

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS March 14, 2012

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□#1 Roadside Clean-Up Fundraising Opportunity – The Municipal District of Bonnyville is asking groups to sign up to do Roadside Clean-Up on rural roads and hamlets, with the work scheduled to start as early as mid-April. The municipality will pay from \$40 to \$100 per kilometre – depending on the road that is being cleaned. Last year seven groups cleaned over 40 km of roadway and ditches.

□#2 Fire Guardians Appointed – The following Fire Guardians were appointed for the March 1 to October 2012 Fire Permit Season: Rollie Inman Division 1, 2 and 4; George Kostiniuk Division 3; Bob Highberg Division 5, Fort Kent, Ardmore and Rge 2 in Division 6 and Dee Booker/Jenett Hatch Division 6.

□#3 Fines Increase For Misuse of Engine Retarder Brakes – Council agreed to increase the fine for the misuse of engine retarder brakes to \$250 from \$100 in response to concerns raised at recent Town Hall Meetings. The fine was increased to cover the costs associated with prosecuting a bylaw offense, as well as for the deterrent value of the fine. Council also passed a resolution to standardize the wording on the Engine Retarder Brake sign to be “Use of Engine Retarder Brakes Prohibited”, with the option of a distance being added to the sign wording at the discretion of the CAO.

□#4 Live Fire Training Building Going Up – Council approved the purchase of a Live Fire Training Building from Fire Training Solutions of Salmon Arm, B.C. for \$172,525 and authorized the ground work and installation of the structure in the M.D. Transportation and Utilities compound. The building will be used by all emergency services in the region and surrounding area. The funds for this structure have been raised from multiple sources: M.D. of Bonnyville (\$60,000 plus compaction work); Town of Bonnyville (\$60,000); Enbridge Pipeline (\$15,000); Bonnyville Firefighters Association (\$25,000); Lakeland Credit Union (\$3,200); Pengrowth Energy (\$1,000) and Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (\$8,325).

□#5 Planning and Development Update – The Ethel Lake Area Structure Plan was given final reading. Five goals have been identified for the plan:

Goal 1: Maintain or improve the water quality of Ethel Lake, and the natural environment surrounding Ethel Lake.

Goal 2: Provide safe, affordable and responsible public recreation opportunities that benefit residents and visitors to the Ethel Lake area.

Goal 3: Future residential development in the Ethel Lake area will respect existing residential developments and the natural environment.

Goal 4: Natural resource extraction operations in the Ethel Lake area will respect existing residential developments and the natural environment.

Goal 5: Water, sanitary and stormwater servicing systems in the plan area will not negatively impact existing developments or the natural environment.

The following Public Hearings are scheduled for April 11: Bylaw LU 503 to rezone NW 27-61-1 W4M from Country Residential (CR2) to Agricultural (A); Bylaw LU 504 for NW 23-61-5 W4M to rezone from Agricultural (A) to Rural Industrial (RI); Bylaw LU 505 for SW 10-61-5 W4M to rezone from Agricultural (A) to Rural Industrial (RI) and Bylaw LU 506 for SE 1-61-6 W4M to rezone from Agricultural (A) to Rural Industrial (RI).

□#6 Transportation and Utilities News – With the arrival of milder weather, the Night Crew will be ending its shift on March 23 as long as temperatures continue to increase. One truck has been changed over to a pothole patcher to start dealing with some of the rougher road condition issues. The 6.4 km of base paving for Gurneyville Road has been tendered out. Truck routes have been reviewed and modified to identify primary routes in the M.D. Blue Flame Contracting Ltd. was awarded the 2012 Fort Kent Street Improvement contract for \$1,911,696.25. Council approved the total project budget of \$2,221,696.25. Blue Flame Contracting was awarded the \$155,583.50 Urlacher Subdivision Intersection Paving Program contract and Council approved the total project budget of \$183,083.50. Council approved the purchase of a used D6R Cat and 1040 Iron Wolf Slasher (mulcher attachment) for a maximum cost of \$350,000. Council added Range Road 472, from Township Road 622 to 0.5 miles north of Dupre Road, to the 2012 Road Construction priority list. There is currently no road construction on this road allowance and the intent would be to place the project on the bottom of the currently approved list to be completed only if all other projects are done. Council directed administration to create a new “lesser road standard bylaw” for roads that have a limited amount of traffic, such as an access road that one or two property owners utilize.

□#7 M.D. Applying For Final Mile Rural Community Program Grant – Administration was directed by Council to apply to Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development for a Final Mile Rural Community Program Grant. The grant is provided to encourage the provision of high-speed internet access to unserved locations in rural Alberta. The province will fund a maximum of 75 per cent of eligible costs. If the M.D. is successful in acquiring funding, administration will send out a Request For Proposals to establish costs and available contractors. The M.D. would then enter into an agreement with the successful contractor to construct and operate the internet system. The municipality must maintain majority ownership of the project assets for at least five years.

□#8 Funding Support – Council agreed to purchase a \$1,050 table of eight for the Cold Lake Entertainment Society Lobster Bash. The Society’s mandate is to contribute to the promotion of mainstream musical arts and the development of young musical talent in the Lakeland Region. Council purchased a \$600 table of eight for the 5th Annual Cowboy Gala. Council gave a \$500 grant to Lakeland Special Olympics for the Fifth Annual Bowling Tournament.

□#9 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – The M.D.’s annual Audited Financial Statement will be placed on the municipal web site by May 1, 2012. Council approved the purchase of two wireless radio systems at an estimated cost of \$25,000 to improve the network

connectivity between the Transportation and Utilities, Public Safety and Administrative buildings. The Coyote & Wolf Reduction Program has ended with over 1,350 coyotes and 32 wolves brought into the ASB Shop. Preventative Beaver trapping is being done in areas prone to flooding and where the animals are causing damages to private property and public roads.

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