

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held July 3, 2018 at 10:00 am at the MD Office in Spirit River.

PUBLIC WORKS

In the event of Emergency Call-out of Municipal Equipment, call in the following order: ■ David Johnson – (780) 864-9600 ■ Kelly Hudson – (780) 864-8059

CANADA DAY



On behalf of the Central Peace Municipalities we would like to thank everyone who made the Canada Day Celebration and Fireworks Display on July 1st so exciting and successful. Everyone had a great time. We would also like to thank Canadian Heritage for providing a grant to the Village of Rycroft and the MD of Spirit River.

Thank you to the Rycroft Ag Society for providing a great venue for the fireworks.

We would also like to give a special thank you to Bill and Sherry Mortland for picking up all of the fireworks and for Bill having the certification to conduct the fireworks display and the members of the Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission that helped setup and cleanup. Ken and JoAnn Edey for the wagon rides, and others that helped out during the day. Happy Canada Day once again!

The MD of Spirit River #133 office will be CLOSED on Monday, July 2nd 2018.



CONTROLLED BURN NOTIFICATIONS CENTRAL PEACE FIRE AND RESCUE

Did you know that those who do not advise us of controlled burns may be subject to a \$500 fine?

Before burning, within the MD of Spirit River, you must call the MD Office at (780) 864-3500 during regular office hours, to notify us of your intent to burn, this includes burning on weekends and holidays. Our office is open Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Closed on Statutory Holidays. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Brian Kroes
Manager/Fire Chief
CPFRC
www.cpfrc.ca

TERVITA LANDFILL IS OPEN TO MD RATEPAYERS ONLY

MD residents may be asked to verify their name and land locations upon entering the land fill site. **Regular Landfill Take in days: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am-5pm. Saturday, 10am-4pm.** Closed: Monday, Tuesday and Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact the landfill at (780) 765-3745.

NO SPRAY AGREEMENT

The Municipal District will be commencing spraying operations along the rights of ways beginning June 1st for the control of noxious weeds and unwanted brush control. There will be no spraying 50 meters each side of farm yards and dugouts without signed permission from the landowner. It is the landowner's responsibility to register where they would like the MD not to spray by entering into a no spray agreement. If you require "Do Not Spray" signs, they are available at the MD office for \$5.00 and must be displayed in a visible area.

Agreements can be signed that will allow the MD to spray unwanted weeds and brush that may be within 1.5 meters of the fence line on the farm property. Efforts to not spray berry trees along right of ways will be undertaken if the areas are registered and flagged. Any questions, phone our office at (780) 864-3500.

BURSARIES AVAILABLE

The Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River #133 has implemented **THREE \$1,000.00** bursaries for students entering full time studies at a post secondary institution in Canada such as University or Community College and on-line programs. These bursaries apply to students and "continuing students" alike that are residents of the Municipal District of Spirit River #133. Applicants must demonstrate their past leadership qualities and/or commitments to their community in helping others.

Applicants must also illustrate how their course of study will assist them in the future to exercise leadership and/or continue to demonstrate their commitment to their communities and to others in Northern Alberta. Applications can be picked up at the Municipal District of Spirit River #133 office at 4202-50th street, Spirit River, AB.

Applications must be received no later than July 31, 2018 at the M.D. #133 office.

2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR OFFICE AND ONLINE.

ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the assessment and tax notices for the 2018 taxation year have been mailed out on May 24th, 2018 and will be payable on or before September 14th, 2018. All assessments and tax notices are deemed to have been received seven (7) days after mailing within Alberta and fourteen (14) days outside of the province Anyone wishing to object to the assessment value on any property in their name must, within 60 days of receiving this notice, lodge their complaint using only the prescribed "Assessment Review Board Complaint" form "#LGS1402 (2009/08)" to the Assessment Review Board Clerk care of Louise Gostick, Assistant Administrator of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, Box 389, 4202 – 50th St. Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0

The complaint must be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee for Residential – 3 or fewer dwellings and Farmland; \$650 fee for Residential – 4 or more dwellings and Non-residential, which will be refunded to the complainant if the complaint is successful. A copy of "Filing a Property Assessment Complaint and Preparing for Your Hearing" booklet as well as a "Guide to Property Assessment and Taxation in Alberta" can be obtained at the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 office. **Complaints must be submitted in writing on or before July 31, 2018.**

ADDRESS CHANGES

ATTENTION: ALL RATEPAYERS

Please be advised all address changes on Tax notices must go through the Land Titles Office in Edmonton. Once you have contacted Land Titles, they will then notify our office of any changes. Land Titles can be reached at:

Phone: (780) 427-2742 | Fax: (780) 422-4290

John E. Brownlee Building
10365-97 Street
Edmonton, AB T5J 3W7

Hours of Operations: 8:15am-4pm, Monday-Friday | E-mail: lto@gov.ab.ca

FCSS NEWS



THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- Community Kitchen will cease for the summer months. Watch for it to begin in Sept/Oct.
- Starting on July 3rd is Camp Wanago for summer fun! Camp runs Monday through Friday for 7 weeks in July and August, 9am-3pm.

Summer Registration Packages are available online and in your municipal office as of June 1st.

The Central Peace Ministerial is now operating a Virtual Food Bank. To access this convenient, confidential resource, please contact any pastor in the Church Directory of *The Central Peace Signal*.

FCSS Regular office hours: 9:00am-3:00pm, Mondays-Thursdays.

Julie Temple
FCSS Coordinator
Central Peace Family and Community Support Services
Ph: 780-864-3500 ext.1 | fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca | www.centralpeacefcss.ca

WEED/PEST OF THE WEEK – WHEAT MIDGE

With crops quickly growing in the Peace Region, it is important to stay on top of all potential weeds and pests as they appear. Adult Wheat Midges typically start appearing late June and early July. Adult midges are very small, roughly half the size of a mosquito, and a very bright orange colour. Most typically, wheat midges are 2-3mm long.

Careful monitoring between heading and flowing is essential for proper identification of wheat midge, and the damage that can occur. Fields should be inspected daily from the time wheat heads emerge from the boot leaf stage until anthers (small white/yellow flowers) are visible on the heads. Once anthers are visible on the wheat head, susceptibility to wheat midge damage drops drastically. Monitoring between 8-11pm will provide most accurate numbers, as that is when wheat midge is most active. It is best to find a calm evening with no wind as well, as the very small pest will hide under the crop canopy otherwise.

There are a few different ways to help control wheat midge. Most times, wheat midge numbers are held back by a small parasitic wasp called *Macroglanes penetrans* (Kirby). The small wasps emerge roughly the same time as the wheat midge, and lay its eggs inside of the midge. Cultural controls such as avoiding continuous cropping of wheat can help limit wheat midge build-up. If wheat midge numbers are high in a certain area, it is recommended to switch to an oilseed or pulse crop the following year. Chemical control is only to be advised when there is, at least, one adult midge for every four to five crops. When using chemical control, it is always advised to follow the label and directions for use.

For more information regarding wheat midge, contact your Local Agriculture Fieldman at (780) 864-9358 or check out the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry website for links relating to more details.