

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS March 13, 2013

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**□#1 La Corey Landfill Extended Operating Schedule** – Council has agreed to increase the number of days the La Corey landfill is open. The landfill will now be open five days a week – Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Previously, it was open three days per week. This will help divert some waste from the Ardmore landfill, which will allow that landfill to stay open longer for residents.

**□#2 Road Work** – Director of Transportation and Utilities, Darcy Zelisko, told Council he hopes to wrap up the night shift snow removal shifts by Easter weekend. With warmer weather, Zelisko said spot gravelling has started and there is currently a patch truck out working on an as-needed basis. Brushing crews are working on problem areas. The paving tenders for Range Road 485 and Range Road 470 (approximately four miles), have been awarded to Knelson for the price of \$3,997,838.50. The total cost of the project, including engineering is \$4,524,523.60.

**□#3 Ardmore Sewer Lines** – Some residents in Ardmore may have noticed crews in and around the hamlet checking out sewer lines. Zelisko said staff are preparing for road work, and are using cameras to check on the state of the sewer and water lines before proceeding. He said by identifying if the lines need replacing now, the M.D. wouldn't have to rip up fresh pavement to do infrastructure work.

**□#4 Planning and Development** – Director John Foy said new development is off to a good start in 2013. There were 18 development permits and 19 new residential building permits taken out in the month of February, for a year-to-date value of \$7,189,400. Foy said so far March is off to a great start as well. The first reading of Bylaw LU 520 was given. This bylaw would allow Secondary Suites to be built. There are currently no provisions for these suites in the M.D.'s Land Use Bylaw. Council gave third reading to Bylaw LU 521, which saw SW-31-61-4 W4 rezoned from HUR (Hamlet Urban Reserve) to HR1 (Hamlet Residential).

**□#5 Water Supply Agreement** – The M.D.'s previous long-term agreement with the City of Cold Lake for water supply to the hamlets of Fort Kent and Ardmore expired January 1, 2012. In the new agreement presented to council, Cold Lake is raising the water rates from \$3.03 per 1,000 gallons, to \$8.56 per 1,000 gallons – which is the rate Cold Lake residents pay. The previous agreement had the M.D. buying water at a reduced price offered to members of the Cold Lake Regional Utility Services Commission. With the looming possibility of the commission being dissolved, Zelisko recommended a paragraph be added to the draft agreement with Cold Lake, which reads, “Upon completion of a water supply master service agreement for the remaining commission members, the Municipal District of Bonnyville will be included in the agreement and will receive a comparable commission member rate, as previously agreed to in the original water supply agreement.” Council approved the agreement subject to the abovementioned addition.

**□#6 Public Safety Update** – Director Chris Garner said traffic seems to be increasing throughout the M.D. With increases in traffic come increases in traffic violations. He said officers have been dealing with a number of reports regarding aggressive driving and speeding. Five officers received the On Highway Dangerous Goods Inspector’s course. With the amount of industry traffic in the M.D., Garner said it is prudent for officers to have this training.

**□#7 Funding Support** – Council approved the annual donation of \$17,500 for the Cold Lake Museum’s operating grant. The Bonnyville Pro Rodeo Queen Committee’s request for \$500 was granted. The Ardmore Senior Citizens received their annual operating grant of \$35,000. Council agreed to pay for two tables at the Hearts for Hospital gala in Cold Lake May 4 at a cost of \$960. This is in addition to the previously agreed upon donation of \$10,000.

**□#8 Briefly** – Council will send a letter of support to help the Centennial Centre get a grant to cover 50 per cent of wages for two Event Assistants. One position currently exists, while the other will be created.

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