

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 11, 2011

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□#1 Roundabout Petition – Last week, at its May 4 Committee Meeting, Municipal District of Bonnyville Council accepted a petition questioning the payment of \$2 million in partnership funds to the province for the construction of the Roundabout at the junctions of Highways 892 and 55. After a lengthy discussion at this week's Council meeting, Councillors agreed that the petition is not considered legal according to the Municipal Government Act. But, regardless of the legality, Administration was instructed to go through the names on the petition to count the M.D. residents. Administration was also instructed to look at various options, including consulting with the municipality's lawyers regarding the implications of breaking the partnering contract the M.D. has signed with the province. All the information will be brought back to the next Council meeting on May 25 for further discussion.

□#2 Transportation and Utilities Update – The equipment changeover has been completed and construction season is officially underway. Two patching trucks have been assigned to Wards 1 and 5 and the roving truck should be back in service soon. Road gravelling will begin on May 25 at the east end of the M.D. The Road Oiling Crew is currently working on the Minnie Lake Road and will move to RR 484 when the work is completed. E Construction has started its paving work at the intersection on SH 660 adjacent to the Public Works Shop and will then complete the bottom lift on RR 455 into the Town of Bonnyville. Subgrade work on Wolf Lake Road will begin on May 24, base work is scheduled for May 30, with a July 1 start date for paving and a completion date of July 31. Fort Kent paving is also scheduled for July. All M.D. road paving is scheduled to be completed by the end of July. Weather permitting! The Construction Crew is working on the Fort Kent and Iron River landfill reclamation and will move onto RR 430 when finished. The Fort Kent storm sewer tender will be released shortly. Crews are currently working on culvert issues from the spring thaw. Next they will move to Antler Drive on Moose Lake to install a catch basin and manhole for storm water drainage. Council gave permission to install temporary fencing on the Municipal Reserve while the maintenance work is being done. Work is being completed on two bridge files – one on RR 442 crossing Muriel Creek and the other north of Alexander Hall. An engineering proposal is being done for a replacement bridge structure on RR 443 crossing Muriel Creek, and then funding discussions will commence with Alberta Transportation. Solar street lights will be installed in La Corey and the Elk Haven subdivision as regular lights were over budget. Three solar lights will be installed at Crane Lake because of brushing issues with landowners.

□#3 Agricultural News – The M.D. distributed trees to its residents from four different nurseries this year. The M.D. is also planting over 300 trees in its Tree Nursery. The Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) is using the M.D. Tree Nursery as a demonstration plot for fall tree seeding versus spring tree seeding. An additional six producers have signed up for the Veterinary Services Incorporated Program. Under the VSI Program livestock producers are provided a 60 per cent subsidy on difficult

veterinary procedures such as caesarians, prolapsed uteruses and pregnancy testing. The Fort Kent Landfill will be closed for the next few weeks until reclamation construction is completed. Dumpsters will be placed beside the post office boxes in Fort Kent for household garbage and the Ardmore Landfill will increase operation days to meet the short term needs. Ponoka K & K Recycling has been hired as the M.D.'s scrap metal collector. Residents can bring their scrap metal – refrigerators, washers, dryers and farm equipment/implements – to the seven landfills – Ardmore, Fort Kent, La Corey, Hilda Lake, Muriel Lake, Goodridge and Therien – where it will be crushed, baled and transported by the recycling company. Cars can be dropped off as well, as long as all oils and antifreeze have been removed, but the M.D. prefers that residents contact our local wrecking yards who will usually haul away vehicles at no charge.

□#4 Planning and Development Review – Planning and Development issued 26 new Residential Building Permits and 40 Development Permits with a month end value for April of \$7,376,341.00. Water levels in Pinsky Lake near the Grand Centre Golf and Country Club are being monitored because of concerns with the encroachment of water onto the back side of a couple of properties. Wood Creek RV Resort is continuing with the design and future construction of storm retention ponds and settlement ponds.

□#5 Funding Support – Ardmore Community Society received its Annual Operating Grant of \$15,000 and a Special Projects Grant of \$5,000 for kitchen and bathroom renovations in the hall.

□#6 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Community Peace Officers are patrolling the local M.D. road north of Highway 897 to ensure gravel trucks are operating with Road Use Agreements. The School Resource Officers did a Drug Awareness session with parents at the recent Iron River School Open House.

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