

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS September 11, 2013

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**☐#1 Bylaw No. LU 525 Defeated** – Bylaw No. LU 525 to amend the Land Use Bylaw clarifying that the installation and operation of municipal services, including solid waste management, utility installation, road construction and maintenance, does not require a Development Permit as set out in Section 14 of the Bylaw was defeated on Second Reading. Council agreed that residents did not approve of the amended wording and the perception was that Council would use the amended Bylaw to bypass existing processes. Council agreed that the long standing Land Use Bylaw would continue to serve public needs.

**☐#2 VSI Program Clients Increase** – Claims in the second quarter (April to July) of the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) Program totaled \$30,320.80. The claims are up \$2,052 from 2012, while taking into account the M.D. reduced the subsidization rate to 50 percent from 60 percent. 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.

**☐#3 Public Safety Monitoring Pipeline Construction Traffic** – Public Safety Officers are patrolling all M.D. roads being used by pipeline construction crews and are ticketing infractions. Public Safety is tracking the complaints it receives regarding speeding pipeline construction trucks and ATVs on roadways and is urging residents to call when they see any problems. Officers are finding that some crew members are not respecting M.D. property.

**☐#4 Transportation and Utilities Update** – The main portion of the Fort Kent street paving will be completed this week, with minor repairs on the east side completed shortly thereafter. Paving is completed on two miles of Range Road 485, Franchere North overlay is done and the bottom lift on Range Road 470 is completed. Township Road 611, and the section in South Chateau View Estates, should all be completed this week. The last 10 miles of the 50 mile Road Oiling Project List are slated for completion as long as the weather cooperates. Council agreed to have T&U staff assist North East Muni-Corr Ltd. with the tendering process to rebuild the Beaver River Trestle on the Iron Horse Trail as M.D. staff have extensive experience dealing with large construction projects.

**☐#5 Planning and Development Update** – Development continues to move at a fast pace in the M.D. In August, 56 Development Permits and 26 New Residential Building Permits were taken out for a year-to-date total of \$80,176,486. Year-to-date Housing Starts total 25 Mobile Home Units and 179 Single Family Dwellings surpassing the 2012 total of 135 Single Family Dwellings.

**□#6 Agricultural News** – The truck scale at the seed cleaning plant should be in operation by the end of September. The public will be able to access the scale 24 hours a day through a credit card payment system. The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) will be setting out a three-year plan in order to access the new provincial funding process. The ASB will also work on a regional basis with the Counties of St. Paul and Lac La Biche to maximize funds to deal with environmental agricultural issues. The M.D. will start its annual groundwater monitoring program at the end of September to test all the monitoring wells around the 11 existing and reclaimed landfills. New wells will be drilled at the request of Alberta Environment to keep within our 25-year surveillance of the old Class II Landfills.

**□#7 Funding Support** – Council agreed to give the Glendon Agricultural Society \$96,000 for Phase 2 of the Glendon Arena restoration project to repair the Zamboni room roof, tin and insulate the arena, tin the hall, eaves/ice rakes, heat tracing, electrical repairs and complete the renovation of the referee rooms. The total cost of Phase 2 is \$185,000, with the Society approaching other organizations for funding. Council agreed to purchase a \$400 tree, which the M.D. will decorate and put up for auction in the Bonnyville Festival of Trees December event. The Navy League of Canada Cold Lake Branch received a donation of \$250 to help fund an educational trip to Pearl Harbor.

**□#8 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – M.D. Campgrounds will close on September 15. The boat launch at Wolf Lake campground is being replaced. Council rescinded Motion 13.382 that there be no discount of recreational fees for staff and Council effective September 30, 2013.

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