

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS October 28, 2009

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□#1 Transportation and Utilities Update – The winter switch has started with trucks being changed over to sanding vehicles and spring/summer/fall seasonal work getting wrapped up. Two miles of work has been completed on the Wolf Lake Road, with additional work continuing in the spring. The M.D. is waiting for final inspection on the Ardmore Lagoon Upgrade. Construction is continuing on the Fort Kent Lagoon Upgrade, with the majority of dirt work and desludging of the existing storage cell completed. Fabric was installed underneath the liner to protect the cell from the rocks below. Completion date has been bumped back to mid-November. Excavation work on the Fort Kent Storm drainage pond may begin shortly if the weather holds. The contractor hired by Devon has started work on Township Road 644 to relieve the traffic on the Wolf Lake Road. The M.D. is supporting the project with a creek crossing study and approvals, right-of-way acquisition and burrow issues. The majority of road oiling projects were completed, with remaining projects carried over to next year. Staff will continue to monitor and repair the Birch Grove and Dupre Roads until it freezes in order to provide a smoother driving surface. The roof has been installed on the office portion of the new Public Works Shop and crews are working on the piping installation for waste water. Walls will soon be completed for the Salt Storage Building and the area may be paved if the weather cooperates. The contract for Miscellaneous Steel on the new building was awarded to Rick The Welder for \$41,272.60. Council agreed to allow a ratepayer living just outside of Fort Kent to connect to the waterline. The ratepayer is responsible for all hook up costs, installing a back flow valve, installing the line on the back slope of the ditch and all future maintenance of the line. The snow removal policy is being reviewed as it pertains to subdivisions.

□#2 Planning and Development Update – Council agreed not to proceed with Bylaw 1430 to lease one mile of road allowance south of the south half of section 17-60-5 W4M because of opposition from neighbouring landowners and members of the public. Council voted not to proceed with Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1432 and Land Use Bylaw 444 to rezone and subdivide an additional 10 acres northwest of Bonnyville due to objections from neighbouring landowners and the fact the application did not comply with development policies. Council also voted not to proceed with Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1433 and Land Use Bylaw 445 to rezone and subdivide an additional 20 acres for residential lots north of Muriel Lake. Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1435 and Rezoning Land Use Bylaws 460 and 461 to have a quarter section of land on the south east corner of the intersection of Highways 897 and 55 rezoned from Agricultural A to Rural Industrial for an industrial subdivision was given final reading. Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1434 to develop Country Residential lots called Ansell Ridge on 90 acres a half mile west of Riverhurst Hall was given final reading. Land Use Bylaws 474 and 473 to rezone the land for Bylaw 1434 were given first reading since the previous Bylaw pertaining to the development had expired. First Reading was given to Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1446 and Land Use Bylaws 474 and 475 for Lefebvre Country Estates for a multi-lot residential development on the north side of Highway 55, two miles west of

Riverhurst Hall. Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1442 for a multi-lot subdivision south of the Grand Centre Golf Course was given final reading with the stipulation that a fence be constructed on the east side so access will be restricted to the neighbouring property. Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1443 for an Industrial Park off of Highway 55 was sent back to Council Committee for clarification on development parameters.

□#3 Agricultural Review – Over 600 trees have been planted at the old LaCorey Landfill site in partnership with the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA). Pine, Spruce, Mayday, Maple and Green Ash have been planted in the location, with a 90 per cent survival rate after two years. M.D. residents are encouraged to tour the area before they make decisions on their shelterbelts. The M.D. is working with its contracted trapper to control the beaver population and destroying dams that will interfere with spring run off. Inspections are being conducted on the 12 mile Rat Patrol Corridor with no signs of rats being reported. Residents are encouraged to contact the Agriculture Department if they see or detect signs of rats. Waste bin site construction is completed at Chatwin Lake, Model Developments, Cherry Ridge, Iron River Landfill and Fort Kent Landfill and the sites are open to residents.

□#4 Requests For Funding – The Bonnyville Municipal Library and the Cold Lake Public Library made requests for increased funding in 2010. Both libraries are asking for a two dollar per capita increase, from \$18 to \$20 per capita. The increase in funds would pay for operating costs – such as staffing and technical purchases. Municipal comparisons presented by the Bonnyville Library showed that in the top 30 municipalities per capita funding ranged from \$28.22 to \$55.06. The Cold Lake Library pointed out that the City of Cold Lake contributes \$27 per capita, plus \$52,000 in in-kind revenue. The Cold Lake Library would like the M.D. to move toward that amount of funding. While M.D. Council agreed it will continue to fund individual event applications from the Cold Lake Agricultural Society, it declined a request for a \$10,000 Community Association Grant as the Society is not located in the M.D.

□#5 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Council agreed to contribute one third of the \$5,496.53 Centennial Centre Field House rental costs for a Lakeland 2010 Alberta Winter Games December 12 Fundraiser. Council agreed to continue with Phase Two of the design process for the new administration building expansion and renovation. Architect Stephen Purdy of BKDI Architects will draw up design blueprints and tender documents for the new building.

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