

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 8, 2011

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□#1 Roundabout Information Session – There will be an information session regarding the Highway 55 Roundabout on June 16 at Ardmore Hall from 4 to 8 p.m. The session will be hosted by the engineering firm for the project – Clifton Associates Ltd. Detailed engineering for the project is currently being finalized.

□#2 Highway 55 Widening – The design for the widening of Hwy. 55 from Iron River to Hwy. 41 has been completed. A request for tenders should be ready to go out by late June. It is anticipated the tender will be awarded by the end of July.

□#3 Support For Slave Lake – Council agreed to send two more staff from Transportation and Utilities to the fire-ravaged community to help with the rebuilding process. Supervisor Carry Grant and Grader Operator Grant Peters have left to help for five to seven days. Two staff members from T & U returned from Slave Lake last week after helping out the Slave Lake T & U department.

□#4 Planning and Development Update – Director John Foy reported there were 51 development permits and 26 new residential permits, for a value of just over \$10 million during May. That brings the total up to just under \$23 million for the year.

□#5 Public Safety Update – As the school year comes to an end, the school liaison officer program has started to wind down. Officers are continuing with drug awareness programs, as well as alcohol, tobacco and internet safety programs. Director of Public Safety, Chris Garner said the crackdown on ATVs at Crane Lake is continuing. For more information on ATV rules and regulations, contact Public Safety at 780-812-3332. A number of gravel trucks have been stopped on Primrose Road which did not have permits to haul on M.D. roads. Council agreed to send a letter to the companies involved, making sure they are aware of the rules and regulations surrounding truck permits in the M.D.

□#6 Agricultural Update – The Bonnyville Household Toxic Round Up will be held June 18 at the Bonnyville Fire Hall. Council will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help with the annual event. The strychnine program is set to end June 17, when the permits expire. According to Director of Agricultural Services, Matt Janz, it has been a slow year for the program, not only in the M.D., but province wide.

□#7 Transportation and Utilities News – Council agreed to accept an offer from Alberta Transportation to pave the Therien access road, on the condition the M.D. would take over responsibility for the road afterwards. Work is well underway on the Wolf Lake Road. Transportation and Utilities Director, Darcy Zelisko, said he expects the base work should be completed within 10 days, as long as the weather holds up, and then the surface would be ready for paving. There will be some dust control relief in front of the post office boxes in Fort Kent. Councillor Don Sinclair said he was concerned about the dust at the site. Zelisko said there was some used cold mix at the Fort Kent landfill that could

be used to put down a pad and alleviate some of the dust in the area. The road oiling crew has finished up on Range Road 484 north of Glendon, and has moved on to Township Road 610. There are two road patching trucks on the go, and are currently working in Wards 1 and 5, while the construction crew continues work on Range Road 430. When that is finished, the crew will move onto the Baywood Road.

☐ **#8 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – Council will send a letter to the Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen, stating an interest to host the 2013 Provincial Agricultural Services Board Tour. The tour consists of 500 delegates touring the hosting municipality's agricultural, industrial, commercial and recreational sites. Council agreed to have a grader help out at the Little Britches Rodeo in Cherry Grove. The rodeo will take place July 8 to 10 at the Cherry Grove Agricultural Grounds. Council agreed to support a Funders Appreciation Dinner for the Cold Lake Energy Centre's Phase I and II, purchasing a \$500 table for the September 17 event.

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