#1 Centennial Centre Update – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to formally accept a portion of the direct ownership of the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre equipment. The M.D. will now own 50 per cent of all existing and future assets for the Centennial Centre, excluding land and building. The Bonnyville and District Leisure Facilities Corporation remains responsible for operation and maintenance of all assets. All capital improvements and new purchases must receive formal approval by the parent owners of the corporation in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement.

#2 Supporting The Iron Horse Trail – Council agreed to support the North East Muni-Corr Ltd. (the governing body of the Iron Horse Trail composed of the 10 member municipalities) in purchasing mowing equipment to cut the grass along the trail. Council also agreed to pay a mowing fee, to a maximum of $6,000, for two grass cuttings a year. Mowing costs are funded on a percentage basis and the M.D. is a 24 per cent owner of the trail.

#3 Planning and Development Update – Final reading was given to Bylaw 1467 for the adoption of the Wood Creek RV Resort Area Structure Plan on Moose Lake, Bylaw LU 486 for an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to Direct Control District and Bylaw LU 487 to amend the Moose Lake ASP to designate the lands Intensive Recreation. Final reading was given to Bylaw 1474 to lease a Road Allowance to Imperial Oil. Second and Third Readings was postponed on Bylaw 1469 for the Riverhurst Subdivision ASP south of Riverhurst Hall and Bylaw LU 489 to rezone from Agricultural A to Country Residential CR and LU 490 to amend the Highway 55 ASP in order for the developer to reassess lot density in the subdivision.

#4 School Resource Program Going Viral – The School Resource Officer Program is using social marketing tools such as Facebook and Twitter to increase contact with students and staff. On Facebook search for Municipal District of Bonnyville School Resource Officers. Their user name on Twitter is @mdbonnyvilleSRO. One of their first followers on Twitter was Alberta’s Minister of Education Dave Hancock.

#5 Peace Officers On Patrol – Now that the summer holidays are over, Public Safety has a full complement of staff and they are out patrolling all the roads. Industry roads such as the La Corey Resource Road and Wolf Lake Road are two of their high priorities. Officers are also patrolling the Marie Lake subdivision where workers are camping on crown land and using the subdivision roads for parking. Officers will be making sure the camper’s vehicles are not obstructing traffic.

#6 Transportation and Utilities News – The Road Construction crew is working on the skill hill parking lot and the Dupre Road, although work is progressing slowly due to inclement weather. The Road Oiling crew finished work on RR 455 (Nadeau Road) and
is currently working on Twp 630 and will be moving to RR 411 upon completion. The Road Paving Crew has completed Therien Road and approximately one mile of subgrade work and base work is done on the Dupre Road. A contractor has been approved to cement stabilize shoulders of the road when required to keep the project moving. Due to the weather delays the contractor is looking at bringing in another crew to get the six and a half miles of paving work completed on time. Patching crews are working in Ward 3 and 5 in September and will move to Wards 4 and 6 in October. Dust control options are being studied, with the pros and cons, such as cost, efficiency and durability, being weighed out. Road gravelling is continuing with additional road requests and spot graveling in requested areas. Underground work is being completed on the Fort Kent Street Improvement Project and administration will be looking at starting road work on a block by block basis. Staff are working with CNRL and Devon on 2011 road maintenance issues. Baytex is developing new pad sites that will require the development of additional truck routes on RR 455 and RR 454.

#7 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Council agreed to place a Six Yard garbage bin at the old Fort Kent Parks Shop location for the use of the general public. M.D. campgrounds are now closed for the season. Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort and the new chalet will be opening soon. Council waived the development fee for the Dupre Community League as they work to improve the community grounds.

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