

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS March 12, 2014

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□#1 Planning and Development News - Council agreed to postpone a public meeting regarding the rezoning of SW 19-61-4-4 until the April 9 council meeting. The landowners were unable to attend the scheduled March 12 public meetings. Council defeated the second reading of a bylaw that would have seen a government road allowance closed at the west boundary of NW 33-60-3-4. Director of Planning and Development, John Foy received two oppositions to the closure, and Council heard from landowner Ernie Isley there were at least eight other landowners opposed to the closure. Council agreed to remove the “Municipal Reserve” designation from Lot MR 1, Block 1, Plan 062 1293. The designation was removed in order for a public access road to be built.

□#2 Agriculture and Waste Services Update – So far the Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program has seen 1,132 coyotes brought in, and 34 wolves. The program wraps up for the year on March 31. Director Matt Janz says since the program has begun, predation calls have been reduced. Work is continuing on the seed cleaning plant scale. A catwalk is being installed for drivers leaving their trucks on the scales. The final inspection of the La Corey Landfill Tire Marshalling area has been completed, and the M.D. will receive its \$30,000 grant to cover the cost of construction.

□#3 Public Safety News – Patrol and industry officers have been spending time in La Corey to ensure drivers know streets within the hamlet are for local traffic only, and not to be used as a short cut at peak traffic times. The first few days saw officers issuing verbal warnings. That was followed by written warnings. Officers are now issuing fines of \$172, and plan on continuing to monitor the area. The School Resource Officers have been conducting Home Alone presentations in the schools, and have been able to increase the number of sessions by each taking a group. The SROs continue to offer regular programming, including their popular CSI program.

□#4 Road Work – With the nicer weather comes the end of the overnight shift for Transportation and Utilities staff. Crews are currently dealing with drainage issues. Sagoo Trucking has completed the gravel haul to the T & U yard. The M.D. received two tender submissions for the 2014 supply of Cold Mix. Council agreed to accept the tender from Grynn Contracting for 70,000 tonnes at a cost of \$4,769,800. Township Road 604A was removed from the 2014 Roads Priority List.

□#5 Funding – Council agreed to provide an additional \$3,000 to the Lakeland Jaguars, who are hosting the Provincial Peewee Girls Hockey Tournament in Bonnyville. The organization had previously received \$500 from Council. Council agreed to provide the Bonnyville and District Historical Society its annual \$17,500 operating grant, on the condition of receiving a financial statement. Council also agreed to the same funding for the Cold Lake Museum Society. Mallaig Minor Hockey will receive \$250 to help cover the costs of the Bantam team travelling to the provincial tournament in Rimbey. Council agreed to purchase a table for eight at Cold Lake’s Annual Hearts for Hospital Gala.

Council also passed a motion to donate \$10,000 to the gala and also to the Bonnyville Hospital Foundation gala, which was held earlier this year. The M.D. has purchased a table for the annual Cowboy Gala in Bonnyville April 12 for \$640. Council agreed to provide \$200,000 to the Town of Bonnyville's Splash Park campaign. Council also agreed to donate \$45,000 to the rebuilding of the Beaver River Trestle along the Iron Horse Trail.

☐#6 **Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – Council agreed to lend the following equipment to the Ardmore Duck Race: picnic tables, flagman signs, “Slow Ahead” signs, 50 km/hr speed signs, safety vests and handheld “Slow/Stop” signs. The 23rd annual race is set for June 1.

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