

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS September 28, 2011

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□#1 MOU Signing Tabled – Municipal District of Bonnyville Council tabled the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the reassessment of the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range (CLAWR). The MOU establishes the CLAWR as Improvement District No. 349, designating that the approximately \$17 million in tax revenue go to the City of Cold Lake. Under the MOU the M.D. of Bonnyville will receive payment for maintaining the two roads that provide access to the Air Weapons Range. In the first year the payment will be \$600,000, increasing by \$100,000 annually, reaching a maximum of \$1 million in the fifth year. Councillor David Fox had concerns about the wording of the MOU, questioning the vagueness surrounding the words “road” and “to maintain” as there are two access roads and that “maintenance” could saddle the M.D. with increasing costs. Councillor Fox was also critical of the fact that the Town of Bonnyville and the Village of Glendon were not included in the MOU. As Reeve Rondeau was absent from the meeting due to illness, Council agreed to table the signing of the MOU until a discussion with all Council present could occur.

□#2 Designated Ward Patrols A Success – Director of Public Safety Chris Garner says the September 15 reorganization of Peace Officer Patrol areas has resulted in more appropriate coverage of the M.D. Wards are receiving increased hours of patrol time and Officers are able to initiate investigations into complaints quicker. Currently Kevin Rowan will patrol Wards 1 and 6; Kevin Bordeleau is in Ward 3 and 4; and Mike Patry patrols Wards 5 and 2. Steve Goguen is the Industry Relations Officer, patrolling industry roads throughout the M.D.

□#3 Public Safety Update – Public Safety is working on a plan to standardize the speed limits in the Moose Lake subdivisions. Speed limits within the residential areas and on the access roads will be assessed to ascertain whether or not the speeds are appropriate for that location. As a result of concerns recently expressed by Dupre Road residents, two Peace Officers have been patrolling the area to issue tickets for speeding, loose gravel and other offences such as driving with the wrong class of license. School Resource Officers are receiving numerous bookings from teachers to deliver various programs.

□#4 Agricultural Update – The recycling program is a big hit across the M.D., with bins being filled quickly. The first recycling shipment will be made this week. The Beaver Control Strategy will be implemented this week as the trapping season opened on October 1. The M.D. has recruited several local trappers to assist with the program in its flood prone areas. Since July 4 the Pest Control Officer has removed 100 dams in the M.D. The blasting portion of the Beaver Strategy will be completed closer to freeze up in order to prepare the water courses for spring runoff. The second roadside mowing is continuing on all arterial roads, subdivision roads and municipal reserves. The Roadside Brushing Program that allows farmers to acquire funding by cleaning and removing brush and rocks from the M.D.’s road allowance has funds available. To qualify for funding the field must be along a developed municipal road, and the landowner must apply by

contacting the Agricultural Service Board office at 780-826-3951, before starting any fence line clearing. Funding is in the range of \$500 to \$2,500 per one-half mile depending on the amount of brush and rocks to be disposed of.

□#5 Funding Support – Council provided its annual \$1,000 sponsorship to the Festival of Trees scheduled for December 1 to 3. All proceeds go to the Bonnyville Health Centre Foundation. The Bonnyville Skating Club received a \$250 grant to assist with hosting the Alberta Regional Open and run-offs for the 2012 Alberta Winter Games. Council agreed to provide Elizabeth Settlement with 20 loads of sand from a nearby M.D. pit.

□#6 Transportation and Utilities News – The Fort Kent Street Improvement Project is scheduled to be wrapped up next week and the storm sewer installation is completed. The Road Oiling Crew has completed Riverhurst Road and is working on Twp Road 632 between RR 442 and 444. The crew is also doing repair work on Twp Road 630 east of SH 892. The road oiling list will be completed by the third week of October if the weather holds. The pot hole patching trucks move to Wards 2 and 4 for the remainder of the season. The construction crew has completed the Urlacher Subdivision access, Baywood Road, RR 415 and RR 435. The crew is now working on RR 450, north of Fort Kent and will be moving to RR 483 south of Twp Road 594 next. The Beat Grader has been reworking surface failures on the Gurneyville Road. CNRL has committed funding for the completion of an oiling overlay on Twp Road 604 for one mile and the work is scheduled for October. The Devon overlay project for north of Iron River is recommended to be placed on the construction priority list for next year and then the oiling list after that. CNRL has been cooperative in supplying oil for road oiling projects in the area.

□#7 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – Council agreed to share half the cost with the Town of Bonnyville for an \$86,547.25 Zamboni for the Centennial Centre. Nightly 2012 camping fees for power sites at Crane Lake and Muriel Lake Campgrounds were increased to \$20 per unit, per night, from \$19. Unserviced site camping fees will remain at \$17 per unit, per night. As of the end of August permits for 97 single family dwellings and eight mobile homes have been issued in the M.D., with a year-to-date permit total of \$43,012,230.00. Bylaw 1494 for the lease of a service road adjacent to Highway 660 at SE 30-61-5 W4M was given final reading.

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