

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 10, 2015

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☐#1 Public Safety Update – The Public Safety Department have noticed a drop in campground usage compared to last year, possibly due to fire bans. The Department assisted ID #349, providing roadblocks along the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range (CLAWR) access road in the M.D. in support of the firefighting efforts on the Range. The road block was in place for about 24 hours – traffic control for the initial evacuation of the CLAWR was also provided on Saturday, May 23. Comparisons of tickets in May 2015 to May 2014 have increased slightly 344(in 2014) to 364(in 2015).The School Resource Officers have completed the Right Choices Program at H E Bourgoin Middle School and bike safety at various schools. This year they also conducted a Mock Trial at Cold Lake High School with Grade 10 students. The program was well received and they are hoping to offer it fully next school year.

☐#2 Community Services Update – Director of Community Services, Chris McCord, informed Council of the campground maintenance and upgrades: speed bumps installed at the Muriel Lake and Crane Lake Campgrounds, all swim buoys are in and a 3,200 gallon sani-dump has been installed at Wolf Lake. An inventory of all playground equipment and inspections has been completed.

☐#3 Agricultural and Waste Services – The M.D. of Bonnyville roadside spraying and weed inspection programs are in full swing. The roadside spraying program will see 700 kilometres of roadway sprayed this year. Weed inspectors will be visiting existing problem areas and also newer industrial developments. A new threat to our lakes has been identified. Zebra Mussels were found by local boat shop doing a repair in Cold Lake. The M.D. has two trained inspectors and is asking residents to take care and precautions when purchasing a boat from out of province or using your boat within other areas of Canada or the United States. M.D. construction crews have completed the recapping of the old portion of the Goodridge Class II landfill and are hoping to start the Therien Landfill in the fall of this year.

☐#4 Transportation and Utilities Update – The construction crew is currently working on Township Road 624 and will be moving to Township Road 630 next. Our oiling crews have completed work on Township Road 614 and Range Road 484 and are currently working on Township Road 591 and Township Road 624. Once completed there, they will be starting on Range Road 490 and Township Road 623. The paving crew has completed one km on Township Road 622. Three patch trucks are up and running and dealing with emerging issues. The contractor for the Gurneyville Road project has started and will continue throughout the summer. Ardmore storm pond is complete with the remainder of piping to be completed shortly. The dust suppressant program has started and is moving along quickly.

□#5 Planning and Development Update – In May 2015, 23 development permits and eight new residential building permits were issued valued at \$3,033,400.00, with a year to date total of \$12,926,726.00. In 2014 the M.D. had 95 applications for subdivisions processed and in 2015 to date there is 30 applications. The following received second and third readings: Bylaw 1598 and Bylaw LU549 for the LaCorey Park Area Structure Plan and rezoning from Hamlet Urban to Commercial/Industrial/Residential at SW 18-63-5 W4M, Bylaw 1599 and Bylaw LU550 for Country Roads Estates Area Structure Plan and rezoning Agriculture “A” to Country Residential “CR”, Bylaw 1600 and Bylaw LU551 for the Woodlands of Windermere for Area Structure Plan and rezoning of land from Agriculture “A” to Country Residential “CR”. Bylaw 1603 for Closure of a Public Road Allowance at NW 17-60-2 W4M was defeated.

□#6 Funding and Letters of Support - Flat Lake Community Hall received their \$35,000 operating grant for 2015 while the Eastbourne Community Hall received \$500 to assist with their 75th Anniversary celebrations. Letters of support were provided to Bonnyville Centralized High School for a grant application to enhance recreational opportunities in the area, as well as the Bonnyville & District Centennial Center for a Canada 150 grant to retrofit and renovate the rinks.

□#9 Grant Opportunities – Council agreed to make application to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for funding the Connecting Recreation Trail project that would see 4.2 km of recreation trail built on Township Road 611A from Highway 28 to Range Road 460.

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