

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS November 25, 2015

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**□#1 Council Passes 2016 Interim Budget** – The Municipal District of Bonnyville Council approved an \$82,831,015 interim balanced budget (not including school and lodge requisitions) at its meeting last week.

M.D. Council will pass the final 2016 budget in the spring, once the provincial government releases its Education Requisition. For interim budget purposes, tax estimates are based on the 2015 assessment. The 2016 estimated expenditures are funded by \$65.19 million in Taxes; \$5.73 million in Government Grants; \$8.65 million from General Revenues such as fees and partnership dollars and \$3.26 million in transfers from surplus (reserve funds from carried over projects and funds remaining from previous years' budgets).

“Road improvements and maintenance remain the highest priority for Council,” says Reeve Ed Rondeau. “In 2016 Council will capitalize on our own staff to carry out a lot of the road work. Council also allocates funds to improve the quality of life for our residents. Council has continued its commitment towards regional cooperation and has dedicated funds for neighbouring urban municipalities and organizations that provide services to M.D. residents.”

Council has allocated \$26.3 million for Road Improvements/Construction, \$14.6 million for Gravel/Oil Road Maintenance and \$600,000 for Public Works Equipment in the interim budget. The Fourth Phase of the Ardmore Street Improvement Project tallies up to \$3 million. The paving of the Crane Lake Road is projected to cost \$4 million.

The 2016 budget includes a variety of projects that provide services to our residents, Rondeau said. A new Public Safety Office will be completed on the Public Works site outside of Bonnyville for a total cost of \$2.8 million, with \$700,000 coming from the 2016 budget. Council will continue to fund the Senior's Transportation Grant for \$60,000. The Community Halls and Societies will receive Annual Operating Grants at a cost of \$600,000. Regional projects such as Landfill Operations come in at \$2.5 million, the Bonnyville Centennial Centre at \$1.1 million and the Regional Community Development Agreement Grant for the Town of Bonnyville and the Village of Glendon at \$929,426 and \$136,657 respectively. These all serve the needs of M.D. ratepayers and urban residents. Council has also budgeted \$20,000 each for the Glendon, Bonnyville and Cold Lake Agricultural Societies. The Cold Lake and Bonnyville Museums will each receive \$17,500.

Rondeau said the M.D. continues to be a good regional citizen by providing funding support for the Beaver River Regional Waste Management Commission, Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority, Bonnyville and District Family and Community Support Services and Cold Lake and District FCSS, as well as the libraries in Cold Lake and Bonnyville. “Council is committed to supporting the Regional Community Development Agreement as well as cost-sharing agreements for fire, ambulance, libraries, FCSS, airport and Part 9 Companies because these entities provide services to the residents of the whole region.”

Council will take a second look at the budget in early 2016, once the year-end is complete and assessment figures from the province are tallied.

**□#2 Control of Clubroot Disease Policy Passed** – Council passed a policy to control the spread of Clubroot Disease in Canola. The policy enables the M.D. to provide enforcement of the Agricultural Pest Act to protect the land and livelihood of local agricultural producers. It allows for random inspections and identification of Clubroot Disease. If land has been verified as positive for Clubroot, the M.D. can place a restriction on the growth of Canola, mustard or any other susceptible crop for a period of four years. Producers will also have to use a Clubroot-resistant Canola variety in the fourth year. Volunteer Canola and cruciferous weeds must be controlled on infested fields before three weeks growth has occurred to prevent the production on new resting spores. Any land sown to such a crop in contravention of the terms will be destroyed as per the Agricultural Pest Act. All adjacent landowners and/or occupants to the affected land will be notified in writing that Clubroot is present.

**□#3 Transportation and Utilities News** – The Construction Crew is wrapping up the replacement of bridge file pipe on Township Road 611A. Once that job is complete they will be shutting down for the season. The contractor has completed all the work that weather conditions will allow on Gurneyville Road. The crew will be back in the spring to rework soft road sections and complete the ditch clean-up. The contractor is completing the finishing touches on the La Corey Grader Shop/Fire Hall, with move-in slated for the end of the year. Installation of the SCADA System at the Fort Kent and Ardmore Reservoirs is ongoing. The last of the seasonal staff said their final goodbyes as crews celebrated an exceptional summer season after completing a long list of 2015 projects.

**□#4 Public Safety Update** – The Public Safety Department has been responding to complaints about traffic on various roadways in the M.D. The majority of complaints are occurring during the before, and after work, peak traffic periods. The roadways include: the Husky access road on Highway 892; Township Road 630 near Cold Lake, Hwy. 660, Range Road 455 from Bonnyville to Hwy. 660, RR 450 from Fort Kent south to Hwy. 659 and Twp. Rd. 622 (new paved area). Public Safety Officers have conducted joint traffic operations with both the Bonnyville and Cold Lake RCMP in various areas, including Highways 660/881, Highways 659/657, Hwy. 897 and Baywood Road/Township Road 630.

**□#5 Agricultural and Waste Services News** – The Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) Program claims for the first three quarters of 2015 totalled \$8,889, which is 17.1 percent higher than for the same period last year. The program will meet its budgeted target of \$97,400. Producer coverage remains at 50 percent. The totals to date for the Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program are 70 coyotes and one wolf, which is slightly less than previous years. The Wolf Lake Grazing Association experienced higher predation loss this year from wolves with 55 head missing at the end of the season. K&K Metal recyclers completed metal collection at all the landfill sites. Volumes of metal were higher because the M.D. stockpiled for two years rather than one due to low metal prices.

**□#6 Planning and Development Update** – Council agreed to go ahead with the Crane Lake Restoration and Preservation Plan. The program will restore the Environmental and Municipal Reserves, educate lot owners and provide a standard of practice for living near

the water in the M.D.. The Planning and Development Department ended October with 21 Development Permits, including three New Residential Housing permits and one Commercial permit issued for a total value of \$5,124,500. This brings the year-end value up to \$36,676,033. Year-to-date housing starts are 51 Single Family Dwellings and 13 Mobile Home Units. Council approved a motion to add a provision to the standard Multi-lot Development Agreement that the M.D. will not energize street lights installed by the developer until the subdivision phase has reached 50 percent capacity. Final Reading was given to Bylaws No. LU 555 and Area Structure Plan (ASP) Bylaw No. 1612 for NE 14-62-2-W4M for zoning amendments reflecting the use as described within the Haven Hills ASP. Final Reading was given to Bylaws No. LU 556 and ASP Bylaw No. 1613 for SE 11-61-6-W4M for zoning amendments reflecting the use as described within the New Haven Estates ASP. Copies of these Area Structure Plans can be found on our website [www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca](http://www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca) under Planning and Development. Council approved the Road Closure and Lease Bylaws Renewals for Bylaw No. 1617 – W of NW 21-63-6 W5M and Bylaw No. 1618 – E of NE 34-63-7-W4M. Council did not proceed with the final reading of Bylaw No. 1619 S of SW 13-65-6-W4M and W of SW 13-65-6-W4M. The road allowance will revert back to M.D. control to allow for public access.

**☐#7 Kinosoo Ridge Wants You to Think Snow** – While most of us are enjoying the exceptionally warm weather, the staff at Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort have been hoping for cooler temperatures and some of the white stuff. For the first time in 20 years Kinosoo Ridge is opening later than planned. With the onset of cooler temperatures the snow guns have been working overtime to get the hill ready for some winter fun. The Tube Park at Kinosoo Ridge will open December 5. The Bunny Hill and the runs for the Blue Chair will open on December 19. Please check out their Facebook page and website at [www.kinosoo.ca](http://www.kinosoo.ca) for further opening dates in December.

**☐#8 Funding Support** – Goodridge Social and Agricultural Society and the Lessard Community Centre received their Annual Operating grant of \$35,000. The M.D. has funded the following sports teams since April with a \$250 contribution: Notre Dame Hand Ball Team for Provincials, Individual student for Wrestling Nationals, Glendon Sr. Track Team for Provincials and the Glendon Cross Country Team for Provincials.

**☐#9 Briefly** – The M.D. of Bonnyville will apply to Alberta Environment and Parks to lease or purchase the Day Use Area at Bear Trap Lake. Council agreed to provide insurance coverage through the Jubilee Municipal Insurance Program for the North Shore Heights/Shay Sho Bay Community Society. Council approved the sale of the 1991 Reserve Tanker Truck to JB Trucking of St. Paul for \$5,250.

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