillance Program – In order to keep the Canadian beef markets open, farmers across the country are being asked to voluntarily participate in the BSE Surveillance Program. There are a set number of animals that need to be tested every year, or Canadian beef producers could be shut out of exporting animals to international markets. Producers are urged to contact their local veterinarian to conduct testing for the disease. There is still a \$75 reimbursement for the animal and the vet visit is paid through the program. For more information contact the M.D.'s Agriculture and Waste Services Department at 780-826-3951.

□#2 Transportation and Utilities News – Council awarded the Beaver Pit #7 Gravel Crushing Tender to REDA Enterprises Ltd. for \$915,000 for 50,000 cubic metres of crushed gravel. Council agreed to purchase 5.69 acres of land at NE 2-62-4-4, for the purpose of a future storm pond for the development of the west side of Ardmore. In exchange for the land, the M.D. has agreed to provide seven residential service hookups and one commercial service hookup along 51 Avenue in Ardmore when street reconstruction occurs. Material excavated from the storm pond will be used to provide rough site grading for future development for the landowner. Council approved the payment of \$6,210 to Northeast Muni-Corr Ltd. for grooming the Iron Horse Trail a maximum of three times during the winter for snowmobile traffic. With winter arriving, half the fleet has been switched over to plow trucks, with the balance to be changed over within the week. Construction of the Moose Lake Trail has started in the M.D. and the Town of Bonnyville, with some gravelling being done this week. Road Oiling Crews, Road Gravelling, Road Patching and Line Painting have wrapped up for the season. The Road Construction Crew completed the side slopes on Township Road 624 and will work on the main alignment in the spring. Two road accesses in Ward 6 are completed, with the crew moving to finish the Goodridge Landfill reclamation. Winter work will be brushing 2015 projects and some Ardmore storm pond work. The contractor on the Crane Lake Road is finishing the cleanup and addressing deficiencies. Guard rails will be installed on a portion of the road.

□#3 Community Services News – Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. Snowmaking has begun at Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort, with the Tube Park and ski hill opening soon. The emergency exit road at the back of Cold Lake M.D. Park is complete. It has been gated and a key delivered to the City of Cold Lake. The expansion study is underway for Cold Lake M.D. Park. Trenching for power at the Crane Lake M.D. Campground is complete.

□#4 Planning and Development Update – Council approved a \$5 per acre lease rate for M.D. owned agricultural properties acquired through tax recovery. Final Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1579 Sun Ridge Estates Area Structure Plan on Moose Lake for a multi-lot subdivision. Final 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. Final 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 the same subdivision. Final 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. First Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1582 for the Goodhope Area Structure Plan for a three-lot subdivision on the north side of Ethel Lake NW 14-64-3 W4M. First Reading was given to Bylaw No. LU 546 to amend the zoning on NW 14-64-3 W4M from Agriculture “A” to Country Residential “CR 1”. First Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1583 for the Morris Estates Area Structure Plan for a multi-lot residential development on NE 36-62-2 W4M. First Reading was given to Bylaw No. LU 547 to amend the zoning on NE 36-62-2 W4M from Agriculture “A” to Country Residential “CR”.

☐#5 Public Safety News – Industry Officers continue with early morning (4 to 8:30 a.m.) patrols on M.D. roads with high volumes of oil industry traffic. Although traffic is bumper to bumper, Officers have had success in stopping and ticketing aggressive drivers. Patrol Officers continue to look into concerns over heavy vehicle and dangerous goods parking in Fort Kent and Ardmore. Officers are posting “No Parking” signs on oversize approaches that are being used by car poolers as all-day parking lots. Sometimes these parked vehicles are blocking private driveways or obstruct school bus stops.

☐#6 Agricultural and Waste News – The Automated Curbside Pickup Program was successfully rolled out in Ardmore and Fort Kent. The majority of residents like the new carts and have been doing a great job bringing them to the curbside. Staff are working with incapacitated residents who are unable to bring the carts out to the curb. The Ag Department is encouraging landowners to take advantage of the Roadside Brushing Program. The M.D. pays landowners between \$500 to \$2,500 per half mile, for cleaning the M.D. portion of the road right-of-way. The Goodridge Landfill Reclamation is nearly complete. It will be the seventh landfill reclaimed in the past five years, with three more slated for reclamation.

☐#7 Funding Support – Therien Community League received its \$35,000 Annual Operating Grant. Council agreed to share the cost of the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre rental for the 2015 Go Girl event. The M.D. will pay \$500 and the Town of Bonnyville is being asked to cover the \$500 balance. The Go Girl event is for Grade 7 girls in the M.D. and town schools. Council agreed to purchase a \$100 table for four at the Fort Kent Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Party on November 22.

☐#8 Brief, Briefs, Briefs – Council approved a reserve bid of \$60,430 for a lot in La Corey that will be the only property in the 2014 Tax Arrears Public Auction on November 25. Council approved the sale of the old Glendon Rapid Response Truck for \$4,000. Council agreed to provide a letter of support to the City of Cold Lake in their application for an Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant to do a Regional Community and Recreational Services Strategy Study. If approved, the \$175,000 study will look at long-term recreational needs for the City of Cold Lake and surrounding area.

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