

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 25, 2016

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

☐#1 Tax Notices Mailed May 27 – Municipal District of Bonnyville tax notices were mailed out Friday, May 27. If you have not received your property tax notice by June 17 for the properties you own, please call our Property Tax Team at 780-826-3171. July 26 is the last day to file an appeal on the assessment of your property at the Municipal Office with the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board based on the Property Tax Notices mailed May 27. September 15, 2016 is the last day to pay for your property taxes without penalties. If you have questions about your Property Assessment please contact our Property Assessors at 780-826-3171 or in person at our Administration Office (4905-50 Avenue). If you have questions about your outstanding property tax amount please contact our Property Tax team at 780-826-3171 or in person at our Administration Office. Our team is also available to discretely work with you on repayment options for properties with more than one year of outstanding taxes.

☐#2 New Waste Bylaw Passed – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council passed Bylaw No. 1627 to Regulate Waste and Resource Recovery Management. The bylaw sets a new \$15 monthly charge for door to door garbage pick-up in the hamlets of Fort Kent and Ardmore, as well as three subdivisions – Country Lane Estates, Countryside Estates and the estates around Barreyre Lake. Specified penalties for non-compliance are itemized. Residents who fail to ensure waste is kept within a container will be fined \$100 for the first offence, increasing incrementally to \$600 for the fourth offence. All recyclable materials for the landfill and transfer stations are listed, along with the required condition of the items.

☐#3 Stolen Items Recovered – The cross country ski trail groomer stolen from Muriel Lake earlier this year was recovered. A resident noticed the equipment discarded on the beach and contacted the Parks Department. The equipment suffered a little damage, but the repair/replacement bill has been reduced to \$150 from a possible \$4,000.

☐#4 M.D. Campground Upgrades – Hitching posts have been installed at Crane Lake beach to allow for boats to tie up and to eliminate them tying off on the guard rail. This leaves the beach area open for users. The Parks Crew will be starting on a natural playground at Crane Lake West on the grassy area near the beach. The structure features different level stumps and a log walking beam. The M.D. will add to the playground in subsequent years as budget allows.

☐#5 Transportation and Utilities News – Council agreed to take the last mile and a half of Township Road 630, past the turnoff to Kinosoo Ridge to the Saskatchewan border, off of the paving list. The Construction Crew has completed the first section of Range Road 443, the Wolf Lake Road ditching and reworking Range Road 485. The crew is currently working on Township Road 611A and then will move in to Ardmore to complete the east access road construction. Oiling Crews have completed work on

Township Roads 620 and 612, as well as Range Road 435. Crews are continuing to work on Range Roads 450 and 481, as well as Township Road 622. The Paving Crew has completed culvert settlements on the La Corey North Resource Road, Fishing Lake Road, Range Road 444 and some road repairs on Township Roads 611 and 622, as well as the Goodridge Road. The crew has started on the Lessard Road overlay. Dust suppressant with MG 30 is scheduled to begin this week and will continue until all projects are completed. The Gurneyville Road contractor continues to work on the road surface. Deficiencies will be reviewed prior to the M.D. accepting the completed project. Once the road transitions back to the M.D. further dust control with MG 30 will be applied to the road surface. The Ardmore Underground Works contractor has started handing out notices to residents informing them of the work that is going to be done. A crew has started hydrovacing to identify all line locations.

□#6 Public Safety Update – School Resource Officers (SROs) are wrapping up their programs as the school year comes to a close. SROs have done 11 informal visits and 33 formal visits. These include Bike Safety Rodeo presentations at several schools and the CSI Program. Public Safety Officers continue to respond to dog complaints throughout the M.D. In this reporting period, dogs chasing chickens, excessive barking, dogs at large and an aggressive dog were some of the issues. During the reporting period Industry Officers performed 30 Commercial Vehicle Inspections. No overweight commercial trucks were found.

□#7 Agricultural and Waste News – Council approved eight Weed Inspectors for the 2016 season: Matt Janz, Janice Boden, Mike Penner, Dylan Tellier, Kaitlyn Davidiuk, Britney Heathcote, Jacqueline Kathan and Kirby Claybert. Claims for the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) Program from January 1 to March 31 totalled \$20,047. Overall there is a four percent increase in total VSI claims for the first quarter compared to last year. The Ag and Waste Department distributed over 6,000 seedling trees from local nurseries to M.D. residents last week. Staff planted over 200 trees at the M.D. tree farm located east of La Corey at the reclaimed landfill site. Once the trees are several years old, staff plant them in M.D. parks or in Municipal Reserves. Upgrades and repairs are being made to the following bin sites: Iron River, Beaverdam, Cherry Ridge, Dupre, Flat Lake, Marie Lake and Franchere. The Muriel Lake East upgrade is on hold as the proposed subdivision is on hold.

For more information, contact Diane Jenkinson, Marketing and Communications Manager at 780-826-3171. Our website is a useful way to get the information you need. Visit: www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @MDBville.