

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS November 26, 2014

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

□#1 New Moose Lake Bin Sites Opening Delayed Until Spring – The new Moose Lake subdivision bin sites at Moose Lake Meadows, Willow Ridge and Hillside will not be operational until spring. The onslaught of cold winter weather has put a stop to work on the new bin sites. Residents can continue to use the Birch Grove or Model Development bin sites or take their garbage to the Town of Bonnyville landfill.

□#2 Transportation and Utilities News – Council met with the Minister of Municipal Affairs at the recent Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) Convention to ask for provincial funding for the \$12 million overlay upgrade of the La Corey North Resource Road. Plow trucks and graders are all up and functioning for the winter season. The Road Construction Crew has completed the Stonehocker access and is currently working on the landfill cap at Goodridge. Winter work will be brushing of 2015 projects and some Ardmore storm pond work. Consultants will be working on the design of the storm pond and will be preparing tenders for more underground service replacement for 2015. Tenders will be out in January for the Range Road 485A project. The contractor is finishing cleanup of the Crane Lake road construction and itemized deficiencies will be addressed in the spring. The contractor has completed the pipe installation for the La Corey intersection drainage. Construction has ceased on the Moose Lake Trail for the winter. The tender for the La Corey Grader Shop/Fire Hall has been extended to give more time for interested companies to submit bids.

□#3 Community Services News – Kinosoo Ridge is getting covered – with lots and lots of snow. The cold weather has been great for snowmaking and work is slightly ahead of schedule. The new Tube Park is completely booked for December with school groups and corporate functions. The ski hill opens Saturday, December 6 to the public. Parks staff are starting to lay the cross country ski trails in Muriel Lake M.D. Park.

□#4 Planning and Development Update – In October, 25 Development Permits and 11 new Residential Building Permits were issued, with a year-to-date total of \$61,152,728. Year-to-date housing starts include 110 Single Family Dwellings and 32 Mobile Homes. First reading was given to Road Closure and Lease Bylaw No. 1585 for a portion of road allowance adjacent to the south boundary of SE 1-62-2 W4M commencing at Range Road 420. Final Reading was given to Road Closure and Lease renewals for Bylaw Nos. 1586, 1587, 1588, 1589 and 1590 for a three-year term until December 2017.

□#5 Public Safety News – Industry Officers have been patrolling in the area of Highway 659 and Range Road 442 (Beartrap Road) because of complaints over the misuse of engine retarder brakes. The loud rapping noise has been waking up residents. Officers are also issuing tickets on the La Corey North Resource Road at the intersection with Range Road 460. Vehicles are coming out of a parking lot, disregarding the stop sign and darting into the traffic flow, causing hard braking and near misses. In response to a complaint at the Cherry Grove Open House, Officers have been patrolling Range Road

410A, but thus far have not encountered a lot of truck traffic. Public Safety will keep track of when a haul is taking place out of the gravel pit on RR 410A and patrol during that time.

□#6 Agricultural and Waste News – Reclamation work is continuing at the Goodridge Landfill, with completion scheduled next week. The Crane Lake West bin site has been constructed and bins have been placed. Chain-link fencing will be constructed in the spring along with privacy slats. Claims for the first three quarters of the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) Program are \$8,107, an increase of 18.2 percent from last year. Farmers are willing to spend more money on treating animals as cattle prices have increased. The 2014 budget for the VSI Program is \$81,000 with the subsidy coverage at 50 percent. The number of animals coming into the Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program are similar to previous years with 250 Coyotes and five Wolves brought in to date. The Bonnyville Seed Cleaning Plant received a 96.2 percent rating after its annual provincial inspection. This is a significant improvement over last year's rating. Kudos go out to the staff for their hard work.

□#7 Funding Support – Council agreed to purchase two tables at the Bonnyville Health Foundation Gala on February 21 for \$1,200. Council donated \$250 to Notre Dame High School for Girls 2A Volleyball Provincials. Council wrote a letter of support to the Bonnyville Senior Pontiacs for their bid to host the 2015 AA/A Provincials.

□#8 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – The property placed up for public auction on November 25 did not sell. The December 24 Council meeting has been cancelled.

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