

INFORMATION AND NOTICES



PUBLIC NOTICE

Date of Notice: December 22, 2020

Please be advised that the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 has received the following discretionary use applications to be heard on January 12, 2021, at the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting.

Permit Number	Development	Legal Address Plan/Block/Lot
2020-D-235	Renewal of a Family Care Unit	NE 24-60-3 W4M 60317 Rge Rd 403A
2020-D-241	Minor Rural Industrial – Equipment storage for building construction company	SW-27-63-2 W4M 42222 Twp Rd 634
2020-D-242	Major Home Business – Auto mechanic	Part of SW 25-62-4 W4M 44020 Twp Rd 624

If you should have any concerns with the proposed use/development, please provide a written submission in person or to the M.D. of Bonnyville, Bag 1010, Bonnyville, AB, T9N 2J7 by no later than January 5, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations from Alberta Health Services, the Municipal Planning Commission meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public will be able to watch the meeting through a live feed on the M.D. of Bonnyville's YouTube channel - <https://bit.ly/MDBvilleYouTube>.

Lisa Foliott
Manager of Planning & Development

Holiday Office Hours

Here is the schedule for M.D. offices during the holiday season:

December 23 – closed at noon

December 24 – closed

December 25 – closed

December 28 – closed

December 29 to 31 – regular hours

January 1 – closed

Here is the schedule for M.D. landfills/transfer stations:

December 24 – open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

December 25 and 26 – closed

December 27 to 31 – regular hours

January 1 – closed

From Council and staff at the M.D. of Bonnyville,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BONNYVILLE NO. 87

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS December 16, 2020

Keeping you informed of the services, business and development that affect YOU!

#1 Council Passes 2021 Budget – The Municipal District of Bonnyville Council approved the 2021 Budget and Business Plan at its final meeting of 2020. The plan includes the balanced 2021 Budget of \$150,223,069. The budget does not include provincial educational and lodge requisitions, which will come in the spring.

Despite a challenging year in the midst of a global pandemic, and an anticipated revenue gap of about \$1 million due to changes in the provincial assessment review model, it is Council's intention to hold the Mill Rate steady for the 2021 tax year.

The 2021 Budget shows Council continuing with recreation and infrastructure priorities including:

- Installing a new chairlift at Kinosoo Ridge - \$2.7 million
- Improving infrastructure (including bridge repairs, drainage projects and construction) and maintenance - \$20.02 million
- Renovating the Kopala building to become the new home for the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (Station 5 Bonnyville, 911, EMS, Administration)
- Developing and constructing trails throughout the M.D.
- Continuing the expansion of the Cold Lake M.D. Campground
- Managing Bonnyville Airport operations and updates
- Holding Residential mill rates constant with prior years' mill rates

"The 2021 Budget is a forward-looking document for the M.D.," says Reeve Greg Sawchuk. "It recognizes the current economic climate while providing long-term planning for recreation and infrastructure. The goal is to meet the priority needs of all our ratepayers and continue to be a leader in economic diversity to provide more opportunities in our region."

In 2020, Council worked with the Infrastructure Services department to create a Roads Priority List and map. That, coupled with recent updates to the Roads Classification map, will help guide the future of road projects all of the way to 2025. The 2021 Budget will see \$7.4 million dedicated to paving and reconstruction of gravel roads, \$1.55 million for subdivision roads, just over \$4 million for bridge repairs and replacement and over \$7 million for other projects, including drainage and flood mitigation.

Council will continue to fund the Seniors' Transportation Grant at \$30,000 and has created a fund of \$675,000 to help community halls, community societies, seniors' societies, and agricultural societies with capital and operating costs.

Keeping our regional relationships strong, the M.D. will continue to provide funding support for the Bonnyville and Cold Lake Museums, Beaver River Regional Waste Management Commission, Family and Community Social Services (FCSS) in Bonnyville and Cold Lake, Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority, the Bonnyville & District Chamber of Commerce, the Cold Lake Chamber of Commerce and the libraries in the two major urban communities.

The digital version of the 2021 Budget and Business Plan will be available on the M.D.'s website by the end of the year, with printed copies available in early 2021.

#2 Ag and Waste Services Updates – The beaver bounty program has wrapped up for the year, with landowners submitting 554 beavers for payment. The M.D.'s pest control officer trapped an additional 209, for a total of 763 problem pests caught. Over 59 km of right-of-way brushing has been completed in 2020. The Muriel Creek Restoration Project, which will see the removal of blockages affecting the flow of the water way, has been delayed slightly. Originally scheduled to begin in November, warm weather and Department of Fisheries and Oceans regulations have postponed the work until January. The Veterinary Services Inc. (VSI) program will be capped at \$1,000 per user, per year in an effort to reduce the program's budget. The expanded electronics recycling pilot project has seen an increase of electronics being dropped off at M.D. landfills and transfer stations. Due to theft, the full cages are now being moved to the Infrastructure Services yard to cut back on theft and destruction at the landfills/transfer stations. The new garbage truck has arrived after a 10-month delay due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

#3 Public Safety Updates – Public Safety Officers have been given special authority to enforce Provincial Health Orders. Reeve Greg Sawchuk was concerned about enforcing fines. Environment and Protective Services General Manager, Matt Janz, assured the Reeve that the officers would concentrate on taking an educational approach, should they be tasked with following up on complaints. As of December 16, M.D. Public Safety Officers had not been dispatched to any complaints. School Resource Officers have adapted their programs to be delivered online, and have been doing presentations on vaping, sexting, social media, smoking, and even a little mindful yoga. Officers conducted 628 General Crime Prevention Patrols and 47 Vacant Home Checks during the month of November.

#4 Planning and Development Update – Council decided to hold off on buying a quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) tester until protocols from Alberta Environment are identified. This will allow for high and low baselines to be set, to better judge the overall health of lakes in the M.D. Council agreed to register a blanket easement against NW 8-60-5W4M and lease a portion of Township Road 602 to allow for access to a privately owned gravel pit, yet to be developed.

For more information, contact Diane Jenkinson, Marketing and Communications Manager at 780-826-3171. Our website is a useful way to get the information you need. **Visit: www.md.bonnyville.ab.ca** Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @MDBville.