

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS February 13, 2013

Keeping you informed of the services, business and development that affect YOU!

**□#1 Please Keep Roadways Clear Of Snow and Debris** – Public Safety Officers may be knocking on your door with a warning ticket if you are one of the Municipal District of Bonnyville residents who clear your driveway snow onto the public roadway. The Transportation and Utilities Department reminds residents 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.

**□#2 Road Partnership** – The Municipal District of Bonnyville and the County of St. Paul have partnered together to request Alberta Transportation change the designation on Murphy Road (Range Road 450) to a Secondary Highway. The Province of Alberta currently designates 11.8 miles as Secondary Highway 657. The two municipalities are urging the province to designate the entire stretch of road that begins at Secondary Highway 646 in the south, and continuing north all the way to Fort Kent located on Highway 28. The current traffic count on the road is approximately 1,000 vehicles a day – with the majority of those being heavy loads. It is difficult for both municipalities to fund the cost of the present road when it benefits industry more than their residents. The two municipalities have requested a meeting with Transportation Minister Rick McIver.

**□#3 Last Year For Shelterbelt Program** – The deadline to apply for trees under the Prairie Shelterbelt Program is March 15. There is a limited supply this year because it is the last year of the program. The M.D. of Bonnyville is working with a local supplier, Boreal Horticultural Services, to access seedling trees for 80 cents a seedling (plus GST). Application forms are available through the web site [www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca](http://www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca) or by calling the Agricultural Services office at 780.826.3951. Seedlings will be delivered in the spring.

**□#4 Surface Rights Workshop** – The M.D. of Bonnyville, County of St. Paul and the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA) are hosting a surface rights workshop entitled “Considerations To Surface Lease and Energy Agreements” on March 4 at Flat Lake Hall from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To register please call LARA at 780.826.7260 or email [sustainag.lara@mcsnet.ca](mailto:sustainag.lara@mcsnet.ca). The session identifies catch points in surface lease agreements and provides options for landowners to consider when negotiating surface lease and other energy contracts.

**□#5 VSI Program** – The projected budget for the 2013 Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) Program is \$61,000 at the 50 per cent coverage level. The total expenditures for the program in 2012 came in at \$74,369, slightly over the projected

budget of \$72,000. To date 370 farmers are registered in the program. 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.

**□#6 Public Safety Update** – The recent warm and cold weather fluctuations have caused an increase in dog complaints in Ward 2 and the Moose Lake subdivision, with Patrol Officers being called upon to investigate dogs running at large or chasing livestock. In 2012 the Public Safety Department collected a total of \$222,133.65 in ticket revenue, with \$162,074.65 paid out to the M.D., \$31,922.00 going into provincial coffers and \$28,137.00 allocated to the Victim Surcharge fund that the province allocates in grants to victim services programs. The Replacement Vehicle Tender was awarded to the local Dodge dealership for \$31,506.25 for the base model price. Once specific options were added in the total price for the Ram 1500 came to \$35,090.

**□#7 Transportation and Utilities News** – Council approved changes to the Paving Priority List in Wards 2 and 5. Range Road 461 will be removed from the 2013 Paving List and placed on the MG30 Dust Control List. Township Road 611, from Highway 28 to Range Road 465, (approximately two miles) will be added to the 2013 Paving List. Range Road 444 (Highway 55 to Crane Lake) will be removed from the 2013 Paving List and placed on the Contracted Road Construction List for 2013. The design and engineering for Range Road 444 (approximately three miles) was approved to proceed. The engineering tender for Bear Trap Road has been awarded to Stewart Weir in Bonnyville, with tender packages available for pick up with a closure date of February 28. The 2013 Paving program tender was awarded to SE Design, with tenders available by the end of February. Council will also be looking at improvement options for the first “S” curve on the La Corey North Resource Road.

**□#8 Planning and Development Update** – In the month of January, 24 development permits and 11 new residential building permits were issued in the M.D., with a month end value of \$3,271,180.00. Year-to-date housing starts include 13 Single Family Dwellings. Final reading was given to Bylaw No. LU 515 to amend the Signature Estates Area Structure Plan at NW 9-61-5 W5M to add five residential lots and a religious assembly lot in lieu of one large high density lot. A Road Lease was renewed for Bylaw 1535 East of Sec. NE 34-63-7 W4M Southerly 775 metres for the purpose of cattle grazing. First Reading was given to Bylaw 1538 to Close, Cancel and Sell a Road Allowance on NE 19-61-5-W4M, Victor’s Industrial Park. Council denied a request to have the undeveloped road allowance under the subdivision plan 2671RS (Minnie Lake) closed and consolidated back to the quarter section due to the fact the M.D. may need the road right-of-way for future construction of a public road. First Reading was given to Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1531 and Bylaw LU 516 NE 15-64-3 W4M (Ethel Lake) to rezone from Agricultural to Country Residential CR2 for a country residential development with a total build out of 14 lots. First Reading was given to Bylaw LU 517 to amend the Land Use Bylaw CR3 to accommodate parcel sizes from 0.5 to 1.5 acres. First Reading was given to Bylaw LU 518 to amend the Lakeside Village Area Structure

Plan (Bylaw 1463) to reduce the lot density as provided with the amended concept plan. First Reading was given to Bylaw LU 519 to amend the Moose Lake Area Structure Plan (Bylaw LU 483) revising the allowable lot sizes with areas that are designated Intensive Residential.

**□#9 Funding Support** – The Glendon Agricultural Society received a \$60,000 grant for Phase 1 and 2 of the Arena Renovation Project to repair the condenser unit, the Zamboni room roof, tin and insulate the arena and improve the eaves and ice rakes. The Society will also be getting money from the Village of Glendon and applying for matching grants. Sandy Rapids Community Club, Ardmore Community Society, Goodridge Social and Agricultural Society, Cherry Grove Recreation and Agricultural Society and the Willow Prairie Agricultural Society all received their Annual Operating Grants of \$35,000. The Bonnyville and District Historical Society and Museum received its annual grant of \$17,500. Council agreed to provide a \$12,000 grant to the Glendon and District Senior Citizens Centre, with the funding to be reviewed in 2014. The grant will be used to make improvements in the Centre, which has a membership of fifty percent M.D. residents. Council agreed to donate \$10,000 to the Bonnyville Health Foundation and the Cold Lake Hearts for Health Foundation. The Franchere Social Community Centre received its annual Operating Grant of \$5,000 for the ball diamonds.

**□#10 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – Council approved the purchase of a replacement Cooling Tower for the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre. The total cost of the tower is \$67,300.00 with the M.D. and the Town of Bonnyville each paying \$33,650.00. Council agreed to send a letter to MP Brian Storseth with a request to change the borders of the proposed new Federal Electoral Constituency Boundaries in order that the whole of the M.D. remain in the Lakeland Constituency. Council agreed to transfer \$464,935.97 from Restricted Surplus and to transfer \$2,338,555.00 to Restricted Surplus for long-term programs such as equipment replacement. Council approved the \$25,000 purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority. Council approved the appointment of the 2013 Fire Guardians which can be viewed on the web site under Protective Services. Council also gave the Reeve or Deputy Reeve the approval to declare a Fire Ban in consultation with the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority.

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