

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS October 25, 2017

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**☐#1 New Council Makes Annual Appointments** – The new Municipal District of Bonnyville Council was sworn in on Wednesday. At the organizational meeting Councillor Dana Swigart was appointed as Deputy Reeve for one year. The new Council committee appointments can be found on the M.D. website at [www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca](http://www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca). Council did not increase any remunerations. The Agriculture Service Board (ASB) Chair is Councillor Mike Krywiak. ASB Members at Large are Blake Pikowicz, David Gaugler and Luc Tellier. Subdivision Development Appeal Board members at large are John Ilchuk, Delano Tolley, Cory Dows, Robert Deresh and Jay Melvin. The Family and Community Support Services Board appointment is Audrey Campbell. Charmaine Code was appointed to the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre Board.

**☐#2 Regional Crime Forum Initiated** – Council and Administration are moving forward to organize a Regional Crime Forum for public input. The M.D. will be working with neighbouring municipalities, local MLAs and MPs and the RCMP to discuss solutions to the increase in crime across the region. Councillor Ben Fadeyiw will also be bringing up the issue at the upcoming Alberta Chamber of Commerce meeting in Edmonton. Council will bring the crime issue to the floor during the question and answer segment with provincial ministers at the fall Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMDC) meeting. The M.D. will promote the time and location of the public forum when the date is set.

**☐#3 Flooding Mitigation** – The M.D. has hired nine contractors to trap and reduce beavers throughout the M.D. until mid-November. Staff continue to remove beaver dams in flooded agricultural areas in the Riverhurst, Ardmore, Beaverdam and Iron River areas. Work is being done along the Iron Horse Trail and Highway 28 to relieve flooding issues. This work will continue until freeze up. Staff are going back to the same locations about 10 days later to do more work, as “busy as a beaver” does have basis in fact. Staff are also working with Cold Lake First Nations, Carillion and Alberta Environment to remove dams. Cold Lake First Nations is doing their own pest control. The M.D. is hosting a Trapper’s Course on December 1 to 3. Please call 780-826-3951 to register.

**☐#4 Grant Application Approvals** – Council approved two grant applications to the provincial government. The first is for a Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) Resource Road grant for the reconstruction of Township Road 642 and Range Road 475 for a total of six miles on Wolf Lake Road. The second is for a STIP grant to replace Bridge File 72618 located on Rge. Rd. 490.

**☐#5 Out Of Service** – Telus has 163 km of above ground telephone lines, that they are aware of, throughout the M.D. Some of this cable is strung along fence lines. Unfortunately, by wind or human activity, this cable often ends up in the ditches and covered in grass. Recently a line was cut in the Crane Lake area when the ditches were being mowed. Unfortunately the line was cut clean, and did not wrap around the mower as often happens, so it took some time before the cut

was noticed and Telus informed. Phone service was restored within a day of notification. In 2017, Telus buried 11 km of cable in the M.D. and is proposing to bury 80 km of line in 2018.

**☐#6 Public Safety Update** – The Public Safety Department is receiving an increasing number of calls from residents who are giving Officers recommendations and tips of where to set up Rural Crime Patrols to generate the best impact. Officers have been patrolling in the Muriel Lake, Beaverdam, Ardmore and Alexander areas. The department is planning to do more proactive activities to deter and prevent crime in the rural areas. In response to speeding complaints, Officers have set up a display sign on Ardmore’s main street to raise awareness of vehicle speeds. Other speeding complaint hot spots include Rge. Rd. 444 in Fort Kent and Rge. Rd. 473 North of Hwy. 55 in the Iron River area. Officers are responding to complaints of the use of engine retarder brakes in the early morning hours. School Resource Officers are doing the Right Choices Program in Glendon and Dr. Brosseau schools. They also did Body Image and Life Choices presentations at Dr. Brosseau. Peace Patrol meetings were held at Notre Dame Elementary and Duclos schools. Stranger Danger presentations were done at Duclos as well. Halloween Safety sessions have begun, starting with Ardmore School. The remainder of the elementary schools will follow. Officers continue to take action on complaints of dogs running at large and chasing livestock. In a change of pace, Officers did respond to a complaint of cows on the road and of cows breaking through a fence and entering neighbouring property.

**☐#7 Parks, Recreation & Culture Update** – Ecole Des Beaux Lacs sent kudos to Parks, Recreation and Culture (PRC) staff after hosting a Zone Cross Country Run on the trails at Muriel Lake M.D. Park in early October. About 700 kids from northeastern Alberta participated. PRC administration will be meeting with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) to review the Kinsoo Ridge Snow Resort lease that is up for renewal at the beginning of 2019. Administration is also waiting to hear from AEP regarding the reclamation of Chatwin Lake. As the M.D. was the last to lease the land, it is our responsibility to bring it back to as much of its original state as possible. The Parks crew had to remove the boat launch pads, outhouse and fire pits.

**☐#8 Transportation and Utilities News** – The Construction Crew has completed Rge Rd. 453 and Twp. Rd. 605 and is starting work on Rge. Rd 474. Crews will continue to work on next year’s priorities until weather conditions change. The Paving Crew has 1.3 km covered on Baywood Road. As sections on Rge. Rd. 485 become ready, the crew mobilizes to cover the bottom lift to prevent loss over the winter. If the weather holds, the crew will attempt Twp. Rd. 611A, but only in small sections. The Oiling Crews have completed all of the project list, and will be working on shaping some of the oiled roads prior to freeze-up. This will allow our plow trucks to maintain them better over the winter without damaging equipment. The Drainage Crew has completed the Crane Lake project and is starting work on Birch Grove. The goal is to finish other priorities by freeze-up. The contractor on the Ardmore Surface Works has a half day of paving work left to complete the project. There is one patch truck working, with the other three converted to plow trucks in preparation for the inevitable snow. Staff are using more chemicals and have increased cell aeration to reduce the smell at the Ardmore lagoon.

**☐#9 Agriculture Update** – The Mowing Program will be completed this week. Ninety percent of the M.D. ditches were mowed this year, with the remaining untouched because of flooding issues. Staff have mowed close to 200 km of provincial highway ditches this fall on a contract

with Carillion. If staff are not mowing grass, they are seeding it. Crews seeded ditches in the Crane Lake area and adjacent properties. The crew will seed all ditches associated with road repair and maintenance. Waste Staff celebrated Waste Reduction Week October 16-22 by touring 80 Grade 4 students from Notre Dame Elementary School through the Ardmore Landfill site. Waste Manager Brad Ollen also visited 21 classrooms throughout the area teaching students where our waste and recycling goes. The Occupational Health and Safety team completed an internal audit in October, with staff achieving a score of 87 percent.

**☐#10 Funding Support** – Beaverdam Community Society received it \$25,000 Annual Operating Grant. Council agreed to contribute \$500 to the Town of Bonnyville for the purchase of toys for the Annual Festival of Trees. The toys are part of a \$5 raffle package which includes a tree and everything underneath it.

**☐#11 Logging Request Tabled** – A request to log leased land on NW 21-61-7-W4M was tabled to an upcoming Committee Meeting. This will allow staff to consult with neighbouring municipalities which have a larger forestry base and to solidify revenue and expense costs. The quarter section of land has been leased by the resident since 1994 and is adjacent to his agricultural section. Council discussed a proposal to approve the logging, with the revenue covering the expense of turning it into usable pasture land. Any outstanding revenue would accrue to the M.D., and outstanding costs would be covered by the lease holder.

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