

# Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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## THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on December 18, 2018 at 10:00am in the Council Chambers 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



## 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 | CPFR | [www.cpfr.ca](http://www.cpfr.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.

## 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, Mon-Fri | **E-mail:** [lto@gov.ab.ca](mailto:lto@gov.ab.ca)

## FCSS NEWS



■ **Transportation to Grande Prairie: MUST** book your seat 24 hours in advance! The new bus is starting a regular schedule of three trips a week to Grande Prairie on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as of December 4. Book your seat on the bus by calling your FCSS office. Payment is made to the MD of Spirit River. Pick up locations in the mornings: Pleasantview Lodge, MD of Spirit River office, and Merry Pioneers in Rycroft. If alternative arrangements for pick up and drop off are needed, please discuss with the FCSS coordinator when booking.

■ **Community Kitchen:** \*Soup available for purchase by donation from Community Kitchen, call our office for details! \*\*\*Next dates: December 13 in Spirit River & December 11 in Rycroft, Christmas Baking!! All participants welcomed!

■ **Volunteers Needed:** FCSS seeking volunteers, individuals and organizations, for snow removal this winter with our Snow Angel program. Also looking for more drivers for Meals on Wheels, and volunteers for Rycroft Community Kitchen!! Please call the office for more details.

■ **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. Meals provided by A&B EATS. Call the FCSS office to subscribe. Meals on Wheels is closed from December 23-January 2.

■ **Santas for Seniors!** Thanks to our generous community, we have had 76 senior's gifts sponsored this season. Thank you so much!

**Thank you to Community Foundation of NorthWest Alberta for 2 grants awarded to our Community Kitchen and Camp Wanago Programs!**

**Reverse Santa Parade collected over \$900 and truck loads of non-perishable food donations. Thank you to our volunteer firefighter association for your tireless efforts this year!**

**Thank you to Tourmaline Oil Corp. for their \$4,000 donation to Christmas Hampers!**

For further details and inquiries, please call the FCSS office at 780-864-3500 press 1, or email [fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca](mailto:fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca).

Julie Temple, FCSS Coordinator  
 Central Peace Family and Community Support Services  
 Ph: 780-864-3500 ext.1 | [fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca](mailto:fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca) | [www.centralpeacefcss.ca](http://www.centralpeacefcss.ca)

**2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE  
AT OUR OFFICE AND ONLINE.**

## REMINDER

**Tax penalties of 2% were added on September 16th, 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.**

## SNOW CLEARING CONTRACT TENDER

The Central Peace Medical Services Corporation who operates the new Health Centre at 4410 50th Street Spirit River is looking for proposals from those individuals capable of removing snow from the sidewalks and parking lots. The qualified individuals can submit proposals directly to the Kelly Hudson at the MD of Spirit River Administration office or by email to [khudson@mdspiritriver.ab.ca](mailto:khudson@mdspiritriver.ab.ca) The proposals can be separated into two separate contracts if beneficial; one for manual snow shoveling, blowing sweeping and secondly, mechanical snow removal of the parking lots. Sidewalks will be cleaned prior to the building opening in the morning to prevent icing of the sidewalks. It can be undertaken with shovels, manual or powered brooms or snow blowers. It may be necessary to clear multiple times during the day. It is expected that the parking lots will be cleaned prior to the building opening in the weekday mornings of after the building has closed to minimize vehicles that are present. This will include both the north and south parking lots along with parking in the rear of the building. Stockpiles of snow may have to be completely removed from time to time. Proposals would be appreciated prior to November 16th but will be accepted until such time that contract is awarded. Any questions can be forwarded to Kelly Hudson 780 864 3500, [khudson@mdspiritriver.ab.ca](mailto:khudson@mdspiritriver.ab.ca)

## SNOW PLOWING ROAD MAINTENANCE – WINTER

The Public Works Supervisor or designate is responsible for dispatching winter maintenance equipment in accordance with this policy.

The first priority of snowplowing operations shall be in the following order:

- (1) Doctor's Residences
- (2) School bus routes and arterial roads
- (3) Collector roads then local roads
- (4) Snowplowing rural residential driveways
- (5) Other miscellaneous duties

Winging and other maintenance operations shall have second priority unless they can be combined with the first.

Grading of snow shall only be undertaken when snow accumulates to a minimum of five (5) cm of snow.

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 may provide private lane snowplowing.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

**The Municipal District of Spirit River Office will be CLOSED for the Holidays on December 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2018 as well as January 1st, 2019. Wishing you all a very happy Holiday Season.**

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM CENTRAL PEACE FIRE & RESCUE!

Holiday Season Fire Tips:

- keep natural Christmas trees well watered.
- make sure plug-ins and extension cords are not overloaded with extra Christmas lights, check wires and lights for wear.
- if you need to change bulbs on holiday lights, be sure to disconnect power supply first.
- make sure to replace with bulbs of equal wattage and voltage.
- turn off all indoor holiday lighting before going to bed or leaving house.
- be careful when burning candles, never leave burning candles unattended or close to any combustible items.
- Take the time to ensure that you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season!

## GIVE PRE-PAID BUS FARES AS A GIFT



**Instead of another tie for Grandpa or another trinket for Grandma at Christmas...how about giving them some pre-paid bus fares for travel from the community to Grande Prairie? There is a bus travelling to Grande Prairie Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Purchases can be made through the MD of Spirit River Office.**