

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 9, 2010

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

□#1 Planning and Development News – At the end of May the total Value of Development for the M.D. was \$20,818,495 with 58 Development Permits and 20 new residential building permits taken out last month. Council gave third and final reading to Bylaws LU 480 and 481 to amend the Hamlet of Fort Kent Area Structure Plan and rezone two lots on the corner of 50th and 50th in Fort Kent to Hamlet Residential from Hamlet General. Council gave first reading to Bylaws LU 482 that added a new district, Country Residential Estate District CR3, to the Land Use Bylaw to accommodate fully serviced lots in a country residential setting. First reading was given to Bylaw 1462 which amended the Municipal Development Plan to accommodate estate lots. A variety of lot sizes – from hamlet size up to a maximum of half an acre – is allowed. Council then went on to give first reading to Bylaws LU 483 and LU 484 that would amend the Moose Lake Area Structure Plan to address the demand for intensive residential (CR3) development. First Reading was given to Bylaws 1463, 1464, 1465 and 1466 to adopt Area Structure Plans for Lakeside Village on Moose Lake; The Estates of Long Bay on Cold Lake; Signature Estates on the Town of Bonnyville’s east boundary and 3D Industrial on the Town of Bonnyville’s North Boundary. First reading was also given to close and lease a road allowance on NE 12-60-5 W4M on the north side of Muriel Lake.

□#2 New Option For Protecting Crops – Alberta’s provincial crop insurer is giving farmers an alternative way to protect their crops from Mother Nature’s white combine. “We’re making Straight Hail insurance available online this spring so farmers have more immediate access to hail protection around the clock. They can still purchase hail coverage through AFSC offices and hail agents, but online access is something producers have been asking us for,” says Lorelei Hulston, Provincial Insurance Manager with Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC). “So if it’s late on Saturday night and they hear a weather forecast that concerns them, they can turn on their home computer and access hail coverage that takes effect Sunday at noon. If they had to wait until Monday to come into one of our offices, their coverage wouldn’t be in effect until Tuesday at noon, and by then it could be too late.” Before producers can purchase online coverage, they must first contact AFSC for an activation code. The code gives them access to the Straight Hail website. Producers who buy coverage online will get a two per cent premium discount in addition to the two per cent they receive if they pay early, and they can use their credit card for payment. For more information about the new online hail insurance option, producers can contact their nearest AFSC office or the AFSC Call Centre at 1-877-899-2372.

□#3 Weed Survey – During the next month Agriculture Services staff will be approaching producers to participate in the 2010 Alberta Weed Survey. After the survey is filled out, the field will be surveyed for weeds and the weeds will be inventoried. Eighteen fields will be completed in this area to acquire a broad spectrum of the existing weeds.

□#4 Support for Religious Society – In a recorded vote Council agreed to sell two and a half acres of Municipal Reserve land in the existing Cold Lake Industrial Park off of Highway 55 to the Islamic Society of Cold Lake in order that the group can build a mosque to serve the community. The M.D. is asking the Society to pay \$10,000 for the land and the Society will be responsible for any subdivision costs. Reeve Ed Rondeau and Councillors Mike Krywiak, Don Sinclair and Delano Tolley voted in favour of the sale. Councillors Barry Kalinski, David Fox and Andy Wakaruk voted against.

□#5 Pasture Recovery Initiative – Livestock producers in Alberta and Saskatchewan facing two years of drought will receive funding from the federal and provincial governments to buy feed while pastures recover. Under the recovery program livestock producers living in the eligible municipalities will receive pasture assistance for breeding cattle, as well as other types of breeding livestock. Animals that are included in the program are horses, beef cattle, bison, elk, deer, llamas and sheep. The program is administered through the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation.

□#6 T&U Update – Weather has wreaked havoc on the road maintenance and construction schedules, but crews are working overtime to catch up. Trucks are being added to the Gravel Hauling crew and you'll see them out on Saturday as they work to bring the roads up to standard after the disastrous spring. The Road Construction crew has moved to Wolf Lake Road. The Road Oiling crew is completing cement stabilization work on Birch Grove Road and will be moving to Twp Road 610A by Glendon. Calcium chloride will be placed on Wolf Lake Road and trial applications of MG30 and Halo Environmental DEC will be used on RR 435. Patching Crews are in Ward 3 and 5 for the month of June, with the third truck answering immediate needs. The tender for the re-installation of the piping at the Fort Kent Lift Station was awarded to Shamrock Valley, with work to be completed in June.

□#7 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – The M.D. received a \$250 donation from the Cold Lake Cruisers Car Club and a matching \$250 donation from the Cold Lake A&W to go towards material for the School Resource Officer program in Cold Lake area schools. Council denied a \$250,000 funding request from the Cold Lake Hearts For Healthcare to pay for sterilization equipment. Council agreed to sell a 1982 International S1900 Pumper Truck to the RM Manitou Lake fire Rescue for \$9,500. Council is sponsoring a hole at the 2010 Bonnyville and District Chamber Spring Classic for \$260.

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