



MD 133 Community Newsletter

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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Next Regular Council Meetings is March 1, 2010 at the MD office
 Reminder: Contact the MD office three days prior to meeting to be added to the agenda

Next ASB Meeting is March 8, 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 Feb. 24, 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 HeatersHeaters 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


Want to Learn about Energy Production and Wind Generation

Lake Saskatoon Hall March 17, 2010
Topics covered in this two day Course

Energy Basics (terminology, units, conversion factors, heat vs. electricity)
 Microgeneration (detailed application process)
 Understanding your Energy Bills
 Calculating Renewable Energy System Sizing based on consumption
 Small Wind Installations
 Consumer Protection issues with RE technology (dealing with reputable suppliers, contracts, warranties)
 Using the Co-op Model for Local Ownership of Renewable Energy
 Energy Efficiency
 The Ontario Green Energy Act
 Peace Energy Cooperative

2-day with evening supper fee: \$135 single day registrations available
 For more information call Kelly at (780) 644-1197

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.


Wednesday, February 24, FCSS will be one of the sponsors of Norbert Georget & Co, a dynamic and motivational speaker from Saskatoon, Sask who will be speaking to students grade 7-12 from Spirit River Regional Academy, Ste. Marie, Rycroft and Savanna schools. He will be speaking on a variety of topics such as It's Ok Not to Drink, Being Yourself-Why Not?, and How to Say No and Keep Your Friends.

VRT TRAINING

ALBERTA, February 12, 2010 – Adoption of precision agriculture technologies and methods has recently accelerated when the Federal Government provided financial assistance to assist with the purchase of GPS (Global Positioning System) guidance, yield monitors and mapping software. There were 2729 farmers in Alberta who spent \$41 million to buy this type of equipment. Farmers bought precision farming equipment (GPS information collection, GPS guidance (i.e. autosteer, lightbars, software), manual and variable rate controllers for variable fertilizer application. Despite these technology purchases, there continues to be very little implementation of the technology beyond auto-steering. This is much more potential for precision agriculture including record keeping (mapping) as part of an integrated crop management plan and variable rate technology (VRT) for more efficient application of fertilizer and herbicides. Training farmers how to use the technologies of precision agriculture and VRT is complicated. In an initiative funded by Growing Forward and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, ARECA, it's Associations and industry partners are pleased to offer workshops on GPS, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), remote sensing and VRT with case studies to demonstrate implementation of these technologies. The workshops will start at 10 am and finish at 3 pm. To complement the workshops, a resource manual is currently being written to support the presentations delivered at the workshops. The manual will provide an overview of precision agriculture, GIS, GPS, VRT, economics, service providers, yield monitoring, remote sensing and websites/ references. ARECA in conjunction with its Association partners SARDA, NPARA, BRRG, CARA or SARA are offering workshops at Peace River. The workshops will be held at the Sawridge Inn in Peace River on March 3, 2010 from 9:00 am -3:00 pm

"The MD & Village of Rycroft share a Recreation Board and we are canvassing the respective residents for modest recreational ideas that will enhance the quality of life in our respective communities."

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 midsized 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.



Birch Hills County

TENDER FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Birch Hills County is requesting bids on the following equipment –

Box 157, Wanham, AB
Phone: (780) 694-3793; Fax: (780) 694-3788
Web Site: www.birchhillscounty.com

YEAR	TENDER/ITEM	MODEL OR SERIES	VIN#	HOURS/CONDITION
2009	BOBCAT W/	S300	A5GP35625	92.6
2009	BOBCAT BUCKET	74" LOW PRO	6731421	
2009	BOBCAT, 9" STANDARD AUGER		6666892	NEW/UNUSED
2009	BOBCAT, 12" STANDARD AUGER		6666893	NEW/UNUSED
2009	BOBCAT, SWEEPER	72"	783722097	USED ONCE
2009	BOBCAT, AUGER LOADER FRAME W/		6812980	NEW/UNUSED
2009	BOBCAT AUGER	15c	944226790	
2009	BOBCAT, ROLLER	VIBRATORY 72"	063200957	USED ONCE
2009	BOBCAT, SNOW V-BLADE	96"	084100800	USED
2009	BOBCAT, PALLET TEETH	48" HD	6541518	USED
2009	BOBCAT, DIGGER	36"	6719758	NEW/UNUSED
2009	BOBCAT, BUCKET	80" LOW PRO	6731424	USED
2009	BOBCAT, PALLET FORK FRAME HD		A7DD01781	USED

- Bid Packages are available at the Birch Hills County Office in Wanham Alberta or via e-mail.
- All tenders must be received by April 13, 2010 at 2:00 pm at Birch Hills County Office in Wanham Alberta.
- Tenders must be placed in a sealed envelope marked with the appropriate TENDER ITEM as shown in the information above.
- All equipment is sold on a "as is where is basis".
- All successful tenders will be awarded official results after approved by council on April 14, 2010.
- The successful tender must be paid in full one week after the notification of tender being accepted by council. Payment must be in the form of certified cheque or bank draft. Debit is accepted.
- Total bid price will be subject to GST.
- Highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
- A 10% deposit is required on the Bobcat w/ Bucket and the Bobcat Roller.

For more information please contact Dion Hynes at 780-694-3793 or dionh@birchhillscounty.com
 Bids may be dropped off at Birch Hills County Administration Office or mailed to:
 BIRCH HILLS COUNTY
 BOX 157
 WANHAM AB T0H 3P0

2010 RECREATION BOARD FUNDING

Birch Hills County Recreation Board is accepting applications for recreational funding from groups and organizations within the County. The funding policies, guidelines and application forms may be picked up at the County Office in Wanham during office hours, or they can be requested by email or fax.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WITH THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY OFFICE BY 4:30 P.M. FRIDAY APRIL 2, 2010.

Public Notice Birch Hills County Water Act Notice of Application

Notice is given that Birch Hills County filed an application under the provisions of the Water Act to maintain water bodies by removing brush, repairing areas of erosion and mowing. The work will be carried out along the Fox Creek and unnamed creeks on the E 1/2 01-078-01-W6, E 1/2 12-078-01-W6 and NE 05-078-26-W5, W 1/2 05-078-26-W5 and S 1/2 08-078-26-W5 (upstream of the Fox Creek Drainage Project).

Any person who is directly affected by the application may submit a statement of concern to:

Alberta Environment
 Northern Region - Peace
 Bag 900-5 Provincial Building
 Peace River, AB T8S 1T4
 Phone: (780) 624-6167
 Fax: (780) 624-6335
 within 7 days of the providing of this notice

Please quote file number: 00265492

Further information regarding this project can be obtained from:
 Birch Hills County
 4601 50 Street
 Box 157
 Wanham AB T0H 3A0
 Phone: (780) 694-3793

Statements filed regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public. Statements should explain why the filer is directly affected and provide the full name, postal address and legal land location of the filer.

Failure to file statements of concerns may affect the right to file a notice of appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.