

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 24, 2015

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☐#1 Public Safety Update – Peace Officers have been busy answering dog complaints – from an aggressive animal to dogs running at large. Illegal dumping of garbage is continuing to be a problem throughout the M.D. Public Safety has been working with the Agriculture and Waste Services department to gather names from the garbage to lay charges, whenever possible. The charge comes with a \$115 fine.

☐#2 Muriel Lake Campground Upgrades – Parks staff have been working on upgrades to M.D.-operated campgrounds, including the shower house and laundry facilities at Muriel Lake. Floors have been replaced, sinks swapped out, stalls added and more. Staff have also made a beach volleyball court at the Cold Lake M.D. Park.

☐#3 Agricultural and Waste Services – Due to the dry start to the summer, Director of Agriculture and Waste Service, Matt Janz says grasshoppers may be a problem this year. Staff will be doing a survey later this summer to try and anticipate next year's grasshopper population. Roadside mowing has begun in the subdivisions, with the rural program starting soon. Construction on the Moose Lake Bin Site is scheduled to start next week. Plans are underway for bin sites at Moose Lake Meadows, Willow Ridge and Hillside Estates. The site at Moose Lake Meadows will be the largest, with a full recycling area included for residents. The roadside spraying program has started, with a concentration on brush and noxious weeds in ditches.

☐#4 Transportation and Utilities Update – The construction season is off to a good start, with in-house crews completing 13 of 33 projects so far. The construction crew is completing work on Twp. Rd. 624 and will move to Twp. Rd. 630. The crew is scheduled to work on Twp. Rd. 643A and Range Road 451 this summer as well. Oiling crews have completed work on Township Roads 591 and 624, and are currently working on Range Roads 490 and 421. The paving crew has finished the first two miles of Twp. Rd. 622. The contractor for the Gurneyville Road project has started on the first section by the Town of Bonnyville. The sidewalks in Therien have been installed. The Ardmore Storm Pond has also been completed, and the piping for the pond will be completed soon.

☐#5 Planning and Development Update – Council gave first reading to Bylaw 1606 and Land Use Bylaw 554 to adopt the area structure plan for Lynx Estates at SW-3-61-6-W4 and to rezone the land from 'A' Agricultural to a mix of 'RC' Rural Commercial, 'CR' and 'CR1' Country Residential.

☐#6 Funding – Council agreed to give the Franchere Social Community Centre a grant of \$5,000 to help cover the costs for concrete and gravel for its new playground. The social group has already purchased and installed the playground equipment. Council also agreed to fund the Town of Bonnyville's Canada Day celebrations to the tune of \$5,000. The Ardmore Community Society received its annual operating grant of \$35,000. The

Tangled Thread Quilt Guild received \$1,500 to make quilts for residents in long term care at the Bonnyville Health Centre.

☐#7 **Briefly** – Council agreed to let the Cold Lake Rowing Club construct a temporary fenced storage yard for their boats behind the pump house at Kinosoo Ridge. The club will also be installing a dock to launch from. The dock will be removed in the fall, while the fenced yard will be removed once the club builds a permanent storage facility in another location.

The next Council meeting will be held August 26, 2015.

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