

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS January 14, 2015

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□#1 Compensation Rates Set – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council approved the amendment of the current compensation rates paid for land acquisition for road construction. Council agreed that all land for road construction, either for purchase, borrow pit or landscape borrow will be paid at \$1,500 per acre, and that the M.D. no longer pay for back sloping. Instead the M.D. will purchase the land for \$1,500 an acre. Currently the M.D. pays \$1,000 per acre for landscape borrow and \$100 per acre for back sloping, plus crop loss if any.

□#2 Winter Recreation A Big Hit Over The Holidays – Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort had its busiest Christmas season in 20 years – with the new Tube Park being a major draw. Four ski/snowboard instructors were hired on December 18, enabling the Ridge to offer Christmas Camps and Lessons. Revenue from lessons was up 20 percent from 2013. The first month's operation of the Tube Park was highly successful, although snowfall tends to throw a wrench into user's enjoyment. Snowfall slows the tubes to a crawl, so the park needs additional grooming after a snowfall to ensure maximum delight.

□#3 Public Safety Director Awarded Provincial Medal – Public Safety Director Chris Garner was awarded the Alberta Peace Officer Long Service Recognition Medal for 20 years of service. Garner was a Military Police Officer at 4 Wing Cold Lake, a Peace Officer with the Town of Bonnyville and started with the M.D in 1999. As the municipality's population has increased and the level of industry activity has skyrocketed, the department has expanded. Due to traffic levels, a Ward Beat Program and a seven-day-a-week patrol, focused on industry traffic has been implemented. The award-winning School Resource Officer Program was also established. The M.D has one of the most up-to-date and progressive Peace Officer Departments in Alberta. Our cost-sharing program is the envy of many municipalities.

□#4 Agricultural News – The Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program is in its fourth month of operation, with 700 coyotes and 26 wolves being brought in. Since the M.D. started the program in October, staff have not received any predation complaints. The M.D. signed a three-year agreement with Alberta Agriculture for the Agricultural Service Board Grant, which is the main source of funding used to educate and enforce provincial acts. The M.D. also signed the Veterinarian Service Incorporated (VSI) Program agreement for 2015 that allows the M.D. to cost share veterinarian procedures with local producers on a 50/50 split. Council approved the equipment purchase up to a maximum of \$582,000 for the following: post pounder, two ¾ ton trucks, a Kubota with sprayer/plow/sander, two 10-foot rotary flail mowers, subdivision mower, rototiller and frontload garbage truck.

□#5 Planning and Development Update – In December, 15 development permits and nine new residential building permits were issued, with a 2014 year-to-date total of \$66,996,868. Year-to-date 2014 housing starts include 123 Single Family Dwellings and

33 Mobile Homes. While the year-end total is lower than 2012 and 2013, the busiest development years, it is higher than 2011 totals. Final 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. Final 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". Final 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. Final 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". Final 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 LU Bylaw No. 548 for land use amendments to add regulations for the Pine Meadows Hutterite Colony Direct Control District. Final Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1596 to renew a Road Lease for Road Plan 1779EU within SE 13-63-8 W4M. Final Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1577 to close and sell a service road within Plan 084 0172 for a minimum transfer fee of \$10, as the land was transferred to the M.D. at no cost at the time of subdivision.

□#6 Transportation and Utilities Update – Council agreed to proceed with the installation of 10 lights in the Ferbey Subdivision for the cost of \$10,000, two lights in the Britannia Subdivision for \$2,500 and eight lights in Evergreen Estates for \$10,000. It is not funding three lights in Eagle's Nest Subdivision because of the high cost of \$22,500. Council approved the equipment purchase up to a maximum of \$2,161,205 for the following: two replacement graders, one replacement loader, four replacement pickup trucks, one used replacement tractor, one replacement packer, one replacement sander box, one new tandem truck and sander, one new Tridem Clam fifth-wheel trailer, one new Tridem Pup, one new slip-in water tank, two new water fill flex arms, two new SCADA equipment for water systems and two new submersible aerators for the lagoons. Currently 40,000 tonnes of gravel is being stockpiled at the east end of the M.D. The Two Hills gravel haul has begun. The Construction Crew will complete the winter's brushing projects at the end of January. Plow trucks and graders are all up and functioning and the night shift is maintaining all priority routes. Multiple tenders for services, material supply and projects will be going out in January, with closing dates at the end of February and awarding done the first Council Meeting of March. Consultants are working on the design of the Ardmore storm pond and are preparing tenders to be out in January for more underground service replacement in 2015. Consultants are also tendering out the Township Road 485A project and Gurneyville Road (Range Road 460).

□#7 Funding Support – Council agreed to donate \$12,000 to the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society. As of March 31, 2014, STARS has flown 368 missions to the M.D. Council donated \$500 to the Ecole Des Beaux-Lacs Graduation Committee.

□#8 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Council agreed to participate in the Regional Opportunity Committee in order to negotiate a new I.D. 349 Tax Sharing Agreement with the province, as the existing agreement expires in 2017. Council agreed to implement payment of suppliers through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Council agreed to lease

property next to the Bonnyville Post Office to be used for additional parking for the rental cost of \$3,000 a year for a five-year term. Council adopted its Vision and Mission Statement and Guiding Principles. Council cancelled the February 25 meeting.

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