

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

## COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS June 3 and 10, 2020

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**☐#1 Council Approves 2019 Consolidated Financial Statements** – Council approved the 2019 Consolidated Financial Statements. Auditors, Metrix Group LLP, gave the M.D. a clean report for the year ending 2019, stating the municipality has good, solid financial assets to provide future government services for its residents. The 2019 Financial Statement will be available at [www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca](http://www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca) by June 19, or a copy can be picked up at the Main Administration Office. Council also approved the 2019 Audit Findings Report and the 2019 Financial Statement Report.

**☐#2 Kinosoo Adventure Park Scheduled To Open May 2021** – The M.D. is pursuing an accelerated schedule to ensure the Kinosoo Aerial Adventure Park will open May long weekend 2021. The aerial park's design will be finalized in August, some site work will be done in the fall, with installation done in April 2021 and commissioning and start up in early May 2021.

**☐#3 Trail Tender Awarded** – Council awarded the \$449,725 tender on June 3 for the construction of the North Shore Heights Trail – Phase II to Knelsen Sand & Gravel Ltd. to be funded from the 2020 Parks Capital Budget. This 2.5 km phase will complete the trail from Highway 660 to 611A and to the Town of Bonnyville limits.

**☐#4 Ardmore Hall Renovation** – On June 3, Council approved a \$26,800 Capital Grant for the Ardmore Community Society to fund renovations to the Ardmore Hall. The total estimated cost of the project is \$67,000, with \$32,149 funded by a Community Facility Enhancement Program (CEFP) Grant and \$8,051 coming from the Society. The M.D. funds will come out of the 2020 Recreation Board Budget.

**☐#5 Potable Water Feasibility Study** – Council directed Administration to start the Request For Proposal (RFP) process to prepare a feasibility study to supply potable water to the hamlet of Cherry Grove and surrounding subdivisions. The Bonnyville Regional Water Services Commission's 2017 Business Plan identifies other areas, without timelines, including the hamlets of Cherry Grove, La Corey and Therien, that could potentially be serviced as part of a long-term objective of the Commission once Stage 1 is completed. Stage 1 is made up of the construction of the transmission line from Cold Lake to the Town of Bonnyville. Offering potable water services to the Cherry Grove area is also a goal in the M.D.'s 2020-2023 Strategic Plan.

**☐#6 Summer Appointments Approved** – The following Weed Inspectors were appointed by Council for the 2020 season: Morgan Wild, Courtney Lefebvre, Crystal Boisclair, Robert Barrett, Don Cameron, Richard Shymchuk, Janice Boden, and Michael Penner. Brad Pelham, Michael Penner, and Janice Boden were appointed by Council as Pest Inspectors for the 2020 season. Janice Boden and Michael Penner were appointed by Council as Soil Conservation Officers for the 2020 season. Weed Inspectors enforce the Alberta Weed Control Act, Pest Inspectors enforce the Alberta Pest Control Act and Soil

Conservation Officers enforce the Alberta Soil Conservation Act, as required by the provincial government.

**☐#7 Cold Lake Museum Society Requests Funding** – Council will make a decision at a later date on the request for a \$50,000 contribution to the Cold Lake Museum Society to help fund the construction of an Outdoor Observation Tower at the museum site. The Museum Society has secured a \$60,000 donation from the Medley Society and is asking the City of Cold Lake for a \$50,000 contribution as well.

**☐#8 Public Safety Department Quarterly Report** – Public Safety Officers issued 140 Provincial Written Warnings, 109 Provincial Tickets and nine Bylaw Tickets from January to March 2020. During the quarter, officers issued the following reports (public calls for service or responding to complaints): 61 Rural Crime Prevention, 50 Regulatory Bylaws, 13 Provincial Statutes and five School Assistance. During the 50 Commercial Vehicle Inspections, 28 Written Warnings and two tickets were issued, with the majority of infractions being Commercial Truck Lighting/LED Lights and Overweight Trucks. During the quarter, 1,512 Vacant Home Checks and 1,977 Crime Prevention Patrols were undertaken.

**☐#9 Roadside Brushing In Cherry Grove** – The Roadside Brushing Plan for 2020 will include the clearing of 20.5 kms of roadside brush/trees in the Cherry Grove area. Thirty-three adjacent landowners have been notified of the upcoming brush removal on the road right-of-way. Eleven of these landowners do not want the trees that are adjacent to their properties removed from the right-of-way. The M.D. has put measures in place to mitigate the conflict including surveying to the property line and only removing trees in the road right-of-way; leaving 30 metres of brush in front of dwellings if desired; providing seedling trees to be planted on private property by the landowner, and removing stumps in front of dwellings so mowing of ditches can continue.

**☐#10 Funding Support** – Council approved a \$25,000 Community Action Grant for the Duclos – H.E.Bourgoin Support Group Foundation to construct the Duclos Sensory Accessible Playground. As per Policy 3C.012, the available funding, once the criteria has been satisfied, is a maximum of \$25,000 for capital projects.

**☐#11 Briefly** – Council adopted Policy No. 3A.015 Land Acquisition Policy, outlining a consistent approach and methodology, fair to both individual landowners and the taxpayers, when the municipality acquires property. The compensation payable to the landowners shall be \$2,000 per acre for road construction, including borrow pit, landscape borrow and backstopping. A \$500 minimum compensation shall be payable to the landowner in regard to the land acquisition process.

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