

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER

NO. 133



## Celebrating 100 Years Aug 5-7, 2016

### THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Is scheduled for February 24, 2016 at 10:00 am at the MD office. Reminder: Contact the MD office three days prior to meeting to be added to the agenda.

### MD #133 Fire Department: (Fire Chief – Bill Mortland)

The next scheduled meeting is on: February 10<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:30 pm  
For more details call Bill at 864-3057 or 864-0782.

### PUBLIC WORKS

In the event of Emergency Call out of Municipal Equipment please call, in the following order:  
Jess Gingell 780 864-9358,  
Kelly Hudson 780 864-8059

### REMINDER

When the travelling public sees smoke they phone: 911

PLEASE NOTIFY US BEFORE YOU BURN

THOSE WHO DO NOT ADVISE OF CONTROLLED BURNS ARE SUBJECT TO A \$500.00 FINE THESE RULES APPLY YEAR ROUND

Call Bill at (780) 864-3057 or (780) 864-0782  
or MD Office at (780) 864-3500

### SAVE THE DATE !

The Municipal District of Spirit River and the Town of Spirit River will be holding a joint Centennial Celebration August 5, 6 and 7, 2016. There will be many activities including Fireworks Friday in Rycroft and Saturday in Spirit River, Parade Saturday morning in Spirit River where we hope to have all of the families represented, there will be live music all three days, car show, self-guided tours, displays, old time fair, dances and pancake breakfasts. There will be many presentations and the MD is looking forward to presentation of the Centennial Farm awards to 15 families Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Rycroft Ag Centre around 3 pm. Please mark the date on your calendar and let your family know so that they can book the time to attend. A facebook page and Website are being developed and should be available shortly. We are looking for preregistrations to book the Saturday night banquet in both Spirit River and Rycroft. There will be prizes for early registration so please watch for further details on our Newsletter Page in the Signal and further details will be supplied regularly or give us a call for details.

The MD is looking for organizations from within the Central Peace that may be interested in helping with the Centennial Celebrations in exchange for an honorarium or to operate it as a fundraiser. If your group or organization would be interested in providing the Pancake breakfasts on Friday and Saturday in Rycroft or operating the refreshment counter as a fundraiser please contact the office. We are looking for groups that may not be participating in the celebration so that those from the community have every opportunity to participate.

### Century Award Presentations August 5, 2016

Is your farm or ranch 100 years or older?  
Has your farm or ranch been passed down from generation to generation?  
If so you may be eligible for the 100 year Farming and Ranching award presented by the Province. If you have not continuously farmed the land but your family has continually lived on the property for 100 years you may be eligible for an MD Award. Please contact our office for more information as we are hoping to make one grand presentation next year at our Centennial Celebrations August 5, 2016. Kelly will help you find the information you require to determine your eligibility.

### TERVITA LANDFILL IS OPEN TO MD RATEPAYERS ONLY AS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

The MD will be working with Tervita to establish individual accounts for ratepayers. Your patience is appreciated.  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm  
Closed Tuesday, Thursday, & Sunday  
If you have any questions, please contact the landfill at 780-765-3745

### FCSS NEWS

Van trip to Grande Prairie Feb 11.  
Community Kitchen Feb 19 in Spirit River at the Centennial Hall.

FCSS is now 50 years old in Alberta !!!! The FCSS Story video is available on <https://youtu.be/K6qSpVGkj2l>

Denise Skoworodko,  
FCSS Coordinator,  
780-864-3500 press 1  
[fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca](mailto:fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca)



### Cocktail Cover Crop Selection Workshop

with Special Guest - Graeme Finn

This event in collaboration with:



Interested in trying out a cocktail cover crop? Not sure where to start? Bring your ideas & make your plan for spring!



February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
Rycroft Ag Society Hall  
Registration at 10am  
\$15/Member & \$20/Non-Member  
Lunch included  
Please RSVP to Kaitlin, at 780-835-6799



### DISTRACTED DRIVING - FEBRUARY 2016

- Since September 1, 2011, when distracted driving legislation was introduced, through March 31, 2015 there have been 87,633 convictions.
- In the Grande Prairie, city Enforcement Officers issued 759 tickets for distracted driving last year and 2,501 tickets since the legislation came into effect.
- Rural RCMP and Sheriffs issued 235 tickets for distracted driving since April 2015. Research indicates that driver distraction contributes to 20 to 30 per cent of all collisions;
- Drivers who drive while distracted are 3 times more likely to be involved in a collision.
- The average text message takes about 5 seconds to compile.
- At 50 km/h a vehicle travels about 70 metres during those five seconds. That is a long time to have your eyes off the road.



The amount of the ticket for distracted driving is \$287.00 and three demerit points will be applied to your driver's license. If you create a serious collision while driving distracted, expect a \$543.00 ticket, with 6 demerit points applied to your driver's license. Focus on driving – and only driving. Put your phone out of reach when you drive. Make sure children are comfortable & buckled up before leaving. Know your itinerary before leaving & program the GPS before you leave. Do not use a hand held cell phone for talking texting or e mailing etc. While driving, do not comb your hair, shave or apply make-up. For additional information on distracted driving visit [www.saferoadsalberta.ca](http://www.saferoadsalberta.ca), contact your local enforcement agency or your Regional Traffic Safety Consultant; Gordon Ellert at [gordon.ellert@gov.ab.ca](mailto:gordon.ellert@gov.ab.ca).

Let's all do our part to make our roads safer for our families and friends. Don't drive while distracted

Central Peace Early Childhood Coalition is hosting these videoconference sessions in Spirit River. There is also an option to register and participate in these sessions from home via audioline. If you are interested or have any questions, please email, private message on Facebook or call CPECC at least four days prior to the session date to register. These sessions are free!

### The Perfect Mother Myth A Conversation About Mothering and Mental Health Thursday, February 18, 2016 11:00 am - 12:30 p.m.

Combining research and storytelling to change the conversation related to perinatal mood and anxiety disorders like postpartum depressions, this session will explore the vital importance of our own health and self-care strategies while raising children. An honest look at the myth of "perfect" mothering, the stigma of maternal mental illness and how it can influence childhood development the way we parent, and the image we present to others. Connect with us!  
Email: [cpearlychildhood@gmail.com](mailto:cpearlychildhood@gmail.com)