

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on Dec. 18th, 2019 at 10:00am in the Brownlee Building located behind the MD Office in Spirit River.

PUBLIC WORKS

In the event of Emergency Call out of Municipal Equipment, please call: David Johnson – (780) 864-9600.



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

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.

Lane plowing will not take priority over general road plowing. The graders will only plow driveways if it is on their route. Calling after the grader has passed will not guarantee that they will come back that same day. To avoid missing an opportunity to have your lane plowed please ensure your request is made early.

FCSS NEWS



■ **Community Kitchen:** Rycroft Hall on Tuesdays, 9am-12pm; Dec. 17. Spirit River Centennial Hall on Tuesdays 9am-12pm; Dec. 10. Open to seniors interested in food and helping youth learn skills. Soup and muffins available from Community Kitchen. If you or someone you know needs food, call our office!

■ **Transportation to Grande Prairie:** Please call FCSS to book a ride to Grande Prairie on the bus. Round trip is \$25 for adults. Call us for more details. * **MUST** book your seat 24

hours in advance! Drop ins may be available if bus is already scheduled to go. Bus runs Tues/Weds/Thurs. Pre pay options are available. Private Bookings of the bus are available Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays. Book with minimum one week in advance.

■ **Snow Angels:** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Call our office if you would like to volunteer to help clear snow for a resident in need. Seniors and anyone requiring help this winter can call our office to sign up to get a volunteer.

■ **Christmas Hampers:** Applications are available online, or at your Municipal office as of November 15. Volunteers can call the office for details on sorting and packing hamper dates, we welcome our volunteers back this year!

■ **UFIT HERE:** Afterschool Program once a week for 6 weeks, coming to your community in the fall and winter 2019. Savanna on Fridays starting Oct. 11, Woking on Wednesdays starting Oct. 2, and Bonanza on Mondays starting Oct. 21st. *You can email centralpeaceufit@gmail.com for more information.*

■ **Food Bank:** Our area has a virtual foodbank that can be accessed by calling any church in our Central Peace Ministerial Association. Our FCSS also has food from Community Kitchen available for anyone needing more help.

■ For parent/child playgroups, check our Facebook **Central Peace FCSS for ParentLink** updates: playgroup on Tuesdays in Spirit River Legion Hall for 6 weeks starting October 22. Runs 10am-12pm.

■ **For more information on Christmas Hampers and Santas for Seniors please call FCSS.**

For further details and inquiries please call the FCSS office at 780-864-3500, or email fcss@mdspiririver.ab.ca or check out our website at www.centralpeacefcss.ca

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WANTED: AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD MEMBER-AT-LARGE



The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 is seeking an Agriculture Service Board Member-at-Large.

Do you reside in the MD of Spirit River? Are you involved in Agriculture? Would you like to be involved in Municipal decisions affecting Agriculture?

We want you!

If you want to be involved in organizing and directing the weed, pest, and soil conservation, all other agricultural programming, and protect the economic viability of agriculture within the MD of Spirit River then this is the Board for you.

We really want you . . . oh yes we do!

Please Contact Agricultural Fieldman, Jenifer White, at jwhite@mdspiririver.ab.ca or 780-864-9358 for more information and to apply.

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 & Friday – 9am-5pm
- Saturday – 10am-4pm.
- Closed: Monday, Tuesday & Sunday

If you have any questions, please contact the landfill at 780-765-3745.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Re: Municipal District of Spirit River Bylaw 10-2019 and Bylaw 11-2019 Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw

Since the fall of 2018, the MD of Spirit River #133 has been working to update the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB). The MDP is a municipality's primary planning policy document and addresses matters associated with land use, transportation and servicing. The LUB, also known as a zoning bylaw, regulates land use in a municipality on a site-specific basis. The MD approved the existing MDP in 2010 and LUB in 2009. These existing documents were updated to ensure that they meet current needs and reflect emerging development trends. Community open houses were held in October 2018 to gather feedback on potential issues and opportunities and in October 2019 to present the updated MDP and LUB.

A **Public Hearing** for the MDP and LUB will be held on:
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 commencing at 10:00 a.m.
Brownlee Building, MD Administration Office
4202 50 St., Spirit River, Alberta

Anyone wishing to speak at the Public Hearing is invited to attend. Written submissions will be received until Dec. 17, 2019. Please forward written submissions to the CAO.

The MDP and LUB can be viewed at the MD's office between normal office hours.

For more information, contact:

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MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL DISASTER DECLARATION

The MD of Spirit River declared a Municipal Agricultural Disaster at the November 6, 2019 Council Meeting.

In 2019, the MD of Spirit River agricultural producers in all sectors faced a very challenging year. Delayed seeding, untimely rains, cool growing conditions, and summer frosts cumulated with a wet fall and early snow resulted in much of the MD to remain unharvested. Through their declaration of a Municipal Agricultural Disaster, Council acknowledges the hardships that producers continue to face in 2019 by a unanimous motion acknowledged that.

This declaration does not open funding or allow for special relief or income/tax deferral programming. However, the declaration displays Councils support for MD Spirit River agricultural producers.