



MD 133 Community Newsletter

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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Next Regular Council Meeting is Nov. 12th and Nov. 26th at 9 a.m.

Please note meetings are on the first and third Thursday of each month.

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

Regular meeting dates are the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month beginning December 7th, 2009.

ASB Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month.

Next ASB Meeting is November 5th, 2009

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

Practice/meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The next scheduled practice/meeting is on November 25 at 7:30 p.m.

For more details call Bill at 864-3057 or 864-0782.

MD #133 SPIRIT RIVER FIRE HAZARD IS LOW BEFORE YOU BURN, PLEASE PHONE BILL AT (780) 864-0782; (780) 864-3057; or the MD OFFICE AT (780) 864-3500.

A reminder to all residents of the MD that they are required to notify the MD Office or the Fire Chief of intent to burn.

Failure to do so will result in a charge of \$500.00 plus costs if the fire department has to respond.

Public Works (Jesse Gingell - Public Works Supervisor)

The Elevator Road Paving Project is Complete

The Base Paving is Complete.

Construction of TWP Road 772 and Range Road 54 is Complete.

Gravel in Progress

Repairs to RR Tracks east and south of Rycroft is Complete.

There is FIREWOOD available to buck on TWP 772 and RR 54.

Collection of Firewood Policy No. ASB. 25

Policy Statement: The intent of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures should firewood be available within the Municipality from the roadside brushing program.

Procedure 1: The Agricultural Fieldsman will contact the adjacent landowner that road side brushing is taking place. The Adjacent Landowner will have the "first right of refusal".

Procedure 2: Following adjacent landowner's refusal; Ratepayers will be informed by the Agricultural Fieldsman that firewood is available.

Procedure 3: Subsequent to a negative response from the ratepayers the M.D. #133 will collect the firewood for their own use.

Procedure 4: The M.D. #133 at its discretion may make the firewood available to the Public.

GREETING FROM THE FCSS!

The Family and Community Support Services is a partnership between the Province of Alberta, its Municipalities, and Métis Settlements that develop locally driven preventative social initiatives to enhance to well being of individuals, families, and communities. The Central Peace FCSS is a multi-municipal cooperation between the MD #133 of Spirit River, the Town of Spirit River, and the Village of Rycroft. This means that these municipalities contribute funding (that had been granted from the provincial FCSS on a per capita base) to the program, and work together to provide FCSS services to the residents of these three municipalities. In addition to the provincial funding, each of the three municipalities designates a portion of their own budgets towards the Central Peace FCSS.

The Central Peace FCSS programs include the Helping Hands Home Support, a program that helps ensure the best quality of life by providing home support on a cost sharing bases for anyone who experience problems that limit their ability to live and function independently. The Transportation program is another FCSS program, providing public transportation to access medical services in Spirit River and Grande Prairie, as well as access to shopping, entertainment, cultural and personal purposes as time permits. FCSS also facilitates the "Dine and Shine" Breakfast program, supplying a healthy morning snack twice a week to Kindergarten to grade 6 students in three local schools.

The FCSS also hosts the Camp Wanago summer camp that provides families with an affordable option for child care during the summer while allowing children to learn new things and have fun with other children their age. The Community Christmas Hamper program is a program that has been in the community for years and is now administrated by the Central Peace FCSS. The hamper program is so exciting because it serves all needy residents, despite the traditional program boundaries of the FCSS. Needy families can be nominated, or make a personal application to receive a hamper with the makings of a turkey dinner and small gifts for children 18 years and under.

Alongside all of our ongoing programs, we also have many additional services and seasonal projects such as drug and alcohol prevention and awareness, anti-bullying campaign, seniors' programming and events, community networking, and training opportunities, as well as referrals to other agencies.

If you have any questions about any of our programs, please feel free to call the program coordinator at 780-864-3500

The Municipal District of Spirit River is preparing a new Municipal Development Plan. The purpose of a Municipal Development Plan is to provide a 'big picture' land use planning framework to guide long term development decisions. It is critical to have resident, landowner and stakeholder input to ensure that the future policies reflect the interests and needs of the community.

Please provide our contracted facilitator, ISL Engineering and Land Services, with your comments and suggestions about the land use and development issues you think are important to the development of this Municipality.

Please complete the Resident/Ratepayer Survey you received in the mail or pick one up at the MD Administrative building.

Responses are requested by November 20, 2009 and can be forwarded to:

ISL Engineering and Land Services

Suite 100, 7909-51 Avenue NW,

Edmonton, Alberta

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ATTENTION: Carrie Motsch

Email address: cmotsch@islengineering.com

Fax number is 780-438-3700.

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:	Gary Fox
Permit:	13-DP-09
Location:	NE 9-77-6-W6th
Development:	A 16' x 16' Addition and a 16' x 35' Deck
Approval Conditions:	As per approved proposed plan
Appeal Deadline:	November 17, 2009

Manager of Finance –

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

The Municipal District of Spirit River No.1 is located 64 km north of the City of Grande Prairie, Alberta. The rural Municipal District of Spirit River is predominately an agricultural and oil and gas based community, serving an area of approximately 600 square miles and a population of close to 700 people. The Municipal District office is located within the Town of Spirit River.

Reporting to the CAO, the Manager will be responsible for the financial service activities in compliance with the Municipal Government Act and municipal policies. As an integral member of the senior management team, the Manager will provide critical advice and guidance to the CAO, department heads, and Council. Your key initiatives include: plan, organize and manage the Finance Department which includes finance, accounting, payroll, taxation, and records management; prepare and implement short and long-term goals and objectives consistent with Municipal District's Strategic Plans; prepare the annual budget and financial statements; develop and implement financial controls; manage investments, project costing, assets, risk and records management practices. A full position description is available upon request. We are looking for: knowledge of current financial practices, specifically those related to the public sector, management and supervisory skills, and computer skills, with particular emphasis in spreadsheets. Familiarity, with Muniware software is a definite asset. Above average analytical skills are required. An accounting designation or in the process of obtaining an accounting designation would be an asset. Other experience may be considered and will be a contributing asset. We offer an excellent compensation and benefits package including continuing education and professional development, as well as a healthy work-life balance. If this opportunity is of interest to you, please forward your resume to the undersigned; this position will stay open until a suitable applicant is found.. We will only respond to those applicants that we choose to interview. If you are proactive and ready for an exciting opportunity in a rural community, please submit your resume by e-mail, mail or fax in confidence to: Tom Matus
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