

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS July 27, 2016

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□#1 Watercross Races at Crane Lake – Council agreed to let the Western Canadian Watercross Association use Alberta registered quads and trailers to tow jet skis to boat launches (including at the M.D. campground) at Crane Lake during the two-weekend racing event, August 12-13 and 20-21. Director of Public Safety, Chris Garner, also recommended the association use volunteers to make sure spectators parking along the side roads aren't blocking traffic during the event.

□#2 Dogs and Speeders Keep Public Safety Busy – Peace Officers were called to two separate fatal dog incidents on Canada Day long weekend. Subsequent investigations have resulted in charges. One incident was near Vezneau Beach, and the other incident was at Crane Lake.

Officers also dealt with numerous speeding complaints from around the M.D., including the Wolf Lake Road into the M.D. Campground, Minnie Lake M.D. Park and 50 Street in Ardmore. Public Safety was also called to deal with a drag racing complaint on Range Road 454. Officers received complaints about gravel trucks, including speeding, aggressive driving and causing damage to Range Road 485.

□#3 Kinosoo Break-In – Director of Community Services, Chris McCord reported there had been a break-in at Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort. A quad, side-by-side and a number of tools used in the maintenance of the chairlifts were taken. RCMP is currently investigating.

□#4 Swimming Lessons Coming to a Lake Near You – Boreal Forest Guides out of Cold Lake is now teaching swimming lessons from the beach at Cold Lake M.D. Park, with plans for swim lessons to begin in early August at the Minnie Lake M.D. Park.

□#5 Transportation and Utilities Update – Director of Transportation and Utilities, Darcy Zelisko says the 2016 Road Projects List is about 2/3 completed. Construction Crews are currently working on Township Road 630, while Oiling Crews are working on Rng. Rd. 435 and Twp. Rd. 614. The Paving Crew has started base work on Rng. Rd. 485, with paving expected to begin soon. The crew will then move to Northshore Heights.

MG-30 dust suppressant has been applied to the Gurneyville Road. The contractor working on Crane Lake Road (Rng. Rd. 444) has begun prep and base work, and will start at the north end, and work toward Hwy. 55. Council agreed to remove the LARA Road (Twp. Rd. 615) from the paving list, as it needs to be reconstructed before it is paved/oiled. Council agreed to spend \$80,000 fixing the walkway piles and other minor repairs on the bridge on Rng. Rd. 474, on the way to the Franchere Provincial Recreation Area. Zelisko said when it comes time to replace the bridge, there should be a lookout built in for the people who walk there and also fish from the bridge.

□#6 Planning and Development Update – Council gave Second and Third Reading to Bylaw 1622 to close Cherry Ridge Drive in Cherry Grove. The road is no longer needed and will be consolidated into the existing Municipal Reserve (MR) lot.

After a Public Hearing, Council agreed to remove the MR designation from a lot within NW-10-61-6-W4M, which will allow for an intersection upgrade and alignment at Twp. Rd. 611A and Hwy. 28 at the Fortier subdivision.

The Planning and Development Department received 26 new Development Permits in June, for a total value of \$3,364,900, bring the year-to-date total up to \$13,770,740. Of those 26 permits, 25 were for new residential buildings, including seven new single family dwellings.

□#7 Agriculture and Waste Update – Council agreed to cancel the Black Bin garbage program at Ambassador Estates outside of Bonnyville at the request of the majority of the subdivision residents. The residents will now be responsible for taking their waste to a landfill. In September, Ag and Waste staff will release Canada Thistle Stem Mining Weevils. This biological control will help get rid of the thistles in areas where spray cannot be used.

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