

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS May 8, 2013

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**□#1 M.D. Growth Increasing** – The first quarter development permit statistics indicate 2013 should be a banner growth year in the Municipal District of Bonnyville. During the month of April, the M.D. received Building and Development permits worth \$14,327,671. This brings the year-to-date total to over \$29 million, with 82 Single Family Dwelling and nine Mobile Home housing starts.

**□#2 Transportation and Utilities Update** – Road construction crews will complete the construction of Range Road 472, north of Township Road 622, and then move to the Hilda Lake Road to complete that project. The MG 30 Crew has geared up and is working on problem areas first and then will be working from east to west following the gravelling crew. Road Oiling crews have been trained on equipment and will start this week on smaller projects and work into full production by the May long weekend. The three patch trucks will be working throughout their designated Wards during the construction season. Brushing crews are dealing with problem areas as required, with crew numbers fluctuating as the weather changes throughout the season. Consultants are trying to secure a drainage easement to facilitate the storm water system on the east side of the Esso Station at the La Corey Highways 41 and 55 intersection. Cenovus has cleaned the ditch on the west side of Highway 41 to get the water flowing into the drainage ditch. Construction on Gurneyville Road will begin on May 22, with work scheduled to be completed by the end of June. Paving on Beartrap Road is scheduled to begin the second week of July.

**□#3 Public Safety Update** – Community Peace Officers have been busy dealing with an increase in speeding and aggressive driving behavior now that the spring weather has arrived. Officers are also dealing with unsightly property complaints while dogs-at-large complaints continue to roll in. Two Officers have switched role designations – with Officer Goguen now patrolling Wards 3 and 4 and Officer Bordeleau moving over to Industry Patrol. Schools are recognizing the value of the School Resource Officer “Right To Fight Program”, with Bonnyville Off Campus School working with Alberta Education to fit the program into the Alberta curriculum in order to receive funding for the class.

**□#4 Agricultural News** – The M.D. is working with the City of Cold Lake to eradicate weeds and pests such as gophers. The M.D. has brought in a new product called Rozol, which can be used within an urban area and on acreages and farms next to urban centers as it is a multiple feed bait that will not kill birds or animals that feed on a dead carcass laced with the poison. The Beaver River Regional Waste Management Commission (BRRWMC) has signed a three-year deal with Municipal Solutions of Ryley to accept the region’s Class II waste. The commission has been hauling its waste to Ryley for the past six months. The BRRWMC was unable to negotiate a comparable agreement with its previous partner, Evergreen Landfill in Lafond. The annual Bonnyville and District 4-H Show and Sale is on May 27 at Western Pride Auction Mart.

**□#5 Funding Support** – As part of the 2013 Budget M.D. Council agreed to provide \$20,000 in funding to the Glendon, Bonnyville and Cold Lake Agricultural Societies. Therefore, this week Council denied two funding requests from the Glendon and Cold Lake Ag Societies for \$1,500 and \$3,000 respectively, saying the operating grant funding should cover these amounts. Council agreed to provide a \$3,000 breakfast sponsorship for the June 19 and 20 Bonnyville and District Oil and Gas Show. Council agreed to a \$500 sponsorship to cover the costs of one youth camper at the annual Lakeland Centre for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Society’s Summer Camp For Kids.

**□#6 Briefs, Briefs, Briefs** – Council agreed to erect eight new M.D. entrance signs for a total cost of approximately \$130,000. Council agreed to waive the \$1,187.76 development fee for the Beaverdam Community Hall addition. Council agreed to cancel the July 10 and August 14 Council Meetings, with meetings to be held on July 24 and August 28.

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