

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 27, 2015

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

□#1 Transportation and Utilities Update – With all of the warm weather, road crews are hard at work getting projects done across the M.D. The Construction Crew has completed work on Township Roads 604, 610 and 603. They are currently working on Twp. Rd. 624 and will be moving to Twp. Rd. 630. Oiling Crews have completed work on Range Roads 483 and 464 and are now working on Twp. Rd. 614 and Range Road 484. The Paving Crew is currently prepping Twp. Rd. 622 for a pavement overlay, while four patch trucks are out and running, dealing with issues as they emerge. The contractor for the Gurneyville Road project started work last week, and will continue throughout the summer. The contractor installing sidewalks in Therien is scheduled to start in early June.

□#2 Public Safety Update – The Public Safety Department has been very busy. Officers have received a number of complaints about illegal dumping, unsightly properties, and dogs running at large. Unfortunately, Officers cannot deal with dumping on Crown land, as it is outside of their jurisdiction. Those complaints must go to the local Environmental and Sustainable Resource Development office. Their number is 780-826-4297. Drivers are reminded that speeding through construction zones can be costly – fines double when workers are present. Please slow down and obey all traffic signs. Officers are also patrolling in La Corey after receiving complaints about industry traffic in the hamlet.

□#3 Community Services Update – Director of Community Services, Chris McCord, informed Council the Alpine Canada and Nancy Green Racing series has tentatively booked a race at Kinsoo Ridge for the end of January 2016. This will be the first time in 20 years a race will be held at the hill. Council agreed to increases in Kinsoo Ridge's Fee Schedule. There will now be a \$5 charge for children five years old and younger to use the Tube Park. A punch card will also be coming for Tube Park users, which will see seven sessions in the Park be sold for the cost of five. Lift tickets will also be increasing by 10%, and there will be a slight change in school fees, which will see schools pay \$15 for a two-hour Tube Park pass if they also book a ski trip.

□#4 Agriculture Services Rental Fleet Busy – The M.D. of Bonnyville Agriculture and Waste Services Department has a robust rental equipment service. This year, staff are sanitizing the equipment between each rental in an effort to stop the spread of any soil-borne disease. For a full list of rental equipment, visit our website at www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca.

There are 6,000 new trees being planted in the M.D. this year thanks to the Shelterbelt Tree Program. After another successful year, the department has decided the program will continue in 2016.

Non-profit groups in our region are continuing with the M.D.'s Roadside Cleanup program. Non-profit groups can make anywhere from \$40 to \$100 per kilometer of roadside cleaned. The program will continue as long as grass in the ditches isn't too long.

For more information or to sign up for the program, please contact Ag and Waste Services at 780-826-3951.

☐#5 M.D. Looking at Grant Opportunity – Council agreed to submit two projects to the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program. The federal grant program is to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday by helping fund projects that will leave a legacy for future generations. The two projects the M.D. will be applying for is the expansion of the Cold Lake M.D. Park and upgrades to the Kinosoo Ridge Terrain Park.

☐#6 Seniors' Week – Council proclaimed June 1 to 7, 2015 to be Seniors' Week in the Municipal District of Bonnyville. For a full list of local events, check our events calendar at www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca.

☐#8 Planning and Development Update – Council heard from residents during Public Hearings for a number of Bylaws and Land Use Bylaws, including Bylaw 1598 and LU 549 for the La Corey Park Area Structure Plan and rezoning from Hamlet Urban Reserve/General to Rural Commercial 'RC', Rural Industrial 'RI' and Hamlet Single Family Residential at SW 18-63-5 W4M, Bylaw 1599 and LU 550 for the Country Road Estates Area Structure Plan at NW 9-63-2 W4M and rezoning from Agriculture 'A' to Country Residential 'CR', Bylaw 1600 and LU 551 for the Woodlands of Windemere Area Structure Plan, located at SW 6-63-1 W4M, and the rezoning of that land from Agriculture 'A' to Country Residential 'CR'. There was also a public hearing for the Closure of a Public Road Allowance at NW 17-60-2 W4M. With only four members present, Council agreed to wait on second and third readings until it could be discussed with all members of Council.

First Reading was given to LU Bylaw 553 which would see the clear definition of what is considered a dwelling, so there would be clarity on how many dwellings are permitted on a single lot. First Reading was also given to Bylaw 1602 and LU Bylaw 552, which is an Area Structure Plan for NE 2-62-2 W4M, which would see a residential development of 46, 1.5 acre lots.

☐#9 Funding – Council agreed to a number of funding requests. Ronald McDonald House will receive a \$2,000 donation for its golf tournament at the Cold Lake Golf & Winter Club on June 12. The Bonnyville Pro Rodeo and Chuckwagon Association received a donation of \$1,500 for its event scheduled for July 23-26. The Ardmere Seniors' Club, Beaverdam Community Society, and Alexander Recreation Society all received annual operating grants of \$35,000. The Franchere Social Community Centre received an operating grant of \$5,000 while the Bonnyville Ag Society received its annual operating grant of \$20,000. Council also agreed to give the Village of Glendon \$500 for its Canada Day celebrations, and \$400 to enter a team in the Doctor Recruitment golf tournament June 12. Council also agreed to bump its annual donation for Doctor Recruitment from \$10,000 to \$15,000 after being challenged by the Town of Bonnyville. The M.D. will also be donating \$50,000 to the Doctor Recruitment loan fund to help bring more doctors to the area. The loan helps the doctors get set up in the Bonnyville area.

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