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M.D. of Bonnyville undertakes municipal census

Residents will receive PIN in the mail around April 1

Municipal District of Bonnyville wants all of its residents to “get counted” in order for the municipality to maximize the amount of grant funding it receives from the federal and provincial governments says Reeve Ed Rondeau

Council recently agreed to undertake a municipal census because of the increased growth in the M.D. “The municipality had been using 2011 Stats Canada data, but we know those numbers are out-of-date. Each resident, no matter what their age, represents a set dollar value in grant funding. As Council watched our development statistics increase over the past three years, we realized that the M.D. was missing out on some government funding,” Rondeau said. “Up-to-date census information also allows Council to plan for future services and to calculate cost-sharing agreements with neighbouring municipalities.”

Residents will have three ways to respond to the Census, which runs from April 1 to May 31, 2014. All property owners on the tax roll in the M.D. will be receiving a Personal Identification Number (PIN) in the mail on April 1. Once you receive your PIN you can go online to www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca, click on the census link, and follow the instructions. You will need your PIN and your Rural Address to fill out the census form. Other alternatives to respond after April 1 include:

By Phone – This option is only available after April 22. Please call 780-826-3171 only after you have been contacted by an enumerator. Please remember to have your PIN or your Rural Address close at hand.

At Your Door – M.D. enumerators will begin going door-to-door on April 22. Enumerators will only visit residences where the census has not already been completed online or by email/phone/mail/fax.

Renters, or people living in multiple unit dwellings in the M.D., will not receive a PIN. They will be contacted by an enumerator between April 22 and May 22. If they are not contacted for the census, they can call 780-826-3171.

Rondeau says the goal is to count everyone in the M.D., even temporary residents. “We have received permission from Alberta Municipal Affairs to count all people living temporarily in the M.D. This includes all people who are employed by a local business for a minimum of 30 days within the 2014 census year.”

Enumerators will begin door-to-door canvassing on April 22. They will make several attempts to reach the property dweller to ensure they are counted. Information will be left at the home, advising the resident how to contact the enumerator to ensure the information is collected before the census ends on May 31.

Residents who are not contacted regarding the census can call Census Coordinator Esther Quiambao at 780-826-3171.

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