

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS January 12, 2011

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□#1 Support For Bonnyville Seed Cleaning Plant – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to give the previously approved 2010 grant of \$15,000 to the Bonnyville Seed Cleaning Plant, as well as to cancel all tax arrears up to 2010, totaling \$6,090.87. In his presentation to Council, Seed Cleaning Plant Board Chair Ed Persley says the facility has terminated the previous manager and is now on its way to recovery. The Board is in the process of hiring a full time manager and intends to have the Plant open year-round. Persley said he is confident that with a little help from the M.D., the Plant can be restored to a viable, profitable operation.

□#2 T&U Budget Approvals – The Transportation and Utilities Department received approval to proceed with three tenders: 1. Supply of 140,000 tonnes of ¾ inch crushed gravel. 2. Supply of 10,000 tonnes of road sand supplied to the M.D. yard. 3. Gravel crushing at the M.D. Base Pit to a maximum of 150,000 tonnes. Approval was also given to purchase the following equipment: Distributer Tank; one additional grader; one replacement grader; 4-way dozer blade; used 815F packer; used pull type sheep's foot packer and replacement fuel tanks for grader shops. Two additional full time operator positions will also be hired to cover the new grader and the other as a swing operator to cover holidays and absences.

□#3 Public Safety Purchases Approved – Council agreed to replace one Public Safety Vehicle to the maximum of \$30,000 and replace a 2003 Quad with a Side x Side Off Highway Vehicle to the maximum of \$15,000. The old 2003 Quad will be turned over to the Planning and Development Department. Both replacement vehicles are funded through a vehicle replacement program and included in the 2011 Interim Budget. The replacement process is started early so that Public Safety can order the vehicle during the production run time frame of Police Package equipped vehicles.

□#4 T&U Update – In the interest of providing the same service as the rest of the Hamlet, Council directed Transportation and Utilities staff to windrow the snow in the Fort Kent subdivision, which will then be picked up later by a contractor. While the windrow may obstruct quick vehicle access, a partially cleared roadway will be provided. T&U Director Darcy Zelisko also advised Council that after a snowfall Flagged driveways and Hardship Flagged driveways are cleared from Monday to Friday, with weekend work dedicated to clearing priority roads. The design for base paving of Wolf Lake Road will be done by AMEC and tenders will be released by the end of January, with approval scheduled for the end of February. SE Design is currently working on four 2011 Road Construction priorities: Denmark Road; La Corey North access road; Lessard Bridge northside and the Urlacher Subdivision approach. The transfer of the old shop property to the new buyer was completed at the end of December. The \$410,891.40 tender for Bridge Replacement Structure BF 08610 southwest of Ardmore was awarded to Mid-Knight Contractors Ltd.

□#5 Pest Control Programs – The Coyote and Wolf Control Program is in its fourth month of operation with over 500 animals brought into the shop, with over 50 people participating in the program. The Norway Rat brought home by a dog near Glendon turned out to be the result of a nearby neighbour feeding dead rats to their snakes. Unused rats are thrown in the garbage, where the dog would have accessed the carcass. The public is reminded that it is illegal to have a live rat in Alberta either as a pet or even as a rodent on your property. The public is allowed to purchase dead rats to use as snake food, but please do not dispose of them in a manner that they may be mistaken for a wild Norway Rat.

□#6 Planning and Development Update – The total Development Permits for 2010 was \$43,645,451.00. First reading was given to Bylaw No. 1475 for a Road Closure and Lease for three years on 400 metres of road in an old gravel pit on Range Road 432. First Reading was given to Land Use Bylaw 496 to rezone a quarter section southwest of the Highway 41 and 55 intersection from Hamlet Urban Reserve (HUR) to Rural Industrial (RI) to be used by Cenovus Energy for oil field equipment and material storage along with the enlargement of the employee/company parking facility. Final reading was given to Bylaw No. 1476 to renew a previous road lease. Approval was given to energize the lights in the Willow Ridge Phase I development. Consent was given to allow the City of Cold Lake to register a new plan for Beach Avenue that will remove a strip of M.D. land that is now under water.

□#7 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – The design for the new administration building has been changed to include a third floor, rather than a basement as tests showed too much water in the ground. Council passed a borrowing bylaw in the amount of \$5 million to cover any operating cash shortfalls that may occur during the year. The cross country ski trail is open and groomed at Muriel Lake Campground.

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