

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS August 27, 2014

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

□#1 Watch For Yellow Buses and Children On the Road – School is back in session and Public Safety Officers will be patrolling M.D. roads to make sure children are safe. Please watch for red flashing lights and stop when school buses are picking up or dropping off students. Officers will also be patrolling Ardmore's main street to ensure that drivers are maintaining the posted speed limits.

□#2 Busy Beavers – It has been a challenging year for the Agricultural and Waste Services Department as they try and control the beaver population during one of the wettest years on record. The M.D. is urging residents to call 780-826-3951 with any flooding complaints so staff can log the issues and deal with situations in a timely manner. Crews have been busy all summer opening up culverts and dams throughout the M.D. The plan over the next couple of months is to clean out drainage ditches and creeks that are controlled by the M.D. in order to prepare for another wet spring. Staff will be contacting adjacent landowners advising of this action as they may be watering livestock from the water source. The M.D. is also working with the federal government to relax the regulations around the removal of beaver dams as the timelines preventing the removal are hindering flood mitigation. This year's beaver control budget will top out around \$100,000 when the final numbers are tallied.

□#3 Curbside Pickup Changing In Ardmore And Fort Kent – The hamlets of Fort Kent and Ardmore will be seeing a change in the way the M.D. picks up garbage in early October. Modifications to the garbage truck have been completed and the M.D. is waiting for the new black carts to be delivered in September. Residents were notified of the change in June, but more information will be distributed a couple of weeks before the new pick up begins.

□#4 Tube Park Scheduled to Open For Winter Season – Kinsoo Ridge Snow Resort will be offering a new type of fun this season. Construction is underway on the new Tube Park, with completion in the fall and opening for the winter season. Tubes are provided and there will be a carpet lift to the top. When you get tired of flying down the hill, you can lace up your skates and take a turn around the skating pond. After all that exercise, you can relax in the chalet and watch the action on the hill.

□#5 Busy Spring and Summer For Public Safety – The hot economy is taking a toll on M.D. roads. Public Safety Officers had a busy summer with high complaints and call volumes, as well as a higher than normal amount of traffic tickets being issued. Traffic, especially commercial trucks (tanker, gravel haulers), has increased on our roads and the region's highways. Public Safety issued 915 tickets between June 1 and August 20 compared to 596 for the same time period in 2013. Officers dealt with 2,477 incidents in the same time period, compared with 899 in 2013. During the summer Officers partnered in three joint traffic operations with the Cold Lake RCMP – focusing on morning and

afternoon traffic on Highway 55 and Highway 892 and afternoon and evening traffic on Highway 897 from Frog Lake to Highway 55.

□#6 Planning and Development Update – In July, 58 Development Permits and 22 new Residential Building Permits were issued, with a year-to-date total of \$39,954,042. Year-to-date housing starts include 75 Single Family Dwellings and 16 Mobile Homes. First Reading was given to Bylaw No. 1578 for the Fairway Estates Area Structure Plan at NE 25-62-2 W4M for a multi-lot country residential development with a final build-out of 54 lots. First Reading was given to Bylaw No. 541 to amend the zoning for the Fairway Estates from Agricultural A to Country Residential CR. Council passed a resolution to close part of Road Plan 5638 BM at SE 36-61-4 W4M to be consolidated with the adjacent parcel.

□#7 Funding Support – Fort Kent Senior’s Citizen Club received its annual \$35,000 Operating Grant. The Cold Lake Agricultural Society received a \$20,000 Operating Grant. Council agreed to sponsor hole No. 15 for \$260 in the Bonnyville and District Chamber Golf Scramble on September 21.

□#8 Transportation and Utilities Update – Council approved the Moose Lake Trail Alignment from Vezeau Beach along the north side of Township Road 611 to Pelican Narrows. The M.D. is partnering with the Town of Bonnyville to apply for grant funding to create a trail from Vezeau Beach to Jessie Lake, with an underpass below Highway 28 for safety. The Road Construction Crew is currently working on Township Road 602 from Secondary Highway 897 to Range Road 440. Once completed, the crew will move to Township Road 622. Two Road Oiling crews are working on Township Road 634 from Range Road 470 to Range Road 463. The third crew is working on Township Road 622 from Highway 41 to Range Road 454 to prepare it for paving by stabilizing the soft spots. Township Roads 624 and 640 are the next on the list. The Road Paving crews have completed the paving projects around Moose Lake and are currently working on the Goodridge Road overlay. The contractor working on the Crane Lake Road will be in a penalty situation as of September 15. It is expected that this road will take a bit longer to be completed. Paving on Range Road 461 is completed. Phase I of the Ardmore Underground work has been delayed due to the need to move a Telus line, but Phase II of the installation of underground services is ahead of schedule. The MG 30 crew has completed the reapplication of the previous year’s projects and is currently working on new roads. The contract has been signed to complete the boring of a new pipe under the highway at the La Corey intersection to complete the current drainage project.

□#9 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – The Public Auction for the properties placed on the 2013 Tax Arrears List is set for Tuesday, November 25 at 2:00 p.m. Reeve Ed Rondeau proclaimed September 9 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day and the month of September Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month.

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