

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS July 24, 2013

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□#1 Bertha Army Worm and Grasshopper Warning – The Municipal District of Bonnyville is urging farmers to keep an eye out for Bertha Army Worms and grasshoppers. There has been a high count in Bertha Army Worm traps and grasshopper numbers are trending higher in recent weeks. The threshold to warrant action by the producer is eight to 12 grasshoppers per square metre. Council has agreed to cover the cost of spraying roadside ditches along roads where the landowner sprays his crops for grasshopper control. Landowners must request that this spraying be done at the time that they make arrangements for their crop to be sprayed, either by air or with a ground sprayer. The amount paid will be \$62.50/per half mile using ground clearance sprayers and \$125/per half mile using aerial application spraying both sides of the ditch at the same time. The funds will be paid directly to the contractor that does the spraying. For more information about this program, please call the ASB office at 780-826-3951. The M.D. is asking the public to be aware of the spray applications and not to use the ditches adjacent to those fields.

□#2 Transportation And Utilities Update – Paving on Gurneyville Road and Range Road 450 south of Fort Kent is complete. Beartrap Road paving should be completed by the first week of August. Progress is being made with the Fort Kent street improvements, but weather is hampering the project's completion. The Road Construction Crew has completed work on Township Road 624 and has moved to Township Road 622. The crew is two weeks behind schedule due to rain. The Road Oiling Crew has completed Lessard Road and Fort Kent North and are currently working on the last mile of Township Road 604. Another Oiling Crew is working on Range Road 420A and Range Road 452. This crew is two to three weeks behind due to inclement weather. The Dust Control Crew is now working on 2013 priorities, placing Fly-Ash on selected areas. The crew is placing a test application of MG 60 on Range Road 461 north of the Neighbourhood Inn for 1.5 miles at no cost to the M.D. The results of this application will be evaluated. The Drainage Crew will shut down for the season and staff will move full time to the Deep Patching Crew, which will start work on Township Road 622 and then will move to repair a large pothole on Gurneyville Road. Work on Township Road 611 is scheduled to start this week, with completion by the end of August. Old asphalt from Township Road 611 will be redirected to fix issues on North Shore Heights Road and the Bonnyville Museum parking lot. Council agreed with an engineering recommendation and approved the change from a septic grinder to an aeration system in the Fort Kent Lagoon. Council did not award the Range Road 444 Crane Lake Road Construction tender because the total came in double what was budgeted. The project will be re-tendered in January 2014, with this year's budgeted amount held in reserve. REDA Enterprises was awarded the 2013 Sand Supply tender for a total cost of \$144,000. E Construction was awarded the 2013 Cold Mix tender for a total of \$1,346,250.

□#3 Public Safety Report – Public Safety Patrol Officers have been kept busy this summer doing nightly checks in the M.D. campgrounds. Officers are focusing on Friday

and Saturday night patrols as these are the busiest times. The majority of infractions have occurred at Muriel and Crane Lake campgrounds, with officers dealing with such things as public intoxication, speeding and parking and ATV offences. Officers will evict problem campers and have a zero tolerance with behavior that impacts other campers.

☐#4 Please, Don't Dump On Municipal Reserves – The M.D. has been experiencing an increase in people dumping unwanted items on Municipal Reserves (MRs) around Moose Lake. Staff will be doing a massive clean-up in the next few weeks. The M.D. is asking the public to please take their unwanted items to the Bonnyville landfill. Please do not throw them on the MR or in the ditches – they are not dumping grounds for your garbage.

☐#5 Funding Support – Council agreed to put a maximum of \$1 million towards a covered skating rink in Fort Kent, with the best location to be determined through discussion with residents and developers. The Fort Kent Senior Citizens Club received its \$35,000 Annual Operating Grant. Council agreed to supply three loads of gravel to the Haying In The 30s Cancer Support Society for the August long weekend event. Council agreed to sponsor a \$260 hole at the Bonnyville and District Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble on September 22. Council agreed to donate five campsites for three days for the Metis Nation of Alberta Association 85th Annual General Assembly being held in Cold Lake from August 8 to 11.

☐#6 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – The recent Annual Provincial Agricultural Service Board Tour hosted by the M.D. from July 8 to 11 attracted 423 participants to the region.

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