

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS February 27, 2013

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**□#1 Kinosoo Ridge Expansion** – At its February 20 Special Meeting, Municipal District of Bonnyville Council approved the funding of the chair lift and ski run expansion to a maximum of \$1,931,870. Construction on the project will begin in the spring, with the new chair lift operational for the 2013-2014 ski season.

**□#2 Transportation and Utilities Update** – M.D. Council has directed Transportation and Utilities administration to pursue long term options for the supply of gravel for municipal projects. Gravel is becoming a valuable commodity in the M.D. and Council believes it is financially beneficial to look at long term supply contracts. Council awarded the 2013 Gravel Supply to REDA Enterprises Ltd. for 40,000 tonnes and North East Bulk for 30,000 tonnes for a total cost of \$1,490,000. The 2013 Cold Mix Supply tender was awarded to E-Construction for 35,000 tonnes of HF 500 cold mix and 35,000 tonnes of Sales Oil cold mix for a total price of \$4,300,450. The 2013 Gravel and Cold Mix Haul tender was awarded to REDA Enterprises Ltd. for \$0.329 tonne/mile. The 2013 Dust Suppressant tender was awarded to Kortech for the MG30 application at a cost of \$4,380.00 a kilometre. Transportation and Utilities administration will also be investigating additional dust suppressant materials, and applying them to several miles of road to evaluate product longevity and cost per kilometer. Brushing crews are dealing with problem areas as required and as staffing and weather conditions allow.

**□#3 Public Safety Update** – The Public Safety Department is dealing with a rash of dog complaints in Ardmore, Fort Kent, Glendon and the Moose Lake subdivisions. Typically dog complaints increase in March, but the warmer weather at the end of February has moved up the timeline. Peace Officers are increasing their patrols during peak periods in Fort Kent, Lessard and the La Corey Resource Road in response to traffic complaints. Public Safety is also investigating patrol options for the early morning (2 a.m.) traffic on the La Corey Resource Road. Complaints have been received about aggressive drivers during this time period, most likely due to the fact that Officers are not typically on the road at this time. Patrol Officers are also issuing a lot of warnings to residents who continue to clear their driveway snow onto the public roadway. Residents are reminded to please push any snow from driveways into the ditch. Preferably the ditch on the homeowner's side of the roadway. If there is a need to push it across the road, please ensure the piles of snow are deposited in the ditch and not on the shoulder of the road. When homeowners leave snow piles on the public roadway, they freeze, and become hazardous objects for vehicles using the road access and present problems for snow removal. Under Traffic Safety Bylaw 1447, the Municipal District of Bonnyville has the ability to issue fines for placing obstacles, such as snow piles, on a public roadway.

**□#4 Objections To Proposed Federal Electoral Boundaries** – At its February 20 Special Meeting, Council agreed to send a letter to the Federal Electoral Commission expressing its objection to the proposed Fort McMurray-Cold Lake Constituency boundaries. The proposed federal electoral boundaries split the M.D. of Bonnyville

between the Fort McMurray-Cold Lake Constituency and the Lakeland Constituency. Council is requesting the whole of the M.D. be included in the proposed Lakeland Constituency.

**☐#5 Ground Squirrel Control** – The province has permanent registration to use two percent liquid Strychnine for gopher control in 2013. Presently, qualified farmers will be able to purchase this product and use it until the end of 2013, after that the product will be reevaluated. Strychnine will have full registration until April 11, 2015 and then will have to be reregistered. The M.D. is selling the product for \$7.50 for a 250 ml bottle that treats one gallon of grain. Farmers who want to purchase the Strychnine have to provide the M.D. with their name, size of farm and the legal land location where they are using the product as outlined in the conditions set out in the permit.

**☐#6 Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program Ends in March** – The Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program will end on March 31. Up to this point over 791 coyotes and 37 wolves have been brought into the ASB shop.

**☐#7 Paint and Electronic Recycling Increases** – In 2012 the M.D. of Bonnyville disposed of 9,030 liters of paint, 410 aerosol cans, 160 liters of toxic liquid and 32,675 pounds of electronics, a 10 per cent increase from last year. The M.D.'s e-waste is recycled in partnership with e-cycle, and DBS Environment recycles the paint and other liquids. The M.D has large bins at our seven landfills for residents to dispose of these products in an environmentally safe way.

**☐#8 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – M.D. Council agreed with the Town of Bonnyville in the decision not to proceed with the construction of additional washrooms at the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre. Both councils will put this capitol expense request into 2014 budget discussions.

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