

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS April 13, 2016

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

□#1 Clean Up Rates Increased – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to increase the rates for the Roadside Clean-Up Program to attract more groups to get involved. The Agriculture and Waste Department is signing up groups who want to participate in the annual Roadside Clean Up. The M.D. will pay groups \$50 to \$100 per kilometer, depending on the road that is being cleaned. Two classes of roads increased by \$10, to \$50 and \$70 per kilometer. Interested groups can call the Ag and Waste Department at 780-826-3951 to be assigned a road.

□#2 Don't Leave Your Garbage In The Ditch – Residents are encouraged to check the M.D. website at www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca for the closest Landfill Site to drop off large garbage items. The 6-yard bin sites have been extremely busy this spring, with the cleaning crew constantly picking up garbage and large items that are dropped off outside the gates. Please read the sign and take your large garbage items to the nearest Transfer Site.

□#3 Campground Reservation Lines Are Open – All the vacant campground caretaker positions are filled and reservation lines opened on April 1. Cold Lake and Crane Lake M.D. Parks experienced a record number of reservation requests. Parks staff are working with Planning and Development to create a beach area at Chicken Hill Lake as well as improving the boat launch at Pelican Point.

□#4 Transportation and Utilities News – Unless otherwise posted, a 90 percent Road Ban is in effect across the M.D. The contractor is monitoring Gurneyville Road and grading as required. Once the frost comes out of the road, the shoulders will be shaped and the contractor will rework a portion of the road. The M.D. will then lay down gravel and MG 30, touching up the approaches as required. The Construction Crew completed a short road extension on Range Road 432, north of Township Road 630. The crew is currently working on Range Road 435 while it waits for the frost to come out of Township Road 611A. Paving on Crane Lake Road is scheduled to start on July 1, with a completion date of September 15. Ardmore Underground Work will commence after the May long weekend. Ardmore Surface Work is scheduled to begin on July 15, with a completion date of September 30 to alleviate any undo congestion for local street traffic. A portable bridge has been installed on Range Road 485A until the contractor finishes repairs on a washed out section of road. Night shift is over for the season and staff are back to a regular on-call schedule. Crews are working on flooding issues, steaming culverts and tagging substandard culverts that may need to be replaced once the spring thaw is completed.

□#5 Council Dumps Rate Increase – In a recorded vote, M.D. Council cancelled the \$5 per cubic metre Bulk Sewer Dump charge for the Ardmore, Fort Kent and Therien lagoons that came into effect April 1. Sewage haulers had increased their rates charged to residents as a result of the new fee. Residents living on lake lots were especially hard hit

as some need their holding tanks emptied once a month or more. Councillors David Fox, Dana Swigart, Don Sinclair and Mike Krywiak voted to remove the fee, while Reeve Ed Rondeau and Councillors Fred Bamber and Barry Kalinski voted against the motion.

□#6 Public Safety Update – School Resource Officers delivered Self-Esteem and Right Choices sessions at Nelson Heights, Internet Safety, Right Choices and Drug Awareness at Cold Lake Middle School and were involved in a Mock Trial at Bonnyville Centralized High School. Officers participated in the Party Program, in partnership with Cold Lake Emergency Services and provided a session on Self-Esteem at HE Bourgoin School. Ward Officers are responding to a large variety of bylaw complaints across the M.D. from to unsightly properties, to barking dogs and quads on Moose Lake Trail. Industry Officers dealt with complaints about commercial vehicles, with 18 truck inspections conducted in the past few weeks.

□#7 Agricultural and Waste Services News – Sales have started for two percent Strychnine for ground squirrel control, with 30 cases for sale this spring at a cost of \$7.50 for a 250 ml bottle that treats one gallon of grain. The M.D. is encouraging farmers to use Strychnine in the months of April and May to attain the best results. Crews are working on problem flooding areas. Residents with beaver problems can call 780-826-3951 to report concerns. The Bonnyville Household Toxic Round-Up is being held on Saturday, June 25. The M.D. purchased 5,040 seedling trees from local nurseries, with all trees sold to residents. Larger trees can be purchased from local tree nurseries and greenhouses.

□#8 Kinosoo Ridge Wraps Up A Successful Season – Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort closed its doors for the season on April 2. The 2015-16 season was the best yet because of warm weather and excellent snow conditions. Lift ticket sales, lessons, school visits, Tube Park rides and rentals all increased from last season. The ski hill experienced a drop in season passes, but the higher lift ticket sales compensated for the reduction. Tube Park punch passes were also lower than last year, but Tube Park tickets came in higher.

□#9 Community Hall Grant Reporting Process Passed – Council approved a new process for Community Halls to report annual operating expenditures. The intent is for Council to use this financial information during the 2017 budget deliberations to assess whether or not the \$25,000 Annual Operating Grant is sufficient. Community halls use the operating grant to pay for utilities, supplies, repairs and maintenance under \$5,000 and small tools and equipment. Grant money is not to be used for paying board members, travel or gifts for board members.

□#10 Planning and Development Update – In March, 17 development permits including 11 new Residential building permits, four Industrial, one Recreational and one Residential Removal permit were issued, with a year-to-date total of \$4,880,915. Year-to-date housing starts include six Single Family Dwellings and four Mobile Home Units. In 2016 eight applications for Subdivisions have been received.

□#11 Funding Support – Riverhurst and Flat Lake Community Halls and the Eastbourne Community Club received their \$25,000 annual Operating Grants. The Cold Lake Agricultural Society received its \$20,000 annual Operating Grant. Council agreed

to contribute a \$1,500 sponsorship to the Bonnyville Pro Rodeo and Chuckwagon Association for the rodeo and chucks event from July 21 to 24. Council agreed to contribute \$500 to Bonnyville Victim Services to host a Mock Collision for Grade 10 students to educate youth on traffic safety. Council agreed to partner with the Town of Bonnyville to donate \$475 (\$237.50 for each municipality) to the Bonnyville Chamber of commerce to host a Day of Mourning ceremony for workers on April 28 at the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre.

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