

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 26, 2010

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□#1 Age-Verification Incentive Program – A new \$15 million Age-Verification Incentive Program is being implemented by the Alberta government. The three-year program will provide cow-calf producers with an incentive for providing information to support marketing and food safety efforts. The program applies incentive discounts to radio frequency identification tag purchases made between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2012. Incentive discounts of up to three dollars for each age-verified animal represent critical information that producers contribute to support marketing and food safety efforts. Eligibility will be based on the number of animals a producer has, or intends to have, age-verified from the previous year's calf crop.

□#2 Road Work – The Road Construction Crew is starting work on the Wolf Lake Road now that the new Public Works site is completed. Extensive repairs have been completed on Gurneyville Road and now the Road Oiling Crew is doing cement stabilization work on Birch Grove Road. Once that work is done the oiling crew will move on to Township Road 610A by Glendon. Next up on the list are the 2010 road oiling priorities. The Dust Control Crew will place calcium chloride on Wolf Lake Road. Trial applications of MG30 and Halo Environmental DEC will be used on Range Road 435 (Baytex Road). The Patching Crews are working in Ward 1 and 2, with the third truck on "pot hole call out". A consultant is costing out the installation of the storm sewer and curb work for the Fort Kent Street Improvement Project, with the two blocks scheduled to be completed by the end of summer.

□#3 Landfill Update – The construction of the final cap on the Marie Lake Landfill is complete. The bin site has been constructed at the landfill, with bins being placed in a few weeks once the graveling is finished. The fence will not be constructed until the pad is settled. A small ramp is being built at the Muriel Lake Landfill to assist the public in dumping their Class III waste.

□#4 More Ag News – Spring seeding for oil seeds and cereals is nearing completion in the M.D., with green feed and hay crops being seeded now. Moisture conditions in the M.D. are spotty, ranging from adequate moisture to good moisture in areas. The moisture received four weeks ago helped the subsoil moisture levels and the spring rains the past two weeks has rehydrated the surface. Forage crops did receive some winter kill due to the lack of snow on the fields this past winter. Summer staff planted 100 willow seedlings, along with planting native grass in the old roadway, on a reclaimed creek crossing that accessed the gravel pit at Red Springs Creek.

□#5 Public Safety Report – Now that the camping season has started, Peace Officers will be increasing patrols at Minnie Lake and in the Crane Lake subdivision. School Resource Officers took the Crime Scene Investigator Program (CSI) to students at Dr. Brosseau School. As part of the program, students were given a session on the background of forensic science, practiced lifting fingerprints from various surfaces and

actually worked a staged crime scene as a member of their CSI team. Resource Officers also took part in the Cold Lake Off-Campus School's Saddle-Up Program.

☐#6 Funding support – The Town of Bonnyville and the City of Cold Lake each received a \$2,500 grant to assist with costs of hosting their Canada Day celebrations. The Cherry Grove Little Britches Rodeo Committee received a \$500 sponsorship to help defray costs of the July 9 to 11 event. Council agreed to sponsor a \$500 hole at the Lakeland United Way Charity Golf Tournament, as well as entering a team for an additional cost of \$500.

☐#7 Financial Footnotes – Councillors Delano Tolley, Barry Kalinski and Andy Wakaruk were appointed to the Local Assessment Review Board. Councillor Tolley was appointed to the one member Local Assessment Review Board. Councillors Wakaruk and Tolley were appointed to the Composite Assessment Review Board. Several non-profit groups received Property Tax exemptions. These include: Cold Lake Snowmobile Club; Tri-Town Museum Society; Ardmore Community Society; Bonnyville Golf and Country Club; Bonnyville Shooting Sports Association; Cold Lake Water Sports Club; Grand Centre Golf and Country Club and Lakeland Sports and Recreation Association.

☐#8 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – First reading was given to Bylaw 1459 to adopt an Area Structure Plan for the “Hills of Cold Lake” on the city's north boundary. The Toxic Waste Round-Up will be held June 12 at the Bonnyville Fire Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Staff should be moving into the new Public Works Shop in June with an Open House scheduled for early July – before everything gets “dirtied” up. Reeve Ed Rondeau, Deputy Reeve Andrew Wakaruk and Councillor Delano Tolley are heading to Toronto for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference. After the conference they will head to Ottawa to lobby federal officials for Building Canada funding, as well as other initiatives.

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