

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS November 10, 2010

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**□#1 M.D. Agrees to Partner with Province on Highway 55 Improvements** – In response to a request from Minister of Transportation Luke Ouellette, M.D. of Bonnyville Council agreed to enter into a cost sharing agreement with the province, at a cost of \$2 million, for the construction of a roundabout at the junction of provincial Highways 892 and 55 and the completion of the eight miles of upgrading and widening of Highway 55 between La Corey and Iron River. Council is requesting two assurances in writing from the province: the first is that the roundabout construction be started in the spring of 2011 and completed in 2012; the second is that the Highway 55 upgrading be started in 2011 and completed in 2012.

**□#2 Weather Wreaked Havoc on T&U Projects** – The 2010 spring/summer season was one of the worst on record for M.D. construction projects due to inclement weather. Vandalism to road equipment, especially a recent incident on RR 411, also ate into the tight timelines. Transportation and Utilities staff and contractors are scrambling to put the finishing touches on various projects before the big change over to the winter schedule. Council made a motion to give E Construction an extension until July 31, 2011 for the remainder of the road paving contract. Once the remaining project costs are calculated the M.D. will now approach the federal government for an extension on its Stimulus Grant Funding. If an extension is not granted, the M.D. will have to budget for the remainder of the paving costs. E Construction completed the top and bottom lift on Therien Road, the bottom lift on Dupre and Country Lane Roads and completed the bottom lift on the M.D. portion of RR 455. The Road Construction crew is completing ditch work on Dupre and Wolf Lake Road. The Road Oiling crew is completing work on Range Road 411. Due to rain, snow and frost there are several rough patches on the road that will have to be fixed in the spring. The patching crews are doing spot repairs, but the trucks are being switched over to plow trucks for the winter. Tender packages will be released for the road surfacing portion of the Fort Kent Street Improvement Project. The tender was not approved for the Antler Drive Drainage Plan as it was over budget. The project will be tendered at a later date.

**□#3 VSI Program Usage Increased** – More producers signed on to the Veterinary Services Incorporated Program in 2010 than in all the previous years of operation. The 2010 budget was for \$44,000, but the year-end should come in closer to \$50,000. The difference will be covered by surpluses from previous years. The 2011 budget has been set at \$50,000. Herd health has become a priority now that prices for cattle have rebounded. Under the VSI Program livestock producers are provided a 60 per cent subsidy on difficult veterinary procedures such as caesarians, prolapsed uteruses and pregnancy testing. The VSI Program encourages farmers to use the services of local vets to help keep their livestock herd healthy.

**□#4 It's Snowing Outside** – For the next couple of weeks it's guaranteed to be snowing at Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort. Staff at Kinosoo Ridge will be working the night shift to

take advantage of the drop in temperature to enable them to operate the snow making equipment. They'll have laid down a firm base of snow on the runs before most residents see a layer on their driveways. The final touches have been completed on the new chalet – such as a paved parking lot and landscaping sod – and the doors are ready to be opened. Season passes are selling fast as ski and snowboard enthusiasts gear up for their favourite time of year.

**□#5 Landfill Reclamation** – The final cap has been completed on the Marie Lake landfill reclamation. The construction crew will move on to the Beaverdam landfill to start contouring the final cap. The ground water monitoring program will start at the end of November. The M.D. hires an engineering firm to compile data from the monitoring wells and then compares the results to the previous year's submissions.

**□#6 Recycling Results** – The M.D. has recycled 18,000 kg of electronic waste in 2010 to the Airdrie depot. Twenty five bins of paint have been recycled to the Lethbridge depot. While the M.D. pays a small fee to recycle the paint, it receives approximately \$2,000 back for the recycled electronics. The M.D. also recycles cardboard, which is shipped to the Cold Lake Bottle Depot. In the 2011 budget Agricultural Services is proposing to supply an additional 45 bins to recycle plastics and tin. When the numbers are crunched it is cheaper to recycle than to ship the material as garbage to the regional landfill at Lafond.

**□#7 Water and Sewer Line Cost Share** – Council agreed to cost share the installation of water and sewer service lines to a new Fort Kent subdivision. The M.D. will pay \$60,710 for 65 metres of eight inch pipe, which extends the present water and sewer lines to the new subdivision's property line.

**□#8 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – Council agreed to submit a Resource Road Grant application for the paving of Wolf Lake Road to Alberta Transportation. Council agreed to apply for a \$90,000 Legacy Grant from the 2010 Lakeland Winter Games to purchase a new carpet lift and snow gun for Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort. Parks staff are preparing the cross country ski trails at Muriel Lake M.D. Park for the first snow. They will also be putting in an outdoor fireplace for users to warm themselves. Now that Transportation and Utilities has totally moved to the new shop site Council agreed to turn over the old Public Works site to purchaser B&R Eckel's Transport Ltd.

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