

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 11, 2016

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**☐#1 Tent Caterpillars On The Prowl** – The first sign of Tent Caterpillars have appeared in the M.D. Tent Caterpillars rarely kill the infested tree, but they often do eat all the leaves off of it, which can open up the tree to other diseases. One control method is to clip and destroy the tent and caterpillar. The best time to catch the insects in their tents is in the early morning, late evening or on cool, rainy days. Another control method is an organic insecticide containing *Bacillus Thuringiensis*, which works when the larvae feast on leaves that have been treated.

**☐#2 Roadside Cleanup Program Strongly Supported** – Over 100 kilometres of roads throughout the M.D. have been cleaned up by charitable groups. The program will continue for a couple of more weeks until the grass is too long and interferes with picking garbage out of the ditches. There is more interest in the program this year than the past three years combined.

**☐#3 Award Winner** – Jurgen Grau, Manager of Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort, was awarded the Lars Fossberg Award at the recent Canada West Ski Areas Association Conference. The Award is presented annually to a manager or supervisor of a ski area who shows a high degree of initiative and creativity, together with the ability to improvise when dealing with the unexpected.

**☐#4 Spring Is Here and The Living Is Easy** – If you want to chance the somewhat chilly water, M.D. Parks staff are putting in the docks and swim buoys at all M.D. campgrounds. May 13 is the first day of camping season. Enjoy!

**☐#5 Going To The Dogs** – Public Safety Officers have been responding to a multitude of dogs complaints throughout the M.D. The complaints range from barking dogs to those running at large. Public Safety is urging people to please take care of their pets.

**☐#6 Transportation and Utilities News** – The washout on Range Road 485A is fixed, with paving to be done in June. The 90 percent M.D. wide Road Ban should be lifted this week, with individual Road Bans still posted on certain roads. The Construction Crew has completed Range Road 435 north of Township Road 630 and Township Road 600 east of Range Road 430. The crew is now working on the first section of Range Road 443 and the Wolf Lake Road ditching. Once completed, they will move on to Township Road 611A. The Oiling Crews have started work on Township Road 620 and are also working on Range Road 450. The Crew also provided a Distributer and Reclaimer for some work on the Devon Plant Road. The Paving Crew will start working on paving culvert settlements on the La Corey North Resource Road and will be moving to Range Road 452 next. Work on La Corey North will be done in the off-traffic hours to alleviate impact on the heavily travelled road. Road gravelling has started, and may be completed in a month if weather conditions remain dry. A light application of MG 30 has been placed on Gurneyville Road and another load is scheduled for Range Road 451 north of

Highway 55. The Dust Control Program is scheduled for a full start after the May long weekend. The Gurneyville Road contractor has started some ditch clean-up and will start working on deficient areas of the roadway. All work should be completed by the May long weekend. Work on the Ardmore Underground will begin after the May long weekend and all work should be completed on the west side of the hamlet this year.

**☐#7 Public Safety Update** – Extra patrols are being conducted in North Shore Heights in response to concerns about speeding cars. Officers also responded to a complaint regarding overweight tanker trucks travelling on M.D. banned roads in the Flat Lake area. School Resource Officers conducted numerous school visits during this reporting period – 15 informal, 15 formal and 14 program visits. These visits include the Right Choices graduation at Cold Lake and Nelson Heights Middle schools. Drug Awareness at Cold Lake Middle School and CSI at Dr. Brosseau and Holy Cross schools.

**☐#8 Planning and Development Update** – In April, 14 development permits including 13 new Residential building permits and one Recreational permit were issued, with a year-to-date total of \$6,983,915. Year-to-date housing starts include nine Single Family Dwellings and four Mobile Home Units. In 2016 nine applications for Subdivisions have been received.

**☐#9 Funding Support** – Lessard Community Centre received its \$25,000 annual Operating Grant. Franchere Social Community Centre received its \$5,000 annual Operating Grant, which will be distributed once insurance through Jubilee is confirmed. The M.D. will cover fifty percent of the cost of the annual Bonnyville and District 4-H Show and Sale luncheon on May 30. The M.D. will also donate picnic tables, panels and provide a water truck for dust control. The M.D. is providing grass cutting services for the Bonnyville Pro Rodeo and World Professional Chuckwagon Racing from July 21 to 24, as well as 30 picnic tables, trailer panels and a roller for the infield.

**☐#10 Brief** – The July 13 and August 10 Council Meetings have been cancelled.

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