

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS April 28, 2010

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□#1 2009 Financial Statements Approved – Michael Epp with Chartered Accountants Hawkings Epp Dumont gave a “clean report” designation to Council, saying the auditors were satisfied with the financial systems and procedures at the M.D. In 2009 all municipalities in Alberta were operating under a new format in which they had to report on Tangible Capital Assets. These assets include everything the M.D. owns such as roads, land, buildings and equipment. At the end of 2009 the M.D. had an Accumulated Surplus of \$112,309,462, which includes all the fixed assets owned by the M.D. amounting to \$76,631,630. The objective of the new accounting system is to provide an indication of the present financial ability, and future viability, of a municipal government to provide service to its residents.

□#2 Agricultural News – Director of Agricultural Services Matt Janz is urging producers to purchase 2 per cent strychnine before the end of July, as sales will likely be cut off this year due to the poisoning of the wrong animals elsewhere in the province. Grass cutting contracts have been awarded for 1,800 miles of ditches. Contract prices ranged from \$25 to \$30 an hour for the sickle mower and \$50 an hour for the rotary mower. Grass cutting will begin in June with the main arterial routes, M.D. Park roads and subdivisions. Four non-profit groups have been hired to clean roadways and local landfills, but the Agriculture Department is still looking for groups to clean up the winter litter. Please call Matt Janz at 780-826-3951 to sign up for a section of the M.D. Rates are \$60/km for Urban roads, \$40/km for Rural and \$100/km for a Special Area. Beaver River Regional Waste Management Commission tipping rates will increase to \$61.50/tonne in 2010 from \$58/tonne, to cover ongoing maintenance on equipment and buildings. This will increase disposal rates by \$4,000.

□#3 Public Safety Update – Public Safety is checking more trucks in the Wolf Lake and La Corey areas to ensure that they have permission to be operating on the roads. Random inspections are being done for proper driver documentation, load and route documentation, required safety equipment, as well as overall condition of the truck. In May Peace Officers will be dealing with outstanding Unsightly Property issues in Fort Kent and along Highway 28. Speed limit regulations will be looked at in Fort Kent, along Wolf Lake Road and the Barreyre Lake subdivision. School Resource Officers are conducting Drug Awareness and Bike Safety Programs, as well as participating in the C2 Centre rock climbing events and the Saddle-Up horse riding program.

□#4 All About T & U – Council agreed to apply for a Building Canada grant to Base Pave 6.4 km on Gurneyville Road. The M.D. will be asking Kehewin First Nations to support the application. The new lift station at Ardmore is complete, with motorized gates to be installed soon. The sewer main at the Fort Kent lift station has to be re-piped to correct the elevation. All work will be at the contractors expense. Weather has wreaked havoc on the spring schedule with Road Construction and Road Oiling crews now starting work in early May. Gravel hauling should start about May 12.

□#5 Funding support – The Therien Community League, Alexander Recreation Society and the Beaverdam Community Society each received their annual \$15,000 operating grant. The Bonnyville and District Chamber of Commerce received a \$4,000 grant to assist with summer staffing at the Visitor Information Centre. Council purchased two tables at the Cold Lake Hearts for Hospital Gala for a total of \$800. Funds will go towards doctor recruitment and new equipment at the Cold Lake Health Centre. The M.D. will clean up the Beaver River site of the June 6 Ardmore Duck Race, as well as providing signage and picnic tables. Two \$50 tickets were purchased for Portage College's retirement dinner for President Bill Persley.

□#6 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – First reading was given to Bylaws 480 and 481 to rezone two lots across the street from the hotel in Fort Kent from Hamlet General to Hamlet Residential to develop lots with single family homes. Council agreed to cost share the expense of upgrading the asphalt from Cold Mix to Hot Mix in the Aurora Borealis subdivision subject to final quotes being presented. The old ski chalet was demolished on April 23, with the new chalet scheduled for completion at the end of May. Delano Tolley was appointed to the Cold Lake Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee.

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