

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COMMITTEE & COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 19 and 26, 2021

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☐#1 Mill Rates Unchanged – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council gave Final Reading to Bylaw No. 1775 to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessed properties within the municipality, with the tax rates unchanged from 2020. Council agreed to hold the tax rates to last year's rates of 2.76630 for Residential, 5.00000 for Farmland, 11.60000 for Non-Residential (Small Business), 14.50000 for Non-Residential (Other), and 14.50000 for Machinery & Equipment. In keeping with the negotiated terms of the I.D. 349 Order in Council O.C. 121/2021, tax rates for Non-Residential (Other) and Machinery & Equipment are set at 70 percent of the M.D. rates until 2045 and are set at 10.15000 for those properties within the former I.D. borders. Council has estimated \$99,195,011 generated from municipal taxes to fund expenditures for 2021.

☐#2 Council Approves Unbudgeted Expenditures – Council accepted the summary of unbudgeted expenditures and reserve summary as information and adopted the revised 2021 Budget at \$152,083,353.

☐#3 Connections To M.D. Waterline Under Review – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to deny all adjacent and non-adjacent municipal waterline connection requests until a comprehensive corresponding policy is adopted by Council. Council directed Administration to develop a comprehensive policy for adjacent and non-adjacent municipal waterline connections for Council consideration. The Infrastructure Services Department will complete thorough research into the issue and develop a comprehensive policy, including appropriate engineering standards and update M.D. Bylaw 1666.

☐#4 Glendon I.D. 349 Supplemental Payment – Council approved an \$200,000 annual contribution to the Village of Glendon from 2021 to 2045, or until such time as the Government of Alberta Order in Council 121/2021 is no longer in effect. The funds will come from the General Municipal Operating Budget. During intermunicipal negotiations regarding the revenue distribution from Improvement District (I.D.) No. 349, the M.D. agreed to provide Glendon with an annual additional contribution of \$200,000 outside of the terms of the long-term revenue sharing proposal.

☐#5 Council Remuneration Becomes More Transparent – Council adopted the amended Councillor, Committee and Board Member Remuneration Policy No. 1.010 after a lengthy review and comparison to various Alberta municipalities. In the interest of maintaining transparency and accountability, the remuneration and compensation paid to each elected official will be posted monthly on the M.D. website. At a minimum, each named elected official's honorarium, per diem and expenses for the year-to-date, shall be included. The per diem and expense components of the posting shall be itemized so as to identify the amount that was paid to the elected official for each meeting, activity and/or transaction.

□#6 Legacy Fund Changes – Council agreed to take the one million dollars budgeted annually to the Legacy Fund and reallocate it to a modified Community Action Grant. Council directed Administration to bring back a modified Community Action Grant Policy that would provide grants to community groups of up to \$25,000 (in the existing policy) and capital project grants to community groups for projects valued over \$25,000.

□#7 Agricultural Appointments – Council appointed the following Pest Inspectors for the 2021 season to enforce the Alberta Pest Control Act as required by the province: Brad Pelham, Justin Inman, Michael Penner and Janice Boden. Council appointed Inman, Penner and Boden as Soil Conservation Officers for the 2021 season to enforce the Alberta Soil Conservation Act. Council appointed the following Weed Inspectors for the 2021 season to enforce the provincial Weed Control Act as required: Don Cameron, Robert Barrett, Megan Natchura, Hanna Tharle, Alexa Locke, Derek Birkett, Justin Inman, Michael Penner and Janice Boden.

□#8 Planning And Development Statistics – The Planning and Development Department received 22 building permits in April, for a year-to-date total of \$4,666,853. There were three new housing starts in April, with a year-to-date total of five Single Family Dwellings and one Mobile Home. The M.D. received four subdivision applications in April, for a year-to-date total of 10.

□#9 Road Allowance Licensing First Readings – First Reading was given to Bylaws 1773 and 1774 to grant a license or permit for temporary occupation or use of a Road Allowance. Both are to be used for access to adjacent grazing leases for agriculture and grazing purposes.

□#10 Public Safety Quarterly Report – Officers completed 2,599 General Crime Prevention Patrols from January to March in various rural areas of the M.D. These patrols are a minimum of 30 minutes each. Officers provided 149 Vacant Home Checks from January and March. Officers wrote 12 Bylaw Tickets and one Provincial Written Warning in this quarter. Reports written this quarter include: 107 Regulatory Bylaws, 31 Provincial Statutes, 23 Miscellaneous, 21 Rural Crime Prevention, five Emergency Reponse/Attendance, two School Assistance and two Criminal Code. School Resource Officers (SROs) continue to deliver classes to students remotely. The SROs are assisting with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and general patrols when not conducting or preparing presentations.

□#11 Briefly – Councillor Marc Jubinville was appointed to the M.D. Rural Policing Committee for the remainder of the 2020/2021 term set to expire on October 27.

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