

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on October 17, 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

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.



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
CPFRFC | www.cpfr.ca

TELUS FAILURE TO MAINTAIN LANDLINE OPERATIONS

The Municipal District of Spirit River provided the following Resolution which was supported by the Rural Municipalities of the North August 10, 2018 and is to be presented to the Rural Municipalities Association November 2018.

Telus Failure to Maintain Landline Operations

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the RMA request that Service Alberta insist that Telus maintain their complete landline network until such time that there are assurances that the wireless system is as secure, economical and stable as the previous landline system has been;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RMA forward a request to the Canadian Radio-Television Communications Branch (CRTC) to review the original agreement prior to them being privatized to see if they are meeting their responsibilities.

Telus has continued to communicate with the Municipal District to determine the extent of the problems with the landline system in our area. There was indication by the other rural municipalities that the problems are not limited to our area.

Prior to the November Conference the MD is requesting that if you are experiencing habitual land line outages and problems that you contact the office with a short email so that we can collect the data to support the resolution.

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Community Service and Recreation Groups – please be advised that applications for Funding from the MD are required to be submitted by October 15, 2018. More information in regard to Policy ADM.63 is available at the Office and on our Website. There is a limited amount of funding similar to past years. We do not want to discourage new groups from applying. However, large grants is not to be expected.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Council will be making appointments to the various Boards and Committees at the 2018 Organizational Meeting in October. A list of these Committees is available for review on our website. They include: Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Heritage Resource Committee, Agricultural Service Board, Agricultural Appeal Committee, FCSS, Central Peace Health Council. **Anyone interested in becoming a member at Large may phone the MD Office for more information.**

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



■ **Community Kitchen** returns October 11 & 12! Thursdays are in Rycroft Community Hall, Fridays are in Spirit River Centennial Hall, from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Menu for October includes: Borscht (beet soup), Pumpkin soup, & Zucchini muffins. Call our office to order Soups and Muffins. Food items can be ordered ahead, and purchased for a nominal fee. We are seeking more volunteers to

come out and expand on their cooking knowledge and skills!

■ **Volunteers needed:** FCSS seeking volunteers for snow removal this winter with our Snow Angel program. Please call the office for more details.

■ **Home Alone program** is offered this fall for youth ages 9-11. Home Alone Course is scheduled for October 27, registrations are due October 25th. Minimum of 8 students for the course to run. Fees are \$20.00 per student.

■ **Transportation program** is coming in December.

■ **Meals on Wheels** is an ongoing program, delivering meals to individuals who need some help getting a hot meal, up to 3x a week, for \$11/meal. We are always in need of volunteers to help deliver our Meals on Wheels. Meals provided by A&B EATS. Call the FCSS office to subscribe.

■ **Christmas Programs:** Watch for our Christmas programs to be advertised in November.

For further details and enquiries, please contact:

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FCSS Coordinator, Central Peace Family and Community Support Services
Ph: 780-864-3500 ext.1
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REMINDER

Tax penalties of 2% were added on September 15th, and an additional 2% will be added on the following dates: October 15th, November 15th and December 15th for any amounts outstanding for this year and 10% will be added on January 1st which will also include any other amounts owing such as penalties on top of the outstanding 2017 taxes so PLEASE make your payment to avoid these penalties.

2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR OFFICE AND ONLINE.

LOCAL PLANNING AND LAND USE – PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

The MD of Spirit River #133 in partnership with the Town of Spirit River and Village of Rycroft have engaged ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. (ISL) to prepare several new municipal planning documents that will help guide future growth and development in all three municipalities. These include an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) between the three partnering municipalities; updates to the Municipal Development Plans (MDPs) for the MD and Town and preparation of a new MDP for the Village; and updates to the Land Use Bylaws (LUBs) for all three municipalities.

Have your say! You are invited...

Public open houses are being held in October for plan area landowners, residents and stakeholders to gather input on potential issues, opportunities and visions for each of the respective plans and bylaws.

Public Open House #1

When: Oct. 23, 2018, 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Community Hall, 5208 47 Avenue, Rycroft

Public Open House #2

When: Oct. 24, 2018, 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Ross Family Room – Centennial Hall, 4812 44 Avenue, Spirit River

* Please note: the same information will be presented at each open house. Attend the session that is most convenient for you.

If you are unable to attend or for more information, contact:

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