

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS April 25, 2012

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□#1 Financial Statements Approved – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council approved the 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements audited by Hawkings Epp Dumont LLP. The Financial Statements can be viewed on the M.D. web site at www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca and hard copies can be picked up at the main administration office in Bonnyville.

□#2 Shelterbelt Program Cancelled – The federally funded Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) Shelterbelt Program for farms and rural acreages was cut in the recent federal budget. The last year for the 111 year-old program is 2013. There are other tree programs available to M.D. ratepayers, but there will be a cost to the resident.

□#3 Transportation and Utilities Update – Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. has committed \$2.5 million for the reconstruction of Beartrap Road. To reduce the costs of the original \$2.8 million tender the M.D. will contract out the fencing and reduce the contingency to five percent. All change orders on the project will have to be approved. Knelsen Sand and Gravel has been awarded the contract for Gurneyville Road and will start the project on September 1. Range Road 434, going north from Highway 659 for two and half miles, was added to the Road Construction Priorities List as a replacement for a cancelled project. All three patching trucks are up and running to address pothole concerns in the M.D. As of May 1 two trucks will be assigned to specific Wards and one will be a rover. The Road Construction Crew started on April 23, along with the new Construction Manager. The main focus of the crew will be clean up of last year's fall projects first and then move on to the 2012 list. Contracted gravel haulers started on April 23 and will be working six days a week till the end of May. Dust Suppressant will start this week. The Road Oiling Crew will start at the beginning of May if the weather holds. The re-decking of the Aylesworth Bridge north of Goodridge was completed. The Roundabout at the intersection of Highways 55 and 892 will start in mid-May and should be completed by mid-August. Preconstruction for the remainder of the Highway 55 widening will start in May. Paving contractor Blue Flame will start on the shop parking lot and then move into Fort Kent. A new mixer will be purchased for approximately \$200,000 to replace its 40-year-old predecessor.

□#4 Agricultural News – Council agreed to install a 110 foot truck scale at the Bonnyville Seed Cleaning Plant. The M.D. will take full ownership of the scale, and the costs to construct an upgraded driveway to the scale location. Seed Cleaning Plant staff will run the scale. The Beaver River Regional Waste Management Commission (BRRWMC) will be paying the Evergreen Waste Commission \$75/tonne to dump garbage at the Lafond Regional Landfill. Regional municipal members of the BRRWMC are looking at alternative options for a waste hauling destination and made a practice run to the regional landfill run by Beaver County in Ryley to calculate the costs. An engineering firm is also being hired to research possible sites in the local area.

□#5 Planning and Development Update – First Reading was given to Bylaw LU 508 to rezone a 12 acre parcel located in the Hamlet of La Corey adjacent to the intersection of Highway 55 and 41 on Plan 112 0182, Block 1, Lot 2 from Hamlet Urban Reserve to Hamlet General District; Bylaw LU 509 to rezone a five acre parcel located four miles south of the Hamlet of Ardmore on the east side of Secondary Highway 892 on Part of SW 13-61-4 W4M from Agricultural (A) to Rural Industrial (RI) and Bylaw LU 510 to rezone a parcel east of Moose Lake and south of the Town of Bonnyville on Part of SE 10-61-6 W4M for Country Residential (CR1) to Country Residential (CR).

□#6 Gurneyville Road Patrol – Municipal District of Bonnyville Peace Officers have been patrolling Gurneyville Road in response to reported traffic safety issues including early morning speeders. Over the past couple of weeks Officers have issued 11 Written Warnings and 35 tickets – the majority of which have been for excessive speed.

□#7 Funding Support – Cherry Grove Recreation and Agricultural Society and the Ardmore Community Society received their \$35,000 annual Operating Grant. Beaverdam Community Society received a \$68,000 Community Hall Matching Grant for their kitchen renovation. The total project cost is \$170,000 with \$85,000 coming from a CFEP Grant and the hall providing \$17,000. The Notre Dame High School Girls Handball Team received \$250 to attend Provincials in Calgary.

□#8 Internet Service Program Approved – Council approved the proposal from MCSNet Internet & Phone for the Final Mile Rural Community Program to provide rural broadband internet service to the unserved areas in the municipality at an estimated cost of \$448,000. The M.D. will only fund eligible project costs to a maximum of 75 per cent of the eligible project cost or the amount of the grant funding received under the Final Mile Rural Community Program; whichever is lower.

□#9 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – M.D. campgrounds will open on May 11. The M.D. received provincial Municipal Recreation Tourism Areas Grants for Cold Lake, Muriel Lake and Pelican Point Campgrounds, as well as for Kinosoo Ridge. The M.D will be hosting a Conflict Resolution and Board Development workshop for all its Hall Boards on May 30th. Councillors Barry Kalinski, Glen Johnson and Don Sinclair have been appointed to the M.D. Recreation Committee.

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