

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS January 28, 2015

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

□#1 Public Safety Update – Director Chris Garner presented Council with the department’s year-end report. Last year Public Safety Officers dealt with 5,028 incidents, which is up considerably from 2013’s year-end-total of 3,240. The biggest jump came in the form of traffic incidents, which went from 2,571 in 2013 to 4,331 in 2014.

Incident reports went up across the M.D., with the exception of Ward 6, where there was actually a decrease of 18 incidents over 2013’s 294. To read the full report, visit our website at www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca.

Garner informed Council the School Resource Officers are looking at purchasing a second CSI kit to accommodate the number of classes participating in the popular program.

□#2 Community Services Update – Director Chris McCord is already thinking summer. She told Council Community Services will start confirming caretakers for the M.D.-operated campgrounds during the coming weeks.

Coming off of a busy holiday season, Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort continues to see a lot of visitors – especially to the new tube park. McCord said an agreement has been reached with Alberta Parks for the expansion of the parking lot at Kinosoo, which will alleviate some of the backed up traffic next season.

□#3 Agriculture and Waste Services Update – The Bonnyville Seed Cleaning Plant Annual General Meeting will be held February 12.

The M.D.’s annual Shelter Belt Program is revving up again. M.D. residents will be able to purchase a wide variety of trees at a discounted cost (\$.80 per seedling). See the full list of trees available on our website at md.bonnyville.ab.ca or call 780-826-3951 for more information.

□#4 Transportation and Utilities News – Brushing crews are continuing to deal with problems as they arise. Construction crews are working on brushing in advance of the upcoming road construction season.

Snow removal crews have been working to keep priority routes in good shape and sanding icy areas. Director Darcy Zelisko urges residents to call the 24-hour hotline at 780-812-5000 if they find a slippery stretch of road.

Council agreed to pay \$7,595 plus GST to have seven streetlights installed in the Eau Claire Subdivision at SE-7-60-5-W4.

□#5 Planning and Development Update – The 2014 year-end value of building and development permits came in at just under \$67 million. Last year, Planning and Development issued permits for 33 new Mobile Homes and 123 Single Family Dwellings. There are currently four new proposed developments, which could see 215 new residential, commercial and industrial lots developed in the M.D.

☐#6 Fire Guardians Appointed – Council has appointed Brian McEvoy, Jay Melvin, Irene Welecki, Jenett Hatch, George Kostiniuk, Bob Highberg and Rollie Inman as Fire Guardians for the M.D. Fire permit season runs from March 1 to October 31.

☐#7 Funding Support – Community Services Director Chris McCord provided Council with a summary of the Special Funding Requests Council approved under the 2014 budget. Between funding for sports teams, an arts society and the Go Girl Conference, Council approved \$14,500 in donations last year. Council agreed to sponsor the Lakeland Regional Career Expo at a cost of \$1,500.

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