

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS October 14, 2015

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□#1 Waste Not, Want Not – The Municipal District of Bonnyville Waste Services staff have responded to several break-ins at landfill sites in the past months. The M.D. encourages people to scavenge in the landfills during the hours when the sites are open. For safety purposes, scavengers are not to climb on the waste piles. Landfill sites and hours are posted on the M.D. website at www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca.

□#2 Winter Is Coming – Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort is gearing up for the winter season. As soon as temperatures consistently drop below zero, staff will begin snow making for the hill. The Tube Park is scheduled to open on November 28 and the regular season will begin on December 5. Concrete blocks are being installed at the Muriel Lake Campground gate in order to cut down on vandalism in the park during the winter months. Foot and cross country ski traffic can still access the trails within the park. While winter is in the air, Parks staff are already planning for next summer by installing a public fish filleting stand on the west side of Crane Lake next to the picnic shelter. The 700 gallon tank will accommodate public use.

□#3 Transportation and Utilities Update – Council agreed to install three LED lights and one transformer in the Whispering Spruce subdivision for a cost of \$7,500 and five LED lights in the Crawford Estates subdivision for \$19,000. Council agreed to make the last \$350,000 payment on the Lakeside Village water and sewer project now that all of the work is completed. The Construction Crew is working on Range Road 485 and will be moving to Township Road 604A and Township Road 611A when completed. The Oiling Crew has completed all the scheduled road projects and has switched over to deep patching projects throughout the M.D. The Paving Crew has completed scheduled projects and is now paving the entrance areas to the Ardmere and Fort Kent reservoirs. Next on the list is paving the new bin sites in the Moose Lake subdivisions. The Gurneyville Road contractor has completed the road to the Township Road 604 intersection and has been working on the last section, with the help of an additional sub-contractor. It is anticipated that the road surface should be completed prior to the end of the season, but the contractor will still have ditching and clean-up to finish next year. The La Corey Grader Shop/Fire Hall is scheduled for completion in early November.

□#4 Agricultural and Waste Services – The collection of obsolete agricultural chemicals will take place from October 19 to 23 at the Public Works/Ag Services Shop. Staff are planning a trip to one of the disposal sites because of the large volume of items received over the last year during the Household Toxic Round-Up. K&K Recycling is crushing and hauling out approximately 800 tonnes of metal from five M.D. landfills this month. Roadside mowers are completing the second passes on main arterial roads. The crews will begin picking rocks in designated ditch areas, as well as cleaning up municipal reserves in subdivisions which are full of rocks and unwanted debris dropped off by the public.

□#5 Planning and Development Update – Planning and Development ended September with 34 Development Permits, including 27 New Residential Housing permits, three Agriculture, three Commercial and one Recreational permit issued for a total value of \$3,557,107. This brings the year-end value up to \$31,551,553 for 2015. Year-to-date housing starts are 48 Single Family Dwellings and 11 Mobile Home Units. Final Reading was given to Bylaw 1611 to close and lease a portion of Range Road 453 west of NW 15-62-5 W4M.

□#6 Public Safety Report – September traffic statistics are down from last year with 359 traffic stops in 2015 compared to 447 in 2014. The drop is attributed to a reduction in vehicle activity due to the downturn and reduced staff on the road. Industry Patrol Officers have conducted three joint traffic operations with the RCMP, one with Cold Lake and two with Bonnyville. The operations target problem areas and enable the departments to maximize resources and put a higher number of officers in an area to deal with chronic traffic issues. Public Safety Officers have been patrolling Range Road 411A, on the east side of Cherry Grove and north of Highway 55, due to complaints from local residents of speeding traffic during the after-work peak traffic period.

□#7 Funding Support – The Cherry Grove Recreation Society received its annual \$35,000 Operating Grant. Council agreed to contribute \$1,000 each to the Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre and the Cold Lake Food Banks. Council agreed to purchase a \$480 table of eight at the 10th Annual Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. Dinner/Dance/Silent Auction Community Fundraiser.

□#8 Briefly – The November 11 Council Meeting was cancelled due to Remembrance Day. The November 18 Committee Meeting was cancelled due to a conflict with the provincial Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties Conference. Council agreed to appoint members to the Local Assessment Review Board and the Composite Assessment Review Board for multiple three-year terms.

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