

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 8, 2016

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☐ **#1 Roadside Spraying Commences** – The Municipal District of Bonnyville and/or contractors have started spraying roadside ditches along provincial highways and other municipal roads. Work will continue throughout the summer until the end of September, as is required to control the spread of weeds and brush growth. Landowners living along a primary or secondary highway, or M.D. road, who are prepared to control the weeds along their property, should contact Carillion, the maintenance contractor that looks after these highways or the M.D. You will be asked to sign a “Weed Control Agreement” stating that you accept responsibility for the control of weeds in the ditch along your property. If you fail to control these by mowing or spraying, the M.D., or Carillion, may control them by whatever means it considers appropriate. Landowners are reminded that road allowances are owned by the M.D., or by the province in the case of provincial highways, and any activity carried out within the road allowances are done at each persons’ own risk. For more information or to sign a “Weed Control Agreement” please contact: Matt Janz or Janice Boden at the ASB office 780-826-3951 or Carillion, Highways Maintenance Contractor at 780-812-2134.

☐ **#2 Road Paving List Revisions** – Council approved the removal of one section of Township Road 622 (from Range Road 434 to Range Road 440) from the In House Road Paving List to replace it with a new section of roadway on Township Road 622 from Range Road 433 to Range Road 435. It was determined that additional road reconstruction work was required before paving can occur on the first section of road.

☐ **#3 New Waste Bylaw Affects Fort Kent, Ardmore and Three Rural Subdivisions** – M.D. residents in the hamlets of Ardmore, Fort Kent and the subdivisions of Emerald Estates, Country Lane and Countryside Estates will be affected by service changes under the new Waste Bylaw. Door-to-door collection will commence in the three subdivisions and all the properties receiving the service, including those in the hamlets, will be charged a \$15 monthly fee. The invoices will be billed on a bi-monthly basis to the owner of the property.

☐ **#4 Planning and Development News** – In May, 28 development permits including 27 new Residential Building Permits and one Industrial Permit were issued, with a year-to-date total of \$10,168,907. Year-to-date housing starts include 15 Single Family Dwellings and seven Mobile Home Units. Twelve applications for Subdivisions have been received.

☐ **#5 Parks Bylaw 1624 Passed** – Council passed a new, updated, Parks Bylaw that reflects current issues and existing practices. It replaces a bylaw passed in 1985. The format was updated and fine amounts were increased to provide a deterrent against violations. The person who rents the campground stall is now responsible for everything that happens in that stall. Penalties are now in place for such violations as: “Open Liquor in a Public Place” (\$200 fine); “Interfere with the quiet/enjoyment of a park” (\$400 fine) and “Return to M.D. Park after eviction” (\$500 fine).

☐#6 Transportation and Utilities News – The Construction Crew is currently working on Township Road 611A. Once completed they will move to Township Road 630. The contractor will be moving onto Range Road 485A to complete paving over the repaired washout. Oiling Crews have completed approximately half the work on Range Road 450, they are working on the top lift of Range Road 481 and the base work on Township Road 622. Crews will be working additional hours on weekends to make up for some of the lost time due to rain. The Paving Crew has completed Range Road 452 and is currently working on Township Road 622. Application of dust suppressant has begun and will continue until all projects are completed. The contractor is finished on Gurneyville Road and the M.D. has applied dust suppressant. The Ardmore Underground contractor is completing the milling on the streets and is installing temporary water services. Line replacement will start soon after.

☐#7 Public Safety Update – Council agreed to amend Dog Control Bylaw 1371 to increase the Impound Fee from \$70 to \$100 to match the new cost being charged by the Bonnyville SPCA. School Resource Officers have been busy doing Bike Rodeos and classroom sessions on bike safety. Officers were at Holy Cross, Duclos and Cold Lake Elementary Schools. The Right Choices Program is being conducted at HE Bourgoin School. Ward Officers assisted volunteers at the Ardmore Duck Race to slow down traffic on Highway 892 at the bridge on the Beaver River. Dogs running at large in Wards 1 and 2 generated multiple complaints and an aggressive dog was reported at Crane Lake. Officers are dealing with two unsightly properties in Ardmore, as well as parking issues. There have been several complaints regarding abandoned wells. The Ward 2 Officer has responded to complaints about loud noise and drinking at a public access/boat launch on Moose Lake. Industry Officers are dealing with complaints of speeding gravel trucks in Fort Kent and have also been checking on other problem areas for traffic issues. They have done 18 commercial vehicle inspections in the last two weeks.

☐#8 Agricultural and Waste News – Weed inspections are being conducted at all oilfield sites for the presence of noxious weeds, especially Scentless Chamomile. The inspectors are visiting sites that have been a problem over the years, as well as newer industrial developments. The Seed Cleaning Plant is hosting its Annual Farmer's Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, June 24 at 8 a.m.

☐#9 Parks Update – Parks staff have installed traffic counters at Cold Lake, Crane Lake and Minnie Lake campgrounds to provide information on the number of day patrons the parks receive. The tourism signs on Highway 55 for Cold Lake M.D. Park and Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort were updated. Staff removed and topped trees at Wolf Lake. New outhouses were erected at Muriel Lake.

☐#10 Funding Support – North Shore Heights/Shay Cho Bay Community Society and the Dupre Community League received their \$5,000 Annual Operating Grants. The Beaverdam Community Society received its \$25,000 Annual Operating Grant. Council agreed to provide a Letter of Support to the Beaverdam Community Society for its application for a Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) Grant to renovate its washrooms. Council agreed to provide a

\$2,500 contribution to the Cold Lake Cardinals Sr. AA Team to help cover some of the hosting costs for the 2016 Western Baseball Championships from August 19 to 21.

□**#11 Briefly** – M.D. Council agreed to provide a Letter of Support to Alberta Parks to support their initiative to get Lakeland Provincial Park and Recreation Area designated as a Dark Sky Preserve. Council agreed to apply for funding under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for the \$900,000 Cold Lake M.D. Park Enhancement Project – Phase 1.

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