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Attention:

Steve Upham, Reeve  
Darryl Younghans, Councillor Division #1  
Sheila Kitz, CAO

I have enclosed an article from the Tuesday, October 31 St. Paul Journal for your information:

*The October 25, 2017 Council Highlights from the municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87*

We are very interested in item: Flooding Mitigation

**#3 Flooding Mitigation** – The M.D. has hired nine contractors to trap and reduce beavers throughout the M.D. until mid-November. Staff continue to remove beaver dams in flooded agricultural areas in the Riverhurst, Ardmore, Beaverdam and Iron River areas. Work is being done along the Iron Horse Trail and Highway 28 to relieve flooding issues. This work will continue until freeze up. Staff are going back to the same locations about 10 days later to do more work, as “busy as a beaver” does have basis in fact. Staff are also working with Cold Lake First Nations, Carillion and Alberta Environment to remove dams. Cold Lake First Nations is doing their own pest control. The M.D. is hosting a Trapper’s Course on December 1 to 3. Please call 780-826-3951 to register.

We would like to see our County have a staff member take on the responsibilities of beaver control. We would hope the person in position would have the ability to hire contractors to monitor beaver populations and quickly respond to problem situations.

Would you please put this request on the agenda of a future council meeting.

Beverly and Warren Smith  
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