



MD 133 Community Newsletter

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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Next Regular Council Meetings are Feb. 22, 2010
and March 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the MD office

Reminder: Contact the MD office three days prior to meeting to be added to the agenda

Next ASB Meeting is Feb. 16, 2010 at 9:00 am at the MD Office in Spirit River

• **MD #133 Fire Department:** (Fire Chief - Bill Mortland)

Winter meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The next scheduled practice/meeting is on February 10, 2010 at 7:30 pm. For more details call Bill at 864-3057 or 864-0782.

• **Public Works:** (Jess Gingell - Public Works Supervisor)

In the event of Emergency Call Out of Municipal Equipment, please call in the following order:

1. Jess at (780) 864-9358 or 2. Mike M at (780) 864-9365
- or 3. Tom (780) 864-9600.

For Sale by Tender

4 Used Overhead Shop Heaters
Heaters may be viewed at the
Public Works Yard

Sealed Tenders Will Be Received Until
Feb. 26, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

For More Information Contact Jess Gingell
at 780-864-9358

Traffic Safety Concerns

The Municipal District of Spirit River Planning and Development Department requests written submissions for any known traffic safety concerns created by development traffic, negatively impacting the Municipal Road network and/or the intersections of Municipal roads and Highways.

Please forward your written submissions to the attention of:

The Chief Administrative Officer,

Municipal District of Spirit River #133

Box 389, Spirit River, Alberta T0H 3G0

Greetings from FCSS!



The next van trip to Grande Prairie is scheduled for March 11, 2010. Call Jazmine at 780-864-3500 to book your seat.

I wanted to thank all of our volunteer drivers for the Transportation Program of past and present. It's you that make the program what it is today.

I hope everyone one enjoyed the lovely weather we had last Wednesday for Winter Walk Day. If you haven't already, please report your walking time at www.shapeab.ca.



Freight Rail Service Review

Transport Canada is conducting a review of the rail system to develop recommendations to improve rail freight and transportation in Canada. They have completed a data gathering and analysis and now a panel has been appointed to receive submissions and make recommendations. Submissions to the panel must be made by February 26, 2010.

The Chair of this panel is Walter Pazkowski, a former Alberta Agriculture Minister.

The goal is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the rail. It is very important that producers who have direct experience with the railways, such as producer car groups or small grain shippers, get in touch with the review panel, make a submission describing their experience with the rail system and provide any ideas for improvements that they may have.

Submissions must be received by the panel by February 26, 2010.

They can be submitted

In the following ways:

1 E-mail a PDF or MS Word document to RFSR-ESMF@tc.gc.ca

2 Mail to Rail Freight Service Review Secretariat

Suite 808-180 Elgin Street

Ottawa, Ontario

K1A 0N5

3 Fax your submission to 613-990-9026

4 Submissions can also be submitted on line at Transport Canada website at www.tc.gc.ca/policy/acg/rfs-review-examen-sfm/rvw-eng.htm

Or go to Transport Canada Home Page at www.tc.gc.ca and enter rail freight service review in the search box.

More information can be obtained from Agriculture and Rural Development, Peter Kuperis (780 415 8608)

Alberta and Prairie Shelterbelt Program



Application forms are available at the office for Farmers and Acreage owners to apply for shelterbelt trees. For those people who are eligible for free trees from the Prairie Shelterbelt program you can select from nine varieties of deciduous trees, 12 varieties of deciduous shrubs including fruit trees and four evergreen varieties. You can visit their website for more information at www.agr.gc.ca/pfra/shelterbelt_e.htm

The Alberta Shelterbelt Program has an application fee of \$26.25 with a \$22.00 fee for each bundle of ten trees purchased. There are nine varieties of tall growing willow and poplar, six varieties of mid-sized tree including chokecherry and May Day, nine varieties of fruit and hedge trees and six varieties of evergreens including spruce, larch and pine. Applications can also be submitted over the internet at www.marketland.net

Applications for both programs will be received until March 15, 2010 and early applications have a better opportunity of getting the trees you want. The ASB will pick up the trees for distribution in late May.