

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS March 9, 2016

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**□#1 Council Supports New Mental Health Initiative** – Council agreed to fund Mental Health Navigator, an adolescent mental health initiative being created in Bonnyville by eight local doctors. The program will receive \$25,000 this year and in 2017 as well. Reeve Ed Rondeau brought the request for funding to Council after a meeting earlier this month between the group of doctors, the Northern Lights School Division, Lakeland Catholic School Division and the Town of Bonnyville.

**□#2 Spring at Kinosoo Ridge** – Director of Community Services Chris McCord let Council know April 2 would be the last day of skiing at Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort. The resort will be teaming up with Public Safety officers again this year for the “Beat The Heat” event, which will see skiers and snowboarders test their speed against the Peace Officer’s radar.

**□#3 Public Safety Update** – Chris Garner, Director of Public Safety, informed Council his department had received some complaints regarding loose loads on M.D. roads. As a result, Peace Officers conducted 18 Commercial Vehicle Inspections, which saw 11 warnings and two tickets issued. The School Resource Officers are nearing the end of the Right Choices program at Cold Lake Middle School and Nelson Heights School. The SROs also provided a drug awareness session for firefighters at the Glendon Fire hall.

**□#4 Tenders Awarded** – Council agreed to award tenders for a number of products and services for the Transportation and Utilities Department. Underground work for the Ardmore Phase IV project was awarded to Urlacher Construction for a price of \$1,177,474.85. Council agreed to a budget of \$1,414,474.85 which includes contingencies, engineering, testing, and surveying. E-Construction was awarded the tender for 20,000 tonnes of 20 mm Asphalt Stabilized Base Course with a bid of \$1,229,200. E-Construction also received the tender for the supply of 12,000 tonnes of 12.5 mm Asphalt Stabilized Base Course with a bid of \$850,200. Grynn Contracting was awarded the tender for the supply of 60,000 tonnes of Asphalt Concrete Pavement, with a bid of \$4,368,000. Director of Transportation and Utilities, Darcy Zelisko told Council many of the prices were lower than what the M.D. paid for these materials last year. Council also awarded the Fencing Tender to Gold Creek Contracting. Kopala Environmental Services was awarded the tender for water hauling. Kortech Calcium Services was awarded the contract for dust suppressant supply and REDA Enterprise Ltd. was awarded the Summer Gravel Haul tender.

**□#5 Agriculture and Waste Services Update** - The M.D. will be supporting the Alberta Farm Safety Centre this year. It marks the fifth year of support for the program, which teaches school children about farm safety. Last year 2,262 students from nine local schools took part in the program. Six 4-H clubs throughout the M.D. received \$400 each in funding.

**□#6 Bulk Water and Sewage Disposal Rates Update** – Council agreed to institute a \$5 per cubic metre Bulk Sewer Dump Rate for the M.D.'s wastewater lagoon systems in Ardmore and Fort Kent. The fee will go into effect April 1, 2016. Council agreed to collect a \$200 deposit when a new bulk water account is opened.

**□#7 Briefly** – The M.D., along with the Lakeland Agricultural Research Association and the Beaver River Watershed Alliance, will host a workshop about managing water runoff March 21 in Fort Kent. Call LARA at 780-826-7260 for more information or to register.

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