

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS March 23, 2016

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□#1 Calling All Charitable Groups – The Agriculture and Waste Services Department is looking for charitable groups who want to make a bit of cash. The department is signing up groups who want to participate in the annual Roadside Clean Up. The M.D. will pay groups \$40 to \$100 per kilometre depending on the road that is being cleaned. Clean up efforts will start as soon as April, depending on the weather. Last year 13 groups cleaned over 141 km of roads. Interested groups can call the Ag and Waste Department at 780-826-3951.

□#2 One Door Closes, Another Opens – Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort will close its doors for the season on April 2. But spring is just around the corner. On April 1, campground reservation lines open for all 10 M.D. parks. Please go to www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca for campground phone numbers.

□#3 Recycling MOU Signed With Glendon – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to provide new recycling services to the Village of Glendon. Previously, a contractor was hired to pick up the recycling and the M.D. split the cost 50/50 with the village. When contractor rates increased, Glendon approached the M.D. to pick up the recycling materials within the existing municipal Waste Program. The M.D. will charge the village \$3,500 for pick-up, with the two municipalities cost sharing the expense of six new recycling bins.

□#4 Transportation and Utilities News – A 90 percent Road Ban was put in effect on March 11 for many M.D. roads. The list is available on the website. Some Construction Crew members will start on April 4, working on various roads in preparation for the 2016 season. Given the erratic weather, crews are working on snow removal, spot gravelling and steaming culverts depending on the day. As conditions allow, some plow trucks are being switched over to gravel trucks. The contract for the base paving of Crane Lake Road is being reviewed and a pre-job meeting is scheduled.

□#5 Public Safety Update – School Resource Officers have been active in local schools. Six CSI Program sessions were running in three schools. The Right Choices Program was held in Cold Lake Middle School. Additional programs include the Youth Criminal Justice Act session, Self Esteem, Open Lunch and Circle Time, as well as hosting a Story Book Reading at Holy Cross Elementary. In a two-week period of warm weather Officers were busy dealing with 10 dog complaints in Wards 3, 5 and 6. Patrol Officers took action on complaints of abandoned vehicles in the Ernestina Lake and Ardmore areas. Warm weather brings mud. Officers have dealt with complaints of debris on roadways. They are asking construction crews to clear debris off M.D. roads and to keep the road clear as much as possible during the changing weather patterns. There has been 10 commercial vehicle inspections in the last two weeks, with four tickets and three written warnings being issued.

□#6 Agricultural and Waste Services News – The M.D. has suspended the Coyote & Wolf Reduction Program after reaching the \$25,000 budget threshold. In 2015-2016, 1,342 coyotes and 66 wolves were brought in. The number of wolves is almost double the previous years' average. The M.D. hosted two Trapper's Courses in partnership with the Alberta Trapper's Association with 42 participants registered. Two additional workshops attracted 60 participants. Over 40 people attended the Know Your Runoff workshop hosted in partnership with Lakeland Agricultural Research Association in Fort Kent.

□#7 Planning and Development Update – Final Reading was given to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 558, which allows residents on Hamlet and Country Residential use lots to have chickens (no roosters). Lots under 1.5 acres will be able to have 12 birds, while larger lots up to 10 acres will be able to house up to 25 chickens. Council gave Final Reading to Land Use Bylaw No. 559 and Area Structure Plan (ASP) Bylaw No. 1606 for Lynx Estates to rezone Part of SW-3-61-6 W4M from Agricultural 'A' to Country Residential 'CR' and 'CR1'.

□#8 Community Hall Grant Process Streamlined – Council approved, in principle, new guidelines for the M.D. Community Hall Operating Grant. The guidelines will be discussed with hall boards at an upcoming meeting, with any proposed changes to be brought back to Council at a later date. The guidelines will not come into effect until 2017. The new reporting process will enable Council to determine if the annual grant is sufficient to cover community hall operating expenses.

□#9 Funding Support – Council approved the \$25,000 Annual Operating Grant for the Ardmore Senior Citizen's Club. Council agreed to contribute \$2,500 to the Beaver River Watershed Alliance X-Stream Science Program that is delivered to Grade 7 to 12 students. The testing data collected by students assists in future watershed planning and decision making. The M.D. will provide \$500 to the 2016 Grazing School For Women being held in Flagstaff County on June 14 and 15. Council provided the following funding assistance to local sporting groups: \$500 to the U18 Girls Soccer for Provincials in Edmonton; \$100 to Justine Ecker for the National Wrestling Championships in Calgary; \$500 to the Lakeland Jaguars for the Female Bantam Hockey Provincial in Hinton; \$700 to the Bonnyville Skipperos to host the February Master Competition in Bonnyville; \$500 to the Cold Lake Senior Girls Basketball to attend the Provincials in Olds and \$500 to the Rhinos U16 Volleyball Team to attend the Provincials in Calgary.

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