

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 9, 2012

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**□#1 Cleaning Up The Mess** – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council encourages residents to report “litter bugs” to the Public Safety Department at 780-812-3332. Now that spring has arrived M.D. residents are discovering large garbage items, such as couches, chairs and refrigerators, strewn throughout the roadside ditches. Public Safety asks residents to take down as much information as they can when they see people discarding items in the ditch and report it to the department. When residents find garbage in the ditch they can call Waste Services at 780-826-3951 and staff will be sent out to remove the items and deposit them in the appropriate landfill.

**□#2 Transportation and Utilities Update** – Council will not allow any tie ins to the water line from the Town of Bonnyville to the M.D. Public Works Shop until the municipality can determine its water usage needs as the four inch line can only accommodate a limited amount of users. Council agreed to acquire tenders for paving one kilometre in the Antler Drive subdivision and 900 metres in the Urlacher Subdivision on Secondary Highway 897 as part of the 2012 Subdivision Paving Priorities. Council will make a decision on the paving once the total costs are assessed. Transportation and Utilities staff are currently placing MG30, a magnesium based dust suppressant, on 100 miles of road. Once these roads are complete, staff will move onto the truck routes. Pot hole patching trucks are assigned to Wards 1 and 2, with the third truck dealing with emerging issues in other Wards. The trucks are experimenting with two week rotations and then switching Wards in order to meet the continuing patching demands. The construction crew has been cleaning up last year’s projects and will start on Range Road 485 this week. Contract gravel haulers are working six days a week until the end of May to get a jump on the gravelling season. The Road Oiling crew is starting on Township Road 632 west of Secondary Highway 892 and will be moving to the Baywood Road after that. M.D. crews have installed the guard rail requests by the Tiller Bridge and have started the install by the Alysworth Bridge, but are waiting on a phone line to be relocated to finish the work. Guard rail installation on Township Road 630 will proceed after dust suppressant has been completed. The overlay work on Secondary Highways 660 (from Glendon to Highway 28) and 892 (from Highway 55 through Ardmore to Highway 659) are expected to be complete by the end of June. The Beartrap Road construction has been awarded to Site Energy and will proceed shortly. The M.D. is working with Sustainable Resources Development on the road alignment for Wolf Lake Phase II. Staff are working with Cenovus and Alberta Environment to design better drainage for the ditch southwest and southeast of La Corey (the ditch runs through the Cenovus parking lot, then southeast across Highway 41). The M.D. is working with the Fort Kent subdivision developer and SE Design to design a plan for the alley drainage and the cost assessment for storm water installation. Council agreed to install a culvert and catch basin to drain the Fort Kent outdoor rink.

**□#3 Agricultural News** – The M.D. received a 2012 Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Grant of \$255,979.42 an increase of \$13,571.42 from last year. The increase will be used

to perform additional duties on behalf of the province. The ASB rental equipment is going out the door at a fast pace with some items booked for the next couple of weeks. The M.D. has six post pounders to rent – three in Bonnyville, one in Cherry Grove, one in Iron River and one in Therien. The annual Bonnyville District 4-H Show and Sale is on May 28<sup>th</sup> at Western Pride Auction Mart. The ASB sponsors 50 per cent of the lunch costs, provides picnic tables, panels and a water truck for dust control. The M.D. has increased the number of pick-ups at the six-yard bin sites with a Sunday pick-up using a frontload truck at the busy locations. The cleaning crew is busy picking up garbage around the sites and removing the large items that get dropped off outside the gates and down dead end roads. The North Shore Heights bin site is being extended and moved back to allow turning room for vehicles. The Cherry Grove and Beaverdam bin sites are being repaired.

**□#4 Planning and Development Update** – The year-end total value of development permits is \$10,133,377.00 with the April month end value at \$3,332,500.00. The year-end housing starts are three Mobile Homes and 25 Single Family Dwellings. Final Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1460 to amend Bylaw No. 1524 to sell a road allowance within NW 18-63-1 W4M road plan 1734 EU. Council declined a request to purchase a closed road allowance for Bylaw No. 1403 NE 23, NW 24-61-1 W4M as it believed the eight acres could be used to by the M.D. in the future.

**□#5 Funding Support** – Alexander Recreation Society received its \$35,000 annual Operating Grant. The Bonnyville Pro Rodeo and Chuckwagon Association Queen Committee received a \$500 sponsorship. Council agreed to sponsor a \$500 team for the Lakeland United Way Charity Golf Classic.

**□#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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