

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS March 27, 2013

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□#1 Fundraising Opportunity – The M.D. is accepting applications for roadside and landfill clean-ups from locally established community groups and organizations. To apply, each interested group must forward a letter of intent to Director of Agriculture Matt Janz specifying landfills or roadsides, and requesting approval to conduct a clean-up. Clean-up rates are: \$100/km Special Rate, \$60/km Urban High Use, \$40/km Rural. Please mail your letter of application to: Bag 1010, Bonnyville, AB T9N 2J7. Applications must be approved by the Director prior to the commencement of the clean-up.

□#2 Notice Of Motion Made Regarding Water Access – M.D. Councillor Fred Bamber made a Notice of Motion that: The M.D. of Bonnyville carry out a plebiscite in the M.D. of Bonnyville and the Village of Glendon composed of the question asking ratepayers in the M.D. and the Village if, as ratepayers, they would be interested in obtaining Cold Lake water via a waterline. Along with the question there would be an explanation that the line(s) would be paid for by a long-term debenture (20 to 30 years) based on a flat rate that all ratepayers would pay equally in addition to water rates. The Notice of Motion will be discussed at the next Council Committee on April 3 and voted on in the next Council Meeting on April 10.

□#3 Watch For Earth Day Contest – The M.D. of Bonnyville will be celebrating Earth Day (April 22) with a Facebook Photo Contest launching April 2. Log onto our Facebook page at [facebook.com/MDBonnyville](https://www.facebook.com/MDBonnyville) to win fantastic prizes and to promote community cleanliness.

□#4 Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program Ends – The Coyote and Wolf Reduction Program will end on March 31. The final tally for the program was 963 coyotes and 38 wolves being brought into the ASB shop. Coyote numbers were lower than last year, partially ascribed to disease and heavy snow pack, while the wolf numbers were up slightly. The M.D. is in discussions with the neighbouring municipalities of Lac La Biche County and the County of St. Paul regarding the uptick in the wolf population. All three municipalities will be meeting in the future to talk about increasing the bounty on wolves and perhaps extending the reduction program season.

□#5 Transportation and Utilities News – Council awarded the Base and Paving Tender for Bear Trap Road (Range Road 442) to E Construction Ltd. for \$5,482,786.15 and approved a total project budget of \$6,008,911.45. Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL) has agreed to contribute \$4.5 million to the project, with the M.D. picking up the balance of \$1.5 million. Council made a motion to proceed with the redesign of the first “S” curve on the La Corey Resource Road, commonly known as “Rocky Top Corner”, in order to calculate final costs and to ascertain whether or not the municipality can acquire land for the new alignment. The M.D. is waiting on a design for the storm water system in La Corey to be installed on the east side of the Esso Gas Station to eliminate future

water pooling issues. Consultants are trying to secure a drainage easement to facilitate the storm water design. Cenovus is going to be working on the west side of Highway 41 in May. M.D. crews have been made aware of the drainage issues and will be monitoring the area during the spring melt. With spring on the way, the snow clearing night shift will wrap up at the end of the week, with operators being on call for any late snowfalls.

☐#6 Planning and Development Update – Final Reading was given to Area Structure Plan Bylaw 1537 and Bylaw LU 516 NE 15-64-3 W4M (Ethel Lake) to rezone from Agricultural to Country Residential CR2 for a country residential development with a total build out of 14 lots. Final Reading was given to Bylaw LU 517 to amend the Land Use Bylaw CR3 to accommodate parcel sizes from 0.5 to 1.5 acres. Final Reading was given to Bylaw LU 518 to amend the Lakeside Village Area Structure Plan (Bylaw 1463) to reduce the lot density as provided with the amended concept plan. Final Reading was given to Bylaw LU 519 to amend the Moose Lake Area Structure Plan (Bylaw LU 483) revising the allowable lot sizes with areas that are designated Intensive Residential. Council adopted the revised Uniform Quality Management Plan for the continued operation of the municipality’s permitting and inspection services. The plan covers the Town of Bonnyville, Village of Glendon and the Summer Villages of Pelican Narrows and Bonnyville Beach.

☐#7 Funding Support – Eastbourne Community Hall Society received its \$35,000 annual Operating Grant. Dupre Community League received its annual Operating Grant of \$5,000. A donation of \$250 was made to the Cold Lake Heat Soccer Team and the Cold Lake Ice to assist with travel costs to provincial championships. Council agreed to provide funding for the Regional Fire Authority Volunteer Barbeque. Council denied a request from the Bear Trap Cemetery Group to assist with the restoration of the Bear Trap Cemetery. The M.D. provides a maximum grant of \$500 to assist solely with the installation of a “landmark” marker on historical sites. Given the number of cemeteries in the M.D., Council agreed that it could not start funding the upkeep of these facilities.

☐#8 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs – The M.D. received a grant of \$399,750.00 under the Final Mile Rural Community Program to support our High Speed Connectivity Project. Council declined a request from the Village of Glendon and the Summer Village of Bonnyville Beach to enter into an agreement to provide assessment services to the two municipalities.

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