

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 13, 2012

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

**□#1 Transportation and Utilities Update** – Council agreed to pay \$1,561 for a street light at the Willow Prairie Hall mailboxes. The total cost of the light is \$4,000, with ATCO Electric making an investment of \$2,439 for the balance. Construction has begun on Beartrap Road, with traffic being redirected to Highway 897 and the Murphy Oil Road. The Road Oiling Crew is working on Baywood Road, which has been completely closed to traffic. Crews have spent time pulling vehicles out of the mud and ditches as drivers ignored barricades and smashed down the road blocks. Weather has hampered the remedial work, but if skies remain clear, work should be completed this week. The crew will then move to the Hilda Lake Road – Township Road 640 east of Secondary Highway 892. The Construction Crew is putting the finishing touches on Range Road 485 after being put on hold because of rainy weather. The crew will then move on to Range Road 470. Contracted gravel haulers have completed a majority of the road gravelling and are currently working in Wards 3 and 4. The Dust Suppressant Crew has completed 47.5 miles of road as of last Tuesday and will continue to work six days a week to get the bulk of the suppressant completed. New equipment will be put into use once operators are hired. Line painting has been completed on all roads other than Franchere North and the Fish Hatchery Road. Crack sealing has been completed on Franchere North and half of Fort Kent south. The contract for the Antler Drive and Urlacher Subdivision paving projects was awarded to Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd. for \$1,041,030.00. Patching trucks are currently assigned to Wards 4 and 6, while the third patch truck is a rover dealing with daily pothole complaints. The trucks are now doing a three week Ward rotation for optimum service.

**□#2 Agricultural News** –Agriculture Department staff are conducting regular weed inspections at all oilfield sites for the presence of Scentless Chamomile and other noxious weeds. The M.D. is assisting its neighbouring urban municipalities with weed identification and helping with the provincial Weed Control Act and Regulations. The Roadside Mowing Crew completed the parks and recreation areas and is currently cutting the subdivisions around Moose Lake and will then move on to the ditches throughout the M.D. Roadside Spraying began last week in the Riverhurst, Cherry Grove and Beaverdam areas. The blue 6-yard bin Recycling Program has quadrupled in the past 10 months. When the program began, staff brought one frontload truck a week to the Cold Lake Recycling Centre. This month staff will bring three truck loads a week to the Centre – with the cardboard, plastic and paper bins receiving the most recycled material. The M.D. will sign another one-year contract with the Cold Lake Recycling Centre, with the rate increasing due to low markets for recycled material. The M.D. agreed to cover the tipping fees for YC Garbage when it assists with the volunteer cleanup of Sandy Beach on Cold Lake.

**□#3 Four New M.D. Playgrounds** – Council agreed to hire Canadian Recreation Solutions to install four playgrounds in the M.D. at a cost of \$100,000. New playgrounds will be set up in the M.D. Vezeau Beach Park; adjacent to the Chicken Hill Lake M.D.

Campground; within the Crane Lake East Campground and a swing set will be erected beside the existing playground in Fort Kent.

**☐#4 Planning and Development Update** – The May month end Development Permit value is \$13,206,643.00 with the year-to-date total of \$23,340,020.00. Sixty-seven development permits were issued and 22 new residential building permits with year-to-date housing starts of six Mobile Homes and 44 Single Family Dwellings. First Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1468 for the adoption of the Fawn Ridge Estates Area Structure Plan and Bylaw LU 488 to rezone the NW 23-62-2 W4M from Agricultural A to Country Residential CR. The property is located south of the City of Cold Lake, adjacent to the south boundary of the city and adjacent to the east side of Highway 28. The proposal is for a country residential development consisting of approximately 52 lots, 1.5 acres in size. The ASP was revised to include a 30 meter green zone along the north boundary of development to provide separation from the Cold Lake transfer site.

**☐#5 Funding Support** – Council provided a \$2,500 grant to the City of Cold Lake for Canada Day festivities. The Glendon Agricultural Society received a \$1,500 grant to assist with the Glendon Derby and Mudbogs event in August. Glendon High School received \$250 for their Senior Track and Field Team to travel to Provincial Competition in Edmonton.

**☐#6 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – M.D. Council cancelled all July meetings and scheduled August 22 as the single Council Meeting for the summer months.

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