

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 22, 2016

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☐ **#1 Road Priority List Changes** – Council agreed to remove 2.5 miles of Baywood Road and half a mile of Cherry Grove subdivision from the Rip and Relay List. It will be replaced with one mile of Baywood Road on the Base Paving List and half mile of Cherry Grove on the Paving List. Council also removed the LARA Road from the Rip and Relay list and moved it to the Paving Overlay List. In a recorded vote, Council defeated the motion to complete the reconstruction work on Range Road 473. Councillors Mike Krywiak, Dana Swigart and David Fox voted in favour of completing the project. Reeve Ed Rondeau, along with Councillors Barry Kalinski, Fred Bamber and Don Sinclair voted against. The total cost of RR 473 reconstruction was estimated at \$280,250, in comparison to the typical road construction cost for this length of road of \$75,000. Council tabled a motion to fund the reconstruction of Range Road 443 until the first Council meeting in September. The estimated cost of construction on RR 443 is \$563,790, in comparison to the typical cost for regular construction of a road of this length of \$100,000. The increased costs of both of these roads is due to required earthwork.

☐ **#2 Kinosoo Ridge Fees Increase Next Season** – Council agreed to increase fees at Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort for the 2016/17 winter season. Fees for lift tickets will increase three percent, from \$32 to \$33 for a full day adult pass. Fees for Tech Services such as a Ski Wax, will see a slightly higher increase from \$11 to \$15. Fees for the Tube Park will not change. Council will review all of the fees again next year for the following season.

☐ **#3 Door-To-Door Waste Fees Delayed** – Waste Collection Fees for the hamlets of Ardmore and Fort Kent, as well as the subdivisions of Country Lane, Country Side and Emerald Estates will begin July 1, rather than in June. Council agreed to give residents time to decide the level of service they would like to choose and allow time for written notices to be delivered to all users notifying them of the new billing charge.

☐ **#4 Planning and Development News** – Final Reading was given to Bylaws No. LU 557 and Areas Structure Plan Bylaw No. 1614 for SW 31-61-5-W4M for zoning amendments reflecting the use as described within the Aurora Borealis Estates ASP. The area was rezoned from Agriculture “A” to Rural Industrial “RI” and a detailed drainage plan was developed. Council agreed to proceed with the notification for the removal of the Municipal Reserve designation for the relocation of the existing approach to align with Township Road 611A for Plan 1421996 Block 1 Lot 6MR within NW 10-61-6-W4M.

☐ **#5 Tax Penalty Bylaw Replaced** – Final Reading was given to Bylaw 1628 to impose penalties on unpaid taxes. The bylaw allows the M.D. to impose penalties on all properties with current taxes outstanding after September 15, or 30 days after the property tax notices have been mailed, whichever date is later.

□#6 Transportation and Utilities News – Council agreed to fund the \$110,000 cost of three bridge repairs – BF7431 over the Beaver River north of Glendon, BF72515 (INE 6063-8 W4M) and BF 13135 (WSW 13-63-7-W4).

□#7 Public Safety Update – School Resource Officers are busy with the last of the Right Choices Program at H.E. Bourgoin School. There were formal visits, which included a Self Esteem lecture at Ecole Voyageur, CSI finger printing at Pine Meadows School, bicycle safety at Notre Dame Elementary and Right to Play at Dr. Brosseau School, as well as numerous informal visits. Complaints about dogs running at large continue to keep Ward Officers busy. Complaints include dogs chasing livestock, dogs loose in subdivisions and dogs barking excessively. Officers assisted with traffic control during the Iron River School roadside cleanup and the Lakeland Telus Motorcycle Ride For Dad.

□#8 Agricultural and Waste News – Roadside mowing has been completed in the Moose Lake subdivisions and work is being done in Wards 1 and 4. The mowers will move on to Wards 6 and 3 next. The subdivision mower is in the Cold Lake and Cherry Grove area for the next couple of weeks. Roadside spraying has started, with efforts concentrating on brush in the ditch and noxious weeds. Staff are also spot spraying along provincial highways in the M.D. up to a maximum contracted cost of \$5,000. The province is not spraying highway ditches this year. The M.D. received an Agriculture Service Board Grant of \$164,000 from the provincial government and a \$65,000 grant from the Environmental Stream Program, which goes directly to the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA).

□#9 Funding Support – Council agreed to allow the Glendon Agricultural Society to use a previously budgeted \$158,000 grant for Phase 3 of the Glendon Arena Restoration Project for ice plant repairs. The funds had been allocated to upgrade the dressing rooms, but the ice plant for the curling rink and arena has failed and requires immediate repairs, or replacement if the total \$450,000 funding can be found. The Ardmore Community Society and the Alexander Recreation Society received their \$25,000 Annual Operating Grant. The Bonnyville Historical Society received its annual \$17,500 grant for the museum. Council agreed to provide the Zone 7 Lacrosse Team with a \$500 Jersey Sponsorship to compete at the Alberta Summer Games in Leduc July 14 to 17. The M.D. provided contributions to the following groups from April to June: \$500 for Assumption School Graduation, \$500 for Bonnyville Centralized High School Graduation, \$500 for the Bonnyville Skipperos to compete at Nationals, \$500 for the Glendon School Badminton Team to compete at provincials, \$500 for the Glendon School Graduation, \$100 for Megan Fendelet to compete in Wrestling with Team Canada and \$500 for the Notre Dame High School Handball Team to compete at Provincials.

□#10 Briefly – Council will be sending two letters to MLA Scott Cyr to make sure their concerns are presented in the Alberta Legislature. One letter is regarding this year's budget cut for roadside spraying of noxious weeds in primary and secondary highway ditches. The second letter is to urge the provincial government to fund bridge repairs and reinstate the Resource Road grant funding. The next regular Council Meeting will be on July 27.

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