

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 27, 2012

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☐#1 Seed Cleaning Plant Truck Scale Approved – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council approved the installation of a 100 foot truck scale at the Bonnyville Seed Cleaning Plant for a maximum cost of \$300,000. The total costs include engineering design, scale, cement and dirt work. Council approved the scale's \$43,610 Engineering Tender from SE Design and Consulting Inc.. The M.D. will own the scale and Public Safety Officers will also use it to weigh trucks facing possible infractions. The scale will be open 24 hours-a-day and will be accessed with a swipe card. The scale will be a revenue source for the Seed Cleaning Plant as a fee will be charged for use. Other upgrades at the plant include: a Q'Sage air and screen grain cleaner, 60 foot bucket elevator and unloading pit and an overhead 45 tonne hopper bin. The purpose of the upgrades is to secure the financial stability of the Seed Cleaning Plant and provide the ability to clean grain to a higher standard and in a timely fashion.

☐#2 Paving Tenders Approved – Council agreed to tender out the paving of the Fish Hatchery Road – three km of Township Road 650 east of Secondary Highway 897 – and approximately one km of the internal subdivision road in Chateau View Estates. Council is taking advantage of timing to save on future costs. The Fish Hatchery Road is breaking up and if the paving is not done this year, more remedial work will have to be done in 2013 to correct larger issues. In the subdivision, the road is in complete disrepair and paving crews are currently working in the area, which will reduce tender costs.

☐#3 Transportation and Utilities News – Construction has begun on the north end of Beartrap Road. Dust Control Crews have placed 55 miles of MG 30 dust suppressant and will continue to work six days a week to get the bulk of the suppressant completed. Oiled dust controls will be placed the first two weeks of July. Patching trucks will be assigned to Wards 1 and 2 beginning this week, with the third rover truck attending to emerging issues. The Road Oiling Crew is working on the Baywood Road and once that is completed will be moving to the Hilda Lake Road. The reclaimer is working on Township Road 625 from Highway 41 to Range Road 454. Compensation to place Borrow Pits on M.D. property owners' land was increased to \$1,500 per acre. This amount is similar to what oil companies are currently paying. The compensation is paid because the land can no longer be productive for landowners. Council requested that staff use stabilizing material in the soft spots on the Pikowicz Road – Range Road 450 north of Fort Kent – to harden the areas so that oiling can take place to alleviate the dusty conditions. Council directed the Cold Lake Museum administration to approach the City of Cold Lake regarding the condition of the road leading to the facility (Township Road 631 A) as the road is owned by the city. Council stated that it cannot do any work on the road due to liability unless the City of Cold Lake makes a formal request.

☐#4 Planning and Development Update – Council made a motion not to proceed with Bylaw No. 1523 to close and lease a road allowance to prevent public travel West of West ½ of 19-62-2 W4M as the access is used by neighbouring land owners and to reach

an oil site. Council amended and approved the closure and lease for grazing purposes of the township road section of the road allowance under Bylaw No. 1525 North & West of NW 19062-6 W4M but left the west range road allowance open so that the public can use the trail access and Northeast Gas can maintain its pipeline. Council gave final reading to Bylaw LU 511 to rezone 10 acres from Agricultural “A” to Intensive Recreation for the development of an RV Park on Part of SE 19-62-2 W4M. Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 1526 for the Atherton Estates Area Structure Plan four miles east of Cold Lake along Township Road 630 and to Bylaw LU 512 to rezone SW 3-63-1 W4M from Agricultural “A” to Country Residential “CR1”. A request from a resident in the Hamlet of Ardmore for the M.D. to provide an access to his property was turned down by Council as the resident is responsible to build a driveway if one did not exist when he purchased the lot. Council agreed to enter into a 50/50 cost sharing agreement on the intersection treatment at Highway 55 and Range Road 423 with the developers creating the Cold Lake Industrial Park based on the estimated costs of the Alberta Transportation mandated design.

□#5 Funding Support – Eastbourne Community Hall Society received its \$35,000 Annual Operating Grant. The Franchere Social Community Centre received an Annual Operating Grant of \$5,000 and a Special Projects Grant of \$1,620.85 to renovate the existing ball diamonds. Council agreed to provide a \$3,224.55 sponsorship to cover the costs of promotional items and transportation for the Alberta Lake Management Society Workshop in September 2012 in Cold Lake. Council approved a \$2,000 sponsorship for the 2012 Race The Base Challenge on August 25 at 4 Wing Cold Lake. Council agreed to send a letter of support to Lakeland Welcoming Communities in their application for a Community Innovation Pilot Initiative Grant to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). The pilot initiative would address the challenges of creating inclusive communities for our rapidly growing, culturally diverse communities.

□#6 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Council agreed to repair the Birch Grove boat launch for a cost of \$12,500. Hawkings Epp Dumont LLP was given a two year contract for 2012-2013 to provide auditing services. At the request of the Northern Lights Library System the M.D. will be sending a letter to Prime Minister Harper to protest the cancellation of the Community Access Program that provided assistance to local libraries in providing patrons internet access. M.D. Council cancelled all July meetings and scheduled August 22 as the single Council Meeting for the summer months.

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