#1 Public Safety End Of Year Report – Chris Garner presented council with a report wrapping up Public Safety’s activities in 2010. According to his report, the number of incidents went down to 1,615 in 2010, compared to 1,696 in 2009. Garner said most of the department’s time is spent on traffic issues, followed by animal control issues. Garner also mentioned there are plans in the works to convert programs through the School Resource officers into French, which would open up the possibility of offering the program to the two French schools in the area.

#2 Funding – A number of local sports groups will be receiving funding from the M.D. this year. The Lakeland Special Olympics group will receive $500 for its fourth annual bowling tournament, which will be held in March. Both the Lakeland Under 16 and Under 18 Sharks volleyball clubs will receive $250 each to help cover costs in playing tournaments across the province. The Bonnyville Municipal Seed Cleaning Plant board will receive $5,000, which was requested last year to repair a furnace and replace a door.

#3 Centennial Centre Funding – Council approved $667,858 for the Centennial Centre’s 2011 operating budget. Council also approved a request (pending approval from the Town of Bonnyville) for $16,000 to purchase a food warmer, floor auto scrubber and exercise equipment for the Centennial Centre. The total bill is $32,000 with half to be covered by the Town and half to be covered by the M.D.

#4 T & U Update – After a few comments regarding the Hardship Flag program, council has decided to review the policy around using a plow truck instead of a grader to clear the driveways of M.D. residents who are elderly, disabled or widowed. T & U has rented a shop near Crane Lake for a grader. This will cut down on travel time and wear and tear of the grader while it clears snow from the area. There is a possibility of a plow truck also being moved out to the rented shop. Range Road 452 has been removed from the road priorities list and has been replaced with the upgrading of the Main Street in Fort Kent.

#6 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – In Planning and Development, December 2010 saw three new development permits at a value of $195,000 bringing the total value of new development in the M.D. to $43,645,451 for the year. This is down from $47,259,942 last year. Two road closure and leases were approved by council. Both leases were renewals. The first lease is a segment of Range Road 412 east of NE-15-62-1 W4M. The second lease is for a portion of Range Roads 433, 434 and Township Road 640 in the Maloney Lake area.
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