



# MD 133 Community Newsletter

## Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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Next Regular Council Meetings are Feb 8, 2010 and Feb. 22, 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 16, 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.

## Alberta and Prairie Shelterbelt Programs



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](http://www.agr.gc.ca/pfra/shelterbelt_e.htm)

The Alberta Shelterbelt Program has an application fee of \$26.25 plus 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](http://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.

### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO.133 NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPROVAL

The following development permit has been approved by the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133. Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal against this development must do so in writing before 4:30 p.m. on appeal deadline. A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 must accompany the appeal.

Letters of appeal should be addressed to: Secretary, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Box 389, Spirit River, Alberta, T0H 3G0.

**Landowner:** Rapid Span Bridge Rentals Inc.  
**Permit:** 14-DP-09  
**Location:** Pt. SW 15 Twp 78 Rg 5 W6th Lot J Plan 872 1670  
**Development:** Wooden Access Matting Manufacturing Facility  
**Approval Conditions:** As per approved proposed plan  
**Appeal Deadline:** February 9, 2010

### 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

## Understanding Legal Location Range Road and Township Signs

Alberta has been divided into townships and ranges which we know as the legal land location. These land locations are expressed as quarter section or part of quarter sections, township, range and west of a meridian. This division begins in the SE corner of the province and works north and west from every meridian which stretch between poles. Because the earth is round as you move from the equator to the poles the land between the meridians gets narrower. The nearest meridian to us is the sixth meridian located east of the MD in the Codesa Area near the red Church just south of Highway 49. This is why when someone quotes a land location it is always west of a meridian; and in our case all land in MD 133 is west of the sixth meridian.

From the meridian a township is based on a division of land by 1/2 mile square increments to create quarter sections. A section has four 1/4 sections referred to as NE, NW, SE, or SW. Four quarters represent a section and there are 36 sections in a township.

When they were surveyed they used an imperial measurement called a rod which represents 16.5 feet. They began in the SE corner and measured 320 rods (one mile) and then 4 more rods to allow for a road to be built north and south called a range road (RR). Then they would measure another 320 rods and again leave another 4 rods for a north/south road. A township is six miles wide so that represents six sections and six roads. So for example if we were at the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of section 1 79 6 W6 that range road sign would be represented as range 6 mile 0 or RR60. When you go one mile west it becomes range 6 mile 1 or RR61, next is RR62, RR63, RR64, RR65 and then the sixth road becomes the next range or range 7 mile 0 or RR 70 and the cycle continues. If you are starting at RR 60 and want to travel in a straight line to RR100 or range 10 mile 0 you would cross all of range 6, 7, 8, and 9 or four ranges multiplied by six miles each for a total of 24 miles.

The same principles are followed going north however allocations were made for roads every two miles instead of one during the original survey. The township roads begin at the bottom as in our example above with township 79 mile 0 or TWP 790. When you go two miles north it is township 79 mile 2 or TWP 792, then TWP 794 and on the sixth mile the next township 80 mile 0 or TWP 800 and then it begins to cycle again.

Your legal land location may be SE sec 1, TWP 79 RGE 6 W6 meridian but your land is adjacent to RR 60 and TWP 790. TWP just happens to be a correction line. Correction lines were established to correct the narrowing area between the meridians and that is why sometimes RR 61 on the south does not line up with RR 61 on the north side of a correction line for example. If you went to the Alberta / USA Border you can find RR 61 but the TWP roads get bigger as you go north. There is 24 miles between correction lines.

Rural Addressing is an expansion of this system which includes the measurement of your driveway approach in distance along a RR or TWP road giving each driveway a specific address which can be located. If the broad numbers need to be expanded to show individuality the road can be divided into decimals as well.

I hope this will explain the process of land division a bit clearer. I will discuss settlement lots, river lots and forced road allowances at another time.

## Greetings from FCSS!



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

We would like to send out a big thank you to the United of the Peace Church for their donation to the Dine and Shine Breakfast program. The students have enjoyed snacks of cheese and crackers, Nutragrain bars, carrots, and yogurt tubes.

We also would like to let everyone know about Silly Time, presented by Peace Parent Link. Silly Time is an interactive program for children (ages 0-6 years) and their caregivers. The children will play and learn through creative play experience, build social, emotional, and communication skills, and be introduced to basic concepts such as colors, letters, numbers, etc. Families will also have access to family support, information referrals, parent education, and early childhood development and care. Silly Time is located in the Bay behind the MD #133 office on Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am. If you would like more information on Silly Time, contact Tracey at the Fairview office at 780-835-3273.