

M.D. of Bonnyville Media Release September 3, 2009

Regional Agreement signed

Town of Bonnyville and Village of Glendon sign on

The Municipal District of Bonnyville today signed a new regional servicing agreement with the Town of Bonnyville and the Village of Glendon.

This nine-year agreement replaces the previous three-year Regional Community Development Agreement. The new agreement provides the Town of Bonnyville with \$744,761 and the Village of Glendon with \$115,212 per year. The mill rate used to calculate the amount of money the M.D. will give to the neighbouring municipalities will increase to 1 mill in 2013. The annual amount also increases as the economy grows. This formula is all based on the M.D.'s Non Residential Assessment and does not impact Residential tax rates.

Reeve Ed Rondeau called the agreement both responsible and fair. "We know our residents use the services of our neighbouring municipalities. This agreement is in recognition of services rendered." He added that this agreement does not preclude cost sharing agreements with any of our municipal partners on specific projects such as the current agreement with the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre, Regional Fire Agreement and Family and Community Support Services (FCSS).

The agreement came about as the result of provincially mandated mediation amongst the communities of Bonnyville, Glendon and the City of Cold Lake and the M.D.

Reeve Rondeau said the M.D. is hopeful that the City of Cold Lake will agree to participate in the regional partnership.

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