

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS July 6, 2011

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

□#1 Transportation and Utilities Update – The road patching crew continues to make M.D. roads a little smoother, and has moved into Wards 2 and 4 for the month of July. The crew will be working in Wards 3 and 6 for the month of August. The road construction crew is currently working on Range Road 412. Director Darcy Zelisko said two to three weeks of construction has been lost due to wet weather so far this season. Because of that wet weather, the road oiling crew has had to move off of Minnie Lake Road, and will return when conditions improve. In the meantime, the crew is working on Range Road 451. Dust controls have begun, and are expected to be finished by the middle of July – weather depending.

□#2 Ag Services – The roadside mowing program should be up and running in full swing this week, while weed inspections for Ox-eyed daisy continue. The M.D. of Bonnyville will be hosting the 2013 Agricultural Services Board Tour. The tour will see 500 delegates from across the province come to the M.D. It will showcase not only the agricultural diversity of the area, but our unique recreation and industrial areas as well. Council has decided to expand its beaver control program. Up until now, property owners who were experiencing property issues due to beaver dams could have the M.D. blow up the dam – for a price. Council has now agreed to cover the cost and responsibility of blasting beaver dams throughout the M.D. The hope is with the M.D. providing this service, landowners will help in deterring the pests from returning to the area.

□#3 Funding Support – The Riverhurst Community Hall received \$20,000 from council. Of that, \$15,000 is for the hall's annual operating costs, while \$5,000 is for a special projects grant. That money will be used to purchase a new electronic information sign for the hall. Council also gave \$250 to the Cold Lake Ag Society to supply a booth for non-profit groups at the weekly Farmer's Market. The Market is held every Thursday at the Agriplex in Cold Lake.

□#4 Planning and Development Update – June saw just under \$8 million in development permits come in, bringing the 2011 total to just under \$31 million. Director John Foy said that keeps M.D. development within the same lines as last year.

□#5 Public Safety Update – Peace officers on patrol have been cracking down on ATV riders this summer. According to Director Chris Garner's report, officers have issued more tickets than ever this summer for quads using public roadways. His report also mentioned officers have been impounding quads where the drivers couldn't produce registration or insurance. In order for the quads to be released, owners have to show proof of ownership. With school out for the summer, school resource officers are concentrating on updating their programs for next year. New for the next school season will be a chance for older students to take a course and receive their Canada Safety Council ATV operator certification.

□#6 **Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – Council agreed to let the committee for Hearts for Healthcare use the Cold Lake Campground for a Christmas light show for the month of December. Iron River will be getting a new rapid response truck. Council agreed to pay \$166,623 for the new vehicle.

There soon could be a new feature on the Kinosoo Ridge website. The M.D. is working toward setting up PayPal on the site so skiers and snowboarders will be able to buy their season passes online.

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