

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS July 2, 2014

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□#1 RCMP Update – Staff Sargent Scott Buchanan from the Cold Lake RCMP Detachment presented council with the quarterly statistics of incidents responded to in the M.D. There has been a large increase in “false calls” to 911. Buchanan chalked it up to the emergency number being “pocket dialed” by cell phones. He said those calls take at least 20 minutes to clear up, which means officers have less time to devote to actual cases. Buchanan outlined the department’s four priorities for 2014, which include traffic safety, organized crime, youth safety and Aboriginal policing. The RCMP has been working with M.D. Peace Officers on traffic safety and have conducted 12 integrated patrols together. Buchanan said the patrols are going quite well.

□#2 Beavers, Beavers, Beavers – The Agriculture and Waste Services Department is currently experiencing a flood of calls about beaver dams. Due to an exceptionally wet spring, these pests are causing more issues than usual. Director of Agriculture and Waste Services, Matt Janz, encourages the public to call 780-826-3951 so the problem areas can be logged and dealt with in a timely manner.

□#3 Census Update – Council received the updated numbers the M.D. will be submitting to Municipal Affairs. The numbers changed slightly from the last council meeting, due to the exclusion of seasonal dwellings. The following statistics are unofficial until approved by Municipal Affairs. The total population came in at 13,233, with a total number of dwellings at 4,853 and a total shadow population of 1,397. A more detailed report, including demographics will be made available this fall.

□#4 Community Services Update – Parks staff have been dealing with flooding issues at the Crane Lake Campground. The low lying sites have been impacted by the intense rains the M.D. has received over the past couple of weeks. Gravel has been added to some sites, the water has been pumped out, and staff are looking at decreasing the grade to the boat launch to help move water away from the sites. Skiers will see an increase in rates at Kinsoo Ridge this winter. Adult tickets will be \$29, while kid tickets will go up to \$24. Campground fees will go up by a dollar next year as well, keeping M.D. campground fees under provincial fees and comparable to other municipal-owned campgrounds.

□#5 Planning and Development Update –In June, 61 development permits and 13 new residential building permits were issued, with a year-to-date total of \$31,041,850. Year-to-date housing starts include 56 Single Family Dwellings and 13 Mobile Homes. Council gave first reading to Bylaw 1578, which will see a number of changes and clarifications made to the M.D.’s Land Use Bylaw.

□#6 Funding Support – Council approved \$12,400 toward repairing asphalt in the C2 parking lot. The total cost of the project is \$24,800. The Town of Bonnyville will cover the other half of the cost. Council agreed to pay \$500 to enter a team of four into the

Zone II Regional Council of the Metis Nation of Alberta Association's golf tournament August 14. Council will be looking into grants to help fund the Moose Lake Trail Project and the Campground Improvement Project, which will see upgrades to a number of areas, including lighting, showers and waste management.

☐#7 Council Meeting Schedule Changed for Summer – Please note – the next Council meeting will be held August 27.

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