

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS September 16 and 23, 2020

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☐#1 Wildfire Mitigation – The Municipal District of Bonnyville Council approved the submission of a grant application for \$200,000 to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) FireSmart Program. The funds will be used for fuel and vegetation management measures and FireSmart education sessions at the Marie Lake subdivisions. The only cost to the M.D. will be in-kind staff costs associated with grant administration and consultation, as the project will be managed by the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (BRFA). Council also accepted the 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Strategy as information.

☐#2 Funding Boost For Town Of Bonnyville – On September 16, Council approved a \$2.5 million payment to the Town of Bonnyville for the 2020 intermunicipal total cost-sharing amount in lieu of the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Program (IMCP) or the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) agreements.

☐#3 Planning and Consulting Services Contract Awarded – Council approved a three-year \$360,445 contract for Planning and Consulting Services to Urban Systems Ltd. to be funded from the 2021-2023 Planning & Development Capital Budget. The company will provide consulting services to the M.D. for the review and update of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and seven Major Area Structure Plans (MASP) as per the 2021-2023 council approved ASP priority list.

☐#4 M.D. Joining The Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association – On September 16, Council agreed to become a member of the Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association (ABMA). The Association brings together 14 municipalities to promote the added value of French/English bilingualism for sustainable economic development.

☐#5 New Grader Beats Proposed – In order to improve effectiveness and efficiencies, on September 16 Council accepted a report proposing new grader beats and a new grader shop location at Riverhurst as information. Council directed Administration to bring forward additional options for new grader shop locations. The new grader beats will reduce travel time, save on fuel, put less hours on equipment, reduce operator expenditures, increase production to improve road conditions, and improve customer service.

☐#6 Rent Reduction Approved – Council approved a rent reduction from \$2,500 to \$1,800 per month for the months of September and October for Premier Academy to operate their cheerleading sport group in the old Public Safety Building in Bonnyville. Council approved the renewal of the lease agreement from November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021 for \$2,000 per month, plus GST for 2117374 Alberta Ltd., operating as Premier Academy. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the academy's enrolment has decreased by 60 percent, severely affecting operational income.

☐#7 Bridge Replacement Contract Awarded – Council awarded the \$872,055 contract for Bridge File BF72902 Replacement on Township Road 614 to 1690082 Alberta Ltd. of Kelowna B.C., to be funded from the 2020 Capital Budget. Council approved the unbudgeted expenditure for the bridge replacement in the amount of \$265,260.50 to be funded from the Bridge Fund Reserve. The project was budgeted for \$832,500. The budget required, including construction, engineering and contingency, is \$1,097,760.50.

☐#8 C2 Funding Transfer – Council approved a \$100,000 funding transfer from the Recreation-Centennial Centre (C2) Restricted Reserve for 2020 C2 Capital Budget Expenditures. The M.D. is a fifty percent owner of the C2, and has committed to pay for fifty percent of any capital purchases, to a maximum of \$100,000 per year, as per the agreement with the Town of Bonnyville dated January 16, 2006. The agreement renewal date is October 22, 2022. The C2 has budgeted to spend \$200,000 on capital works projects this year.

☐#9 Lobbying To Revoke Gun Control Amendment – Council agreed to support the City of Cold Lake’s request to the Federal Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness to revoke the amendments to the Criminal Code under an Order In Council titled and referred to as *Regulations Amending the Regulations Prescribing Certain Firearms and Other Weapons, Components and Parts of Weapons, Accessories, Cartridge Magazines, Ammunition and Projectiles as Prohibited, Restricted or Non-Restricted: SOR/2020-96*. The motion was made at the request of the local Bonnyville Shooting Sports Association, which believes the amendment unfairly targets firearms owners who are already among the most vetted in Canadian society.

☐#10 Regional Emergency Management – On September 16, Council directed administration to negotiate further options with the municipal partners involved with the proposed Bonnyville Emergency Management Partnership.

☐#11 Briefly – Council directed administration to send a letter to MLA David Hansen requesting a funding status update on the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program. On September 16, Council directed Administration to implement the 2020 Council Strategic Plan Timeline as presented.

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