

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS February 10, 2016

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

**□#1 Ag and Waste Services** – The Coyote and Wolf Predation Program is now in its fourth month, with 979 coyotes and 52 wolves coming in. Director Matt Janz says the wolf count is up this year over other years, which could be the result of the forest fire on the Air Weapons Range last summer. Typically, the department sees around 35 wolves. In 2015, the M.D. saw a 30 percent rise in its diversion rates, with 148,350 kg of paper, plastic, twine, cardboard and electronics, over 17,00 litres of paint, 730 tonnes of metal and seven semi loads of tires being recycled.

Speaking of tires, Janz announced the M.D. has been successful in receiving a \$30,000 grant to build a tire marshalling area at the Therien landfill. It is expected to be constructed this spring while the landfill is being reclaimed. It should be completed by the fall.

**□#2 Planning and Development Updated** – Council gave First Reading to an amendment to Land Use Bylaw 558, which will allow residents on Hamlet and Country Residential zoned lots to have chickens (no roosters). If the amendment receives second and third reading, lots under 1.5 acres will be able to have 12 birds, while larger lots up to 10 acres will be able to house up to 25 chickens. Council also gave First Reading to Bylaw 1622, to close a now defunct portion of Cherry Ridge Drive located at NE 23-62-1W4M.

**□#3 Public Safety Update** – Industry Officers completed 65 Commercial Vehicle/Dangerous Goods inspections, including inspections done in conjunction with Public Works on gravel hauling trucks. School Resource Officers have been delivering the Right Choices program at Cold Lake Middle School and Nelson Heights. They have also been running the CSI program at both of those schools, as well as in Glendon.

**□#4 Transportation and Utilities Update** – Brushing crews continue to work on clearing brush from around intersections and improving lines of sight. The Construction Crew is continuing its work on brushing on the Wolf Lake Road. Snow crews have been out sanding icy roads and grading corners and curves where ice had built up. In January, T & U dealt with 196 hardship program calls and 72 snowplow flag program calls.

**□#5 New Equipment for BRFA** - Council agreed to purchase a breathing air compressor for the Glendon Fire Department at a cost of \$53,500. Council also agreed to purchase 12 complete Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and 18 spare air tanks for the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority at a cost of \$106,500.

**□#6 Funding Support** – Council accepted a payment of \$167,200 from the City of Cold Lake for work completed on the Baywood Road in 2015. The contribution represents 22 per cent of the project's cost to date.

Council agreed to provide Willow Prairie Hall with the annual operating grant of \$25,000. The M.D. will support Canada Day celebrations in the Town of Bonnyville and City of Cold Lake with \$5,000 going to each municipality.

Council agreed to support the Cold Lake Air Show (July 16 & 17) at a cost of \$10,000, which includes sponsoring the event's Mobile App, as well as a Corporate Chalet. Extreme Mudfest (August 26-28) will receive \$8,000 to cover the cost of portable toilets and showers for the event. Council agreed to buy a table at the March 4 Robb Nash Project Gala in Glendon for \$400. Council also agreed to enter two teams in the annual Glendon Pyrogy Bonspiel March 19 at a cost of \$200.

☐#7 **Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – MLA Scott Cyr dropped by the Council meeting to hear what's happening in our area. Cyr will be working with CAO Chris Cambridge to put together a priority list for our area.

Council agreed to release \$50,000 from a reserve account for the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre (C2), should it be successful in obtaining a grant from the TAME (Take Action to Manage Energy) program. The facility will be undergoing a Building Energy Audit to identify potential energy savings. If successful, the C2 will receive \$100,000 in federal funds, which will be matched by the Town of Bonnyville and the M.D.

Council appointed Fire Guardians for the 2016 Fire Season. Wildfire Season begins March 1. A list of Fire Guardians can be found on our website at <http://md.bonnyville.ab.ca/185/Fire-Guardians-Permits>.

Mickey Fagnan from the Bonnyville Amateur Football Association presented Council with his vision for Walsh Field, which includes new artificial turf, a new International Association of Athletics Association approved track, new video/score board, and new buildings to facilitate training and visiting teams.

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