

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS October 10, 2012

Keeping you informed of the services, business and development that affect YOU!

□#1 Helping Out Our Eastern Neighbours – The Wild Rose Agricultural Producers are asking Alberta farmers to help out our neighbours in eastern Canada, who are suffering through drought conditions, by donating hay or cash. In 2002 eastern farmers shipped thousands of bales of hay out west to help drought plagued producers. Local farmers with hay, or a financial donation, can contact Lynn Jacobson, president of the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers at 403-894-5208.

□#2 Monetary Support for Food Science Training Centre – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to provide a \$10,000 partnering grant to help fund the Food Science Training Centre in St. Paul. The Training Centre has received a \$5,550,000 investment from Western Economic Diversification Canada. As part of that grant Portage College is required to confirm \$500,000 in private funding from additional partners. All donors will be acknowledged on a sponsor's wall located at the processing facility. The facility will include various food processing suites that can be rented by regional food producers and processors so they can have access to provincially inspected processing equipment where they can add value to their raw products. There will also be business incubation suites for new start-up companies that need an affordable head office. Regional entrepreneurs will also have access to Business Counselling and Mentoring from trained staff that will guide them in the early years of development.

□#3 Slow Down in Construction Zones – Community Peace Officers have been busy answering complaints about speeding drivers, especially those drivers who are ignoring construction zone signs, flagmen and barricades. The Public Safety Department is asking all drivers to slow down and adhere to the posted speed limits.

□#4 Truck Scale Re-tendered – Council agreed to re-tender the construction of the 90 foot truck scale at the Bonnyville Seed Cleaning Plant for spring installation. The M.D. received only one tender for the fall construction, and that price would have seen a ten per cent increase for hoarding and heating of the cement foundation. The truck scale will still fall into the budget set by Council, but there may be a cost saving with spring construction because of multiple tenders and warmer weather.

□#5 Transportation and Utilities Update – The contract for the completion of the Gurneyville Road was extended to June 30, 2013. The subgrade, base work and bottom lift of asphalt will be completed this fall, with the top lift of asphalt to be done in the spring. The reconstruction work on Beartrap Road is completed and MG 30 has been placed on the entire road. Council made a motion to apply for a Resource Road Grant to pave Beartrap Road in 2013. The Fort Kent paving contractor has completed the dirt and gravel work on the west side of the hamlet and is ready for pavement. The dirt work on the east side is completed and curbs will be placed this week. Both sides of the hamlet are scheduled to be paved on October 15. The crew will be working on a small portion of roadway on the north end of main street until freeze up, with the balance of main street to

be paved in 2013. Council agreed to build a new approach for the Franchere Hall, using material from the two current approaches, which Alberta Transportation has agreed to close. Patching trucks are assigned to Wards 3 and 5 as their last rotation and then will be switched over to sanders by the end of October. The Construction Crew is completing the work on Range Road 461 and will be moving to Township Road 624 next. The crew will be split to work on Township Road 600 and Hilda Lake Road. The Road Oiling Crew should complete work on Range Road 490 this week. The second crew is completing the repairs on the Wilson Road and will finish out the season working on Township Road 630.

□#6 Planning and Development News – As of the end of September, 72 development permits and 19 new residential building permits were issued in the M.D., with a year-to-date total of \$81,086,655. Year-to-date housing starts include 117 Single Family Dwellings and 15 Mobile Homes. The September permit value includes a 700 person work camp with a value of \$16,542,000.

□#7 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Council set Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 2 p.m. as the date for Public Auction of Lands on the Tax Arrears List. The M.D. of Bonnyville agreed to jointly apply for a \$30,000 grant with the Town of Bonnyville to support a study proposed by Trivestus Corporation with the goal of meeting the long term sustainable housing of our senior citizens. If the funding application under the Regional Collaboration Program is turned down, both municipalities will revisit the project proposal to determine if they want to fund the study. Council agreed to send out three letters of support to the St. Paul Trail Blazers, Riverland Recreational Trail Blazers and North East Muni-Corr Ltd. in order that the three organizations can apply to the Alberta Snowmobile Association; for a Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund Grant; and a Community Facility Enhancement Grant respectively for the repair of the Beaver River Trestle on the Iron Horse Trail.

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