

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS August 24, 2011

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

□#1 Water, Water, Everywhere – The unprecedented rainfall has backed up more than road construction projects in the Municipal District of Bonnyville. The Roadside Mowing Program is just completing the first pass, after experiencing equipment problems, but it is difficult to distinguish whether ditches have been cut or not because of the increased grass growth due to the extra moisture. The crew will continue with the mowing on arterial roads and in subdivisions in the hope of completing a second pass before the snow flies. Crews have been busy all spring and summer opening up culverts and removing beaver dams in an attempt to prevent water backing up on to roads, infrastructure and fields. The picker truck has been busy opening up culverts, and cleaning cages daily, and the track hoe has been brought in to help out on more difficult situations. Since July 4 the M.D. has removed 70 beaver dams, plus the 15 that were removed in May and June. The priority for staff is private and public property being destroyed by excessive water, including our infrastructure of roads and culverts. The next priority is agricultural cropland and range and pasture to keep the flooding down to a minimum.

□#2 Remember To Recycle – The M.D. is now providing a full Bin Recycling Program at its seven landfills and the Moose Lake and Cherry Grove bin sites. The blue bins will accept glass, tin cans, newspaper, white paper and various plastics. Some of the recycling will be taken to Cold Lake Recyclers and the glass and tin cans will be stock piled at our La Corey Transfer Station. There are also Compost, Electronic and Metal recycling sections, as well as Paint Recycling Bins, at the seven landfill sites. Residents can bring their scrap metal – appliances and farm equipment/implements – to the landfill sites where it will be crushed, baled and transported by a recycling company.

□#3 Funding Support – Land of the Lakes Recreation Board received its annual \$15,000 Operating Grant and a Special Projects Grant of \$1,758.75 to replace the furnace and hot water heater in the Iron River Hall. Eastbourne Community Hall received a Special Projects Grant of \$1,776.07 to purchase a new lawn tractor to maintain the grounds. Therien Community Hall received its annual \$15,000 Operating Grant and a \$5,000 Special Projects Grant to fix the hall roof. Special Projects Grants are matched by the Society. Council provided a \$350 Sponsorship to the Northern Alberta Youth Entrepreneur Camp for an M.D. youth to attend its annual youth business camp. This year the camp is being held at the Blue Lake Centre outside of Hinton. Council has requested the sponsored youth to make a presentation to Council in September. Council sponsored a \$260 hole for the Bonnyville and District Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble on September 18. Council is donating \$250 to the Portraits of Honour National Mural Tour which will be in Cold Lake on September 1 at the Cold Lake Energy Centre. The M.D. will provide a grader, to be operated by a volunteer M.D. employee, for the Modified Truck and Tractor Pull on September 16 to 18 at the Bonnyville Rodeo Grounds. A letter of support was provided to the Riverland Recreational Trail Society for

their application for a Development Initiative Grant to purchase traffic counters for the Iron Horse Trail to track both motorized and non-motorized users.

□#4 Transportation and Utilities News – The M.D. is sending a letter of recommendation to the Ministers of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the priority of the south end of Gurneyville Road in the hope that the 6.4 kms will be approved for funding next year. Minor line painting still has to be completed before the M.D. signs off on the 2010 Road Paving Projects. 2011 Road Paving projects are complete and reports are that the Wolf Lake Road is a joy to travel on. Excavation has begun on the Fort Kent Street Improvement Program with the dirt removed and replaced. Weather has created delays for this project. The Road Oiling crew has completed Twp Road 610 and has moved back to the Minnie Lake Road. Spot Road Graveling is continuing in the M.D. The Patching Trucks will move to Wards 1 and 5 for September. The Construction Crew has completed Twp Road 620 south of Cold Lake and are now working on the Urlacher Subdivision Intersection, with plans to move to the Baywood Road next. M.D. crews are installing water and sewer to the Ardmore Shop, have completed the bus turning cul-de-sac in Birch Ridge subdivision and are finishing up the parking lot expansion at the Centennial Centre. The Brushing Crew is working in Ward 1 and will move to Ward 2 on September 6. Crack sealing on the La Corey North Resource Road was completed. Council agreed to repair the approach at the Gurneyville Store. Solar street lights will be installed at Crane Lake, La Corey and Elk Haven subdivision. Construction on the Public Works Shop parking lot is scheduled to start in September.

□#5 Planning and Development Update – Thirteen new residential building permits and 31 Development Permits were approved in July for a value of \$5,632,317.00. Road Lease Bylaws 1491 and 1492 for CNRL and Osum respectively were approved. Final Reading was also given to Road Lease Bylaws 1495 and 1496 as they were renewals. First Reading was given to Road Lease Bylaw 1494 to lease a section of the Service Road to Scorpion Industries on SE 30-61-5 W4M. First Reading was given to Bylaw 1497 for a Road Closure and Sale of a service road to be consolidated with a 20 acre lot. Council agreed to sell and transfer the road allowance in the Long Bay Estates development for the amount of \$1,000 per acre with the condition that the portion of road allowance described within Bylaw 1472 be consolidated with the quarter section. First Reading was given to Bylaws LU 497 and LU 498 to amend the Area Structure Plan and Land Use Bylaw for SW 12-62-2 W4M to allow for a higher density of residential lots with a minimum lot size of 1.5 acres. First Reading was given to Bylaw LU 499 to rezone part of NW 29-60-6 W4M from Country Residential (CR 2) to Agricultural (A). First Reading was given to Bylaw 1498 and LU 500 to adopt an Area Structure Plan and rezone from Agricultural to Rural Industrial for SE 30-61-5 W4M. A request to amend the Cold Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw for Prestigious Properties on the west end of Cold Lake to allow for one and half acre to three acre lots with an on-site sewage disposal system was referred to the IDP Committee.

□#6 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – The Public Auction date was set for December 6, 2011. The M.D. will be hosting the 2013 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Tour from July 8 to 11. Over 500 delegates are expected to attend.

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