

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 22, 2013

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□#1 Bonnyville Household Toxic Round Up – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to provide \$1,000 in funding for the Bonnyville Household Toxic Round Up on Saturday, June 15 at the Bonnyville Fire Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The M.D. will also be supplying cardboard recycling and waste bins. Last year the Round Up collected eight bins of paint, 160 aerosol cans and 136 kg of recyclable electronic waste.

□#2 Transportation and Utilities Update – Council passed a revised 2013 Road Project Priority List after all the Councillors took spring Ward road tours with administrative staff. A map will be published in the June newsletter depicting the exact locations of all the 2013 road projects. Council passed a motion to contract out the design and reconstruction of a half mile of Township Road 632 by Country Lane Estates. Road Construction Crews have completed Hilda Lake Road and are now working on Township Road 624 between Range Road 420A and 414A by the Grand Centre Golf and Country Club and will be moving to Township Road 622 next. Road Oiling Crews have completed one mile of new oiling on Township Road 630 and are currently working on Township Road 594, Range Road 420A and Township Road 622. Crews will also be working on the dust control list while they are in the area. Construction began on Gurneyville Road last week. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of June. Crews are working on drainage issues that occurred from the spring flooding season. They are currently fixing washouts and replacing culverts as time and conditions allow. Crews have 43 culverts to replace or change. Paving on Beartrap Road is scheduled to begin the second week of July. Graveling is being done from the east end of the M.D. to the west end. Roads weathered the winter well and have not required as much gravel as in previous years. The gravel program should wrap up in June. The MG 30 Crew has started and is working on problem areas first and then will be working from east to west following the gravelling crew. The initial MG 30 reapplication procedure has been revised with improved results.

□#3 Public Safety Update – Now that spring is here, the Public Safety Department has been dealing with more Unsightly Property complaints. Officers have served Municipal Government Act Orders on several property owners. Officers investigate unsightly properties based on complaints. Several complaints have also come in regarding uncovered, dangerous holes. Officers have been using a section in the Municipal Government Act which allows a municipality to order the securing or filling of an excavation or hole should it be deemed a public safety hazard. Officers are also responding to traffic complaints from residents. Public Safety encourages all residents and industry drivers to follow traffic rules. School Resource Officers did a session with staff and residents of the Dr. Margaret Savage Crisis Centre in Cold Lake.

□#4 Agricultural News – Total claims in the first quarter (January 1 to March 31) of the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) Program totaled \$11,137. The claims are over \$7,000 lower than last year. Overall there is an 18 percent decrease in total claims for the

first quarter of 2013 compared to 2012 in the VSI Program provincially. Under the VSI Program, livestock producers are provided a subsidy on difficult veterinary procedures such as caesarians, prolapsed uteruses and pregnancy testing. The VSI Program encourages farmers to use the services of local vets to help keep their livestock herd healthy. Over 500 bags of garbage have been collected from M.D. roadways by local groups participating in our Roadside Clean Up Program. Over 100 km of road have been cleaned so far this spring, with a couple of roadside ditches left to be cleared in the next week or two. The program is a great way for local groups to fundraise and at the same time help clean up the local roads, landfills and rural subdivisions. Council appointed the Municipal Weed Inspectors to enforce and monitor compliance with the Weed Act of Alberta. Three seasonal staff were appointed – Anthony Sarawanski, Carolynne Vallee and Janice Boden. The goal is to create awareness about weed concerns and educate residents on why these weeds are of concern.

☐#5 Funding Support – The Land Of The Lakes Recreation Board in Iron River received its \$35,000 annual Operating Grant. The Bonnyville Agricultural Society received its \$20,000 annual Facility Operating Grant. The Kinosoo Performing Arts Association in Cold Lake received a \$100 sponsorship. Council defeated a motion to provide \$30,000 in funding for the Glendon Playground and Parks Society for a playground structure in the Village of Glendon.

☐#6 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Final Reading was given to LU Bylaw 522, which will change zoning on a portion of SE-36-61-5-W4 from Hamlet Urban Reserve to Hamlet Residential 1 and 2 in Fort Kent. M.D. Council agreed in principle to a request from the Cold Lake Snowmobile Club to support the use of the Cold Lake M.D. Park as the entrance to Cold Lake from the Trans Canada Snowmobile Trail. Council will host the Grand Opening of its new downtown Administration Office on Monday, August 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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