

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS March 24, 2010

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**□#1 Gopher Control** – Farmers have until July 31 to purchase strychnine to control the gophers on their land. The Federal Government has granted a one year emergency permit to sell 2% liquid Strychnine that can be mixed with a grain bait to assist farmers in controlling Richardson Ground Squirrels. This permit expires on July 31, 2010 and there is still a chance that this product will no longer be available. This product will only be sold to farmers, and they will have to provide the legal land location where they will be using the poison and the number of acres they intend to treat. Farmers will be asked to complete a product evaluation form after they treat their fields to indicate how well the product worked for them. To purchase this product, please call your local municipal office at 826-3951.

**□#2 Transportation and Utilities Update** – The Sign Supply Tender was awarded to Alberta Traffic Supply Ltd. for \$13,175. The 2010 M.D. Gravel Supply of 100,000 tonnes of Designation 4 Class 20 mm road surfacing gravel was awarded to North East Bulk for \$10.80 per tonne. The M.D. is currently tendering out its Gravel Haul and Cold Mix Supply tenders. Western Cost Consulting LP was awarded the \$3,000 Stage 1 contract to do a preliminary cost analysis of the present draft drawings for the new administration building. Hagstrom was awarded the \$4,850 Geo Technical Engineering contract to do the testing for the foundation design of the new administration building. The company will do four boreholes on the site to test the soil, ascertain the groundwater levels and provide foundation recommendations.

**□#3 Funding Trouble** – While M.D. Council agreed to leave its \$50,000 lien in place on the “Vault” building in the City of Cold Lake, currently owned by the Jericho Youth Society, in order that the title can be transferred over to the Lakeland Centre for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (LCFASD); it was not willing to grant an additional lien of \$50,000. The additional funds were requested to allow LCFASD to pay back the City of Cold Lake’s existing \$50,000 lien. The City is requesting the return of the funds because it says they are no longer being used to address youth services. Both municipalities had contributed \$50,000 to the Youth Society with the understanding that it could not profit from the donation. The Lakeland FASD Society intends to create offices in the building, as well as establishing a residential addiction treatment facility for pregnant women in order to prevent future births of children with FASD. M.D. Council fully supports the LCFASD proposal, but says it is not willing to pick up Cold Lake’s share in a program that has infants as its highest priority.

**□#4 Landfill Reclamation** – Final permits are in place to allow the M.D. to reclaim the old Marie Lake landfill site. The landfill closed in 2006. The M.D. has been waiting for the final cap to seal the old pits with a two foot layer of clay that does not allow water to permeate through and allow runoff into collection ponds. Once the project is completed in the spring, the M.D. will start a 25-year follow-up monitoring program. Water samples will be monitored annually, along with any cap abnormalities.

**☐#5 Funding Support** – Ardmore Senior Citizens Club and the Cherry Grove Recreational/Agricultural Society received their annual \$15,000 operating grant. North Shore Heights Community Society received its annual \$5,000 operating grant for its ball diamonds, playground/park, outdoor bathrooms and picnic shelter. The Bonnyville Health Foundation received a donation of \$2,550. The Glendon School boys and girls volleyball teams received \$250 each to help offset costs to travel to provincials in Vermillion. Twenty-one of the 28 players on the teams live in the M.D. A request from the Cold Lake Agricultural Society to donate 12 metal/wood picnic tables, for a cost of \$6,000, was turned down. Council is willing to provide rental picnic tables to the Agricultural Society for their summer events at no cost. Council turned down a request for a \$500 grant to provide a historical marker for the Beacon Corner Store site saying that the land requires a major clean up and is presently in private hands.

**☐#6 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – The Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort chalet is 85 per cent complete with painting underway this week. The replacement budget for the new Parks Shop has been pegged at \$536,000. M.D. campgrounds will open the May 15 weekend. Bylaw 1451 to adopt an Area Structure Plan for SW 8-61-6-W4M for a multi-lot country residential subdivision for Willow Ridge Developments was given third reading. Bylaw LU 479 for rezoning from Agricultural (A) to Country Residential (CR) for the same development was also passed.

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