

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS January 27, 2016

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☐#1 M.D. receives accolades for IMCP – CAO Chris Cambridge presented Council with a letter from the Honourable Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs for the creation of the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Program. “I commend you and your partners for pursuing this initiative,” the letter reads. “Cooperative efforts like this foster strong communities and healthy relationships among municipalities.”

Council announced the program at the end of 2015. This year, under the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Program (IMCP) funding formula, the Town of Bonnyville can access \$3.8 million, the Village of Glendon can access just over \$500,000 and the City of Cold Lake will receive \$645,800.

Council also received a letter from the Town of Bonnyville thanking the M.D. for the creation of the IMCP.

☐#2 Public Safety Update – School Resource Officers have been busy working at schools across our region. Ardmore School and St. Dominic’s have been going through the popular CSI Program, while Nelson Heights heard a presentation on quad safety and students at Beaux-Lacs learned about drinking and driving.

Director Chris Garner presented Council with the 2015 Year End Report that will be submitted to the Solicitor General’s office. It was a busy year, with the number of incidents increasing to 5,331 in 2015 over 2014’s 5,028. Garner said traffic incidents make up the majority of these incidents. Peace Officers saw dog complaints drop off slightly last year, with 225 complaints. In 2014 Public Safety received 234 dog control complaints.

Peace Officers also completed 484 Commercial Truck Inspections in 2015. School Resource Officers were busy with 783 visits to schools in the three school divisions in our area – Lakeland Catholic, Northern Lights and Conseil scolaire Centre-Est.

The year end report is available on our website at www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca/186/Public-Safety.

☐#3 Agriculture and Waste Update – The Municipal District of Bonnyville sent 300 tonnes less waste to landfills in 2015 over 2014. Director Matt Janz told Council just over 3,000 tonnes were hauled in 2015. The M.D. and the County of St. Paul hosted a Clubroot Information Session February 1. The session was to focus on how to slow the spread of the disease which affects canola crops.

☐#4 Community Services Update – Kinosoo Ridge hosted a Nancy Greene race January 30 and 31, with racers coming from across the province.

☐#5 Transportation and Utilities Update – Crews have been working hard to clean up snow from the last storm that dumped six to eight inches on the M.D. In the first two weeks of January, staff addressed over 100 Hardship Flags and 30 grader flags. Brushing crews are out working on sight line improvements, while the Construction Crew continues brushing work on the Wolf Lake Road.

❑#6 **Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – Council received a letter from the Town of Bonnyville requesting the paving of the Gurneyville Road be pushed up to the 2016 Road Priorities list, instead of leaving it on the 2017 project list. Council decided against this, as they believe the road needs the extra year to settle after being reconstructed in 2015. Council said the M.D. will keep on top of the dust control for the road in 2016. Council heard from Col. Eric Kenny from 4 Wing Cold Lake regarding sponsorship for the July 16 – 17 Cold Lake Air Show. Council will discuss the issue at its next committee meeting.

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