

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS January 9, 2013

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**□#1 Public Safety Department 2012 Year End Report** – It was a busy 2012 for the Municipal District of Bonnyville’s Public Safety Department. Total Incidents tallied up to 2,889, in comparison to 2,467 in 2011. Traffic Incidents increased from 2011, with a total of 2,370. Dog Control/Livestock Incidents decreased from 2011, with a year-end total of 265. Commercial Truck Incidents increased in 2012, with a total of 67. Ward 6 had the least number of Incidents at 202, and Ward 4 had the largest number of Incidents with a total of 764. Ward 1 was not far behind with Incidents totaling 669. In 2012, the Dispatch Centre handled 2,917 activities for the Public Safety Department, up from 2,415 activities in 2011.

**□#2 Agricultural Update** – Council approved the tendering of five equipment purchases for the Agriculture Department not to exceed \$196,500. The equipment includes: one Tree Spade, one Post Pounder, one Land Roller, two Replacement Trucks and one 550 Dump Truck. The Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program is in the fourth month of operation with no predation complaints being received by the M.D. The number of animals being brought in is lower than last year, with 414 coyotes and 11 wolves tallied at the end of December. Five producers took advantage of the Roadside Brushing Program, with three miles of road being cleared. The Program pays out from \$500 to \$2,500 per half mile, depending on the amount of trees and debris located in the M.D. road allowance. The M.D. is urging residents in Ardmore and Fort Kent who receive curbside pick-up to please bag their loose household garbage at the curb. Bags that are full of animal feces that are too heavy to lift should be taken to the landfill. Waste Services staff have been leaving notes for residents regarding the issues asking for their compliance.

**□#3 Funding Received To Improve Accessibility** – The Bonnyville and District Historical Society and Museum received \$15,000 to assist with the paving of a path to all their buildings to provide accessibility to those with limited mobility and wheelchairs. It is difficult for people using walkers and wheelchairs to maneuver in the grass surrounding the buildings. The museum calculated that 25 per cent of their visitors would benefit from the paved walkway. The total cost of the pathway is \$30,000.

**□#4 Transportation and Utilities Update** – In a recorded vote Council defeated a motion to allow trucks to haul an unlimited quantity of water for household use from the Fort Kent water reservoir. Councillors David Fox and Mike Krywiak voted in favour of the motion and Councillors Don Sinclair, Barry Kalinski, Glen Johnson and Fred Bamber, along with Reeve Ed Rondeau voted against. Currently the maximum one time fill allowed at Fort Kent is 1,000 gallons. The night shift snow clearing crew is running seven days a week for complete coverage during the winter. Snow gates have been installed on three graders and they are working in the more populated areas. The brushing crew numbers fluctuate as the weather changes and it will be active as staffing and conditions allow. The M.D. is waiting for the design of a storm water system to install on

the east side ditch of the four way stop at the La Corey intersection to eliminate future water ponding issues. The initial review of the design is completed and consultants are doing more surveying and land owner consultations to see what design will work. The M.D. will be getting a cost estimate to repair, install or replace sidewalks in the hamlet of Therien. Residents asked Council to repair the sidewalks because with increased summer traffic it is unsafe to walk on the road and the Telus phone lines are becoming entwined with the roots of trees and Carragana bushes that have overtaken some sidewalks.

**□#5 Planning and Development News** – In the month of December 2012, four development permits and two new residential building permits were issued in the M.D., with a 2012 year-to-date total of \$94,845,166, surpassing last year's year-end value of \$55,644,430. Year-to-date 2012 housing starts include 135 Single Family Dwellings and 28 Mobile Homes. Two Road Lease Renewal bylaws were given final reading. Bylaw No. 1531 West of Sec. NW 24-66-3 W4M and north of LSD 16 of Sec. 23-66-3 W4M, LSD 13 of Sec. 24-66-3 W4M and Bylaw No. 1533 South and West road allowance from Sec. SW 13-65-6 W4M.

**□#6 Board Bylaw Amendment** – Council passed an amendment to Bylaw 1345 that establishes that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board “meet in committee(s) of not any less than three (3) members.” The amendment allows for the appointment of an interim member at large for hearings where the board is unable to have a quorum of appointed members. Council has the authority to delegate by bylaw the power of appointing an interim member to the CAO or committee. The ability to appoint an interim member in this circumstance ensures that the intent of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board to hear appeals in a reasonable period.

**□#9 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – Council passed Bylaw No. 1534 to authorize the M.D. to borrow up to \$5 million to cover any operating cash shortfalls that may occur during the year. It is unlikely that the municipality will have to borrow any funds; however passing the bylaw will allow the municipality to borrow funds should there be a cash shortage at any time during the year. The January 23 Council Meeting was cancelled due to a conflict with a provincial Agricultural Service Board Conference in Edmonton. Council agreed to purchase a \$14,665 2013 Artic Cat Utility Vehicle for Kinsoo Ridge Ski Hill to replace an aging piece of equipment.

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