

FROM THE REEVE'S DESK...

With summer heating up and restrictions being lifted, now is the perfect time to gather with friends, get out, and support local business.

From restaurants and spas to retail stores and community events, there is much to do and see in our region.

While you're exploring the M.D., please be aware of all of the ongoing road projects happening throughout the municipality.

We have a number of road projects being done by M.D. crews, along with

work being done by the province on highways 660 and 55. Please follow all signs and allow these workers to do their jobs safely. No one likes being stuck in traffic, but we will all enjoy the end product of these projects.

Another change that comes with the easing of restrictions is Council chambers will now be open to the public.

This will come into effect for the July 13 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting and the July 14 Regular Meeting of Council.



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While we will no longer be live-streaming Council meetings, recordings of the meetings will be made available on our YouTube channel (bit.ly/MDBvilleYouTube) the day after meetings are held.

From Council and myself, have a happy, healthy, and safe summer.

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CATCH THE SUNRISE FROM A M.D. CAMPGROUND THIS SUMMER



Want to be at the lake this summer? The M.D. has a few camp sites you could check out.

Make your reservation online at www.campreservations.ca (with the exception of Wolf Lake), or by phone at the numbers below:

- Chicken Hill Lake M.D. Park – 780-573-8941
- Cold Lake M.D. Park – 780-639-4121
- Cold Lake French Bay M.D. Park — (online booking only)
- Crane Lake M.D. Parks – 780-573-6443

- Ethel Lake M.D. Park – 780-573-9569
- Minnie Lake M.D. Parks – 780-573-6666
- Moose Lake – Pelican Point M.D. Park – 780-573-8828
- Moose Lake – Vezeau Beach M.D. Park – 780-826-6337 (seasonal sites available)
- Muriel Lake M.D. Park – 780-826-4140
- Wolf Lake M.D. Park – 780-826-0556 (telephone reservations only)



CALLING ALL CANDIDATES!

The Municipal District of Bonnyville will hold its election on October 18, 2021.

For potential candidates

There are a few new things this year for the election — including a longer nomination period. Candidates now have from January 1, 2021 to September 20, 2021 to file their nomination papers.

What is the advantage to filing early? Candidates can campaign longer, and also start fundraising sooner.

Prospective candidates are invited to visit our municipal election website at md.bonnyville.ab.ca/454/2021-Municipal-Election for a variety of information, including a Candidate's Information Guide, the necessary forms

needed to file as a candidate, a link to a Municipal Candidate's Election Hub, and links to resources from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

For voters

Residents are also encouraged to visit the web page to check out the candidates running in each ward and for the position of Reeve. The information on the Candidate Profile page will be updated weekly, as information becomes available.

This year the M.D. will also have a dedicated Facebook page for all things related to the election.

Keep up to date with what's happening by following the page at facebook.com/MDBvilleVotes.

This page will feature information

about polling stations, advance voting dates, special ballots, and more.

Come work with us!

We are also currently looking for election workers. Presiding Deputy or Deputy Returning Officers are needed for our 15 polling stations. These paid positions help the election run smoothly by assisting voters with the new electronic voting system, educating electors about the voting process, and more.

If you'd like to be involved with the election, visit bit.ly/MDBVotesJobs.

If you would like any information about the election, please contact our Returning Officer, Esther Quiambao or the Deputy Returning Officer, Brenda Bouchard at 780-826-3171.



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FROM GRAIN BAGS TO FENCE POSTS

When you look at the photo below, you may see a well-kept bin site, as all of our bin sites are. But can you see grain bags? They're there — hiding in plain sight.

The Municipal District of Bonnyville is one of 30 collection sites in the province for an agriculture plastics recycling pilot project that was started in the fall of 2019 for grain bags and twine.

As part of the project, the M.D. collects grain bags and twine from local producers to send off for recycling.

Bale wrap and net wrap, along with twine can also be dropped off at our seven landfill transfer stations. In order for the materials to be recycled, the plastics must meet two conditions —

they must be sorted by product type in clear bags, which the M.D. supplies, and the material must be clean.

Unfortunately, when we sent our first shipment of twine for recycling, 47 percent of the shipment was landfilled due to too much straw or the materials weren't properly sorted — for example, twine was mixed with net wrap.

Of the 2,950 kilograms we had shipped, 1,400 kilograms was landfilled due to improper sorting or contamination.

One important thing to remember is that materials have to be clean (less than five percent contamination) in order for them to be recycled.

This needs to happen on the farm, during collection, for it to be an eco-

nomical program.

The good news story is our grain bags eventually end up at Full Circle Plastics in Nobleford, Alberta. Here the materials are made into plastic lumber and fence posts, along with a few other products.

Now, our grain bags have come "full circle" and the posts and lumber are back in the M.D. Our Waste Services Team recently used the posts and lumber to create a new fence around the Muriel Viewpoint bin site (shown below) and at the Ardmore Landfill entrance.

Be on the lookout for other grain bags turned into fences at more M.D. waste and recycling sites later this summer and into the fall.



COMMITMENT AND SUCCESS KEY IN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

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Municipal Energy Officer

As the Municipal District of Bonnyville and its dedicated Energy Management Team of 10 staff continues building its Energy Management Program, there are three steps that appear inconsequential at first, but are rather vital to our success.

First, a commitment from top-level executives sets the stage for the program. This was done last summer when our CAO and General Manager of Infrastructure Services signed an

Energy Management Team Charter that established the mandate of the Team and set its goals.

This commitment to reducing energy use in our operations was further expanded last month through the Energy Management Policy adopted by Council. The policy is fundamentally a pledge to maintain top-notch management and sound business practices in this area. The policy can be found at md.bonnyville.ab.ca/419/Policies.

The second step involves the imple-

mentation of relevant practices and a bundle of cost-effective energy efficiency projects planned strategically based on life-cycle cost and equipment life end. This is what we call our energy management plan.

Finally, we recognize and celebrate our achievements through our Year One report and energy-saving success story posters for select projects.

This organization-wide recognition supports and reinforces the M.D.'s overall commitment to this initiative, and its ongoing success.

SUMMER PROJECTS AND SUMMER FUN

The weather is getting warmer, and thoughts are drifting towards property improvements and recreation. The Municipal District of Bonnyville's Planning & Development Department has some notes to help your summer run smoothly.

Sheds: You may not need a permit for sheds under 150 sq. ft.. If you are constructing a shed over 150 sq. ft., whether it is temporary or on skids, you will need a permit. If life safety is a concern (example: a bunkhouse), you will need a permit — no matter

the size.
Pools: Swimming pools over two feet in depth require a minimum of a six-foot tall fence around them. Development and building permits with a site plan are required.

Fences: if your proposed fence is under three feet in height in the front yard, and under six feet in height on the side and rear yard, you do not need a permit. It must be on or inside your property lines. If you want a taller fence, you will need a development permit.

Decks: Any deck over two feet from the grade requires both a development and building permit.

RVs: You can only have a maximum of three RVs on your lot at one time, or one if you live in a hamlet. If you want to have more than three, you may consider applying for a campground permit (not allowed in multi-lot subdivisions), or storage facility.

The friendly staff in P & D are here to help and will guide you through all your permitting needs.

M.D. ONLINE BUSINESS REGISTRY GROWING



Looking for some farm-to-table goodies? Maybe you need a company that specializes in steel fabrications? There are companies in the M.D. that provide both of those things, and everything in between. Now you can find them on our new online Business Registry!

The recently launched registry has a two fold purpose — to support, inform, and promote M.D. businesses, and to provide an easy-to-use registry for residents to find the businesses they need.

The voluntary Business Registry program also allows businesses to get more information from the M.D., receive updates on M.D. business opportunities and tenders, and be marketed online.

In return, the M.D. will gain a better understanding of what local companies are operating in the region. It also allows us to keep in contact with businesses and make sure they have access to the information and support they need for their continued success.

Here are a couple of recent additions to the registry:

Double D Bobcat: this M.D. business



located just outside of Cold Lake, provides a number of services including grading, bobcat work, deep utilities and water and sewer installation, street sweeping, concrete and asphalt recycling, sand and topsoil screening, mulching, hydrovac, transportation of heavy equipment and aggregate products (gravel and topsoil).

Krazee Klean: this Fort Kent business helps keep the oil-field clean, with overall cleaning services and commercial laundry service for camps.

The company also provides laundry and linen cleaning to the Canadian military at nearby 4 Wing Cold Lake.

Businesses signing up will be entered into a quarterly draw for a \$100 gift certificate to a Bonnyville-area restaurant.

The next draw will be held in September. The winner of the first draw was Krazee Klean!

Registration for the online directory is free and can be found at md.bonnyville.ab.ca/466/Online-Business-Registry.

