

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS February 23, 2011

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□#1 Roundabout Support – The Municipal District of Bonnyville has received several letters of support from local companies for partnering with the provincial government on the roundabout at the junction of Highways 55 and 892. In its letter of support Imperial Oil Resources Cold Lake Operations Manager Keith Chiasson said “on behalf of Imperial and our 1,600 employees and contractors, we extend our sincere appreciation to Council for their efforts in working with the provincial government on the proposed roundabout. . . . This is critical given the increase in traffic expected over the next several years and will ensure the safety of M.D. residents and others who use this highway on a daily basis.” Other companies writing letters of support include: Quinn Contracting Ltd.; GenMec ACL Inc.; Flint Fluid Haul Services; Morgan Construction & Environmental Ltd; Seven Lakes Oilfield and Pimee Well Servicing.

□#2 Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program Extended – Council agreed to extend the budget of the Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program in order to fulfill the original February 28 deadline, but residents will have until March 15 to bring their carcasses into the Agricultural Services office. The budget of \$15,000 will be slightly exceeded. As of February 23 residents have brought in 977 coyotes and 23 wolves. Over 60 people have participated in the program. The number of livestock predation calls is lower than last year and Director of Agricultural Services Matt Janz recommended that the program run again in the fall of 2011.

□#3 Planning and Development News – Bylaw 1475 to close a road allowance in an existing gravel pit at W of LSD 12 of NW 11-63-3-W4M was passed. Land Use Bylaw 496 to rezone 156 acres within the boundary limits of La Corey from Hamlet Urban Reserve to Rural Industrial (RI) for Cenovus Energy Inc. was passed. The grazing lease for the area not used by the Ardmore Lagoon was renewed for three years. Council passed Bylaw 1460 to close and sell a portion of a registered road used mainly as a driveway on property along the Baywood Road at the Cold Lake Provincial Park junction. Council agreed to sell the road allowance for \$2,500.

□#4 T&U Update – The lowest bidder for the Wolf Lake Road construction was E-Construction at \$8,243,894.90, but the contract will not be awarded until the province approves its Resource Road Grant funding. The Township Road 640 access was removed from the 2011 Road Construction Priority list because of land acquisition problems and Council approved the engineering of a new alignment for the roadway to eliminate the hazards of the “S” curves on the La Corey North Resource Road. Alternatives are being looked at regarding the Sandmeyer access as well. Tenders were awarded for the following: Fort Kent Street Improvement to E-Construction for \$377,096.25; Gravel Crushing tender to REDA Enterprises Ltd. for \$4.10 per tonne to a maximum of \$615,000 and 150,000 tonnes of material; Gravel Supply tender to Kalinko Enterprises for 100,000 tonnes divided between two pits at \$10.50 per tonne for a total of \$1,050,000.00 and REDA Enterprises for 40,000 tonnes delivered to the M.D. yard at

\$16.45 per tonne for a total of \$658,000; and the Road Sand Supply tender to REDA Enterprises for 1,000 tonnes delivered to the M.D. yard immediately for winter use at \$11.70 per tonne for a total of \$11,700 and North East Bulk for 10,000 tonnes delivered to the M.D. yard in the spring at \$9.20 per tonne for a total of \$92,000. Council agreed to purchase additional land adjacent to the Therien Lagoon for \$1,500 an acre for a total of \$23,310.00. Staff is investigating the costs of installing a solar light in La Corey as the cost of a regular light increased when a landowner did not want a power pole on his property.

□#5 Public Safety Position Approved – Council approved the addition of a Casual Peace Officer to the Public Safety Department. The casual officer would assist beat officers by providing extra coverage for problem areas; cover sick and holiday time; provide service to special events; improve coverage in the campgrounds and provide additional patrols for the Iron Horse Trail. Peace Officers took advantage of the recent warm weather to set up truck inspections along the La Corey North Resource Road to ensure truckers have the proper documentation, inspection certificates and in the case of TDG haulers, current training certificates. Officers have also been dealing with aggressive dogs in Birch Grove and Therien.

□#6 Funding Support – Council agreed to provide a \$500 sponsorship grant to the Bonnyville Rodeo Queen and Princess Committee. The Queen and Princess act as ambassadors for the M.D. and Town of Bonnyville. Council agreed to take out a \$500 membership with the Lakeland Industry & Community Association (LICA).

□#7 Borrowing Bylaw Passed – Council passed a five year borrowing bylaw to purchase a \$1 million Aerial Ladder Truck for the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority. The cost of the truck will be funded over a five year period by Imperial Oil and possibly other oilfield operators in the area.

□#8 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – The Seniors Transportation Grant was amended to remove a request that seniors accessing grant money declare what type of treatment they were accessing outside the region. The M.D. is grooming a new cross country ski trail at the Muriel Lake Campground which is less accessible to vehicle traffic as the old trail along the road was vandalized by 4X4 trucks. Vandals plowed the trail to remove their vehicle when it got stuck. The M.D. generated 2590.58 tonnes of Municipal Solid Waste that was taken to the Evergreen Waste Commission in Lafond in 2010.

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