

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 2, 2020 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

Central Peace Fire and Rescue Commission | www.cpfr.ca

FCSS NEWS



■ **ANYONE CAN RIDE! Transit to Grande Prairie** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call 780-864-3500 to book your ride! \$25 return trip. Bus goes to Spirit River, Rycroft, Woking, Sexsmith, Clairmont, and Grande Prairie.

■ **SNOW ANGELS:** Are you *in need* of some help clearing snow? Don't know where to find help? Call FCSS for our volunteer snow removal program. Do you want to volunteer? Call our FCSS office.

■ **CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS:** *Christmas Hamper applications* are available at your municipal office or online at www.centralpeacefcss.ca, or contact FCSS. Deadline for applying is Dec. 4. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the hamper program, please make payment to the MD of Spirit River to receive a receipt. We will be collecting non-perishable items and gifts between November 16-December 14. **Also: SECRET SANTA FOR KIDS:** Instead of making general toy and gift donations to hampers this year, you can call and sponsor a gift for a child listed on a hamper application. You will receive the age and gender and a list of gift ideas for them that you can shop for and gift bag and deliver to the FCSS office by December 16th.

■ **SANTAS FOR SENIORS:** If you know of a senior who could use some community cheer over the holidays, sign them up for Santas for Seniors before December 1st. You can NOW sponsor a senior gift by calling FCSS.

■ **CHRISTMAS MEALS:** If you know of any individuals or couples who *need* some support in eating healthy homemade meals over the holidays, please call FCSS to get them registered for a box of pre-made meals from our Community Kitchen to be delivered December 23.

■ **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!** Need a few responsible individuals willing to deliver meals for Meals on Wheels on Fridays OR Mondays between 11:00am and 12:00pm. Please help us keep this program going! Seniors welcome to sign up for meals or to volunteer.

■ **HOME SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE SHORT TERM:** For recovery after surgery and having babies! For all adult ages.

For further details and inquiries, please contact Julie at the FCSS office:

Phone: 780-864-3500 ext. 206, or

E-mail: fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

REMINDER

Tax penalties of 2% were added on October 1st, 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 2020 taxes so **PLEASE make your payment to avoid these penalties.**

SECURITY CAMERA REBATE

The Municipal District of Spirit River has extended the deadline for our Security Camera Rebate Program. All applications must be received by December 31, 2021. For more information and/or an application please contact the MD133 office – 780-864-3500.

SNOW PLOWING SERVICES

Below are businesses within the MD of Spirit River that can provide SNOW PLOWING services:

Magpie Trucking
Dwayne: 780-864-0872
Office: 780-864-3312

Wild Horizon Ventures Ltd
Keegan: 780-831-8136

Whiterok Ranch
Darcy: 780-500-8824
whtrok@gmail.com

Burnt River Services Ltd.
780-330-9900

Lefley Honey Co. Ltd.
Jack: 780-831-0607
Kelly: 780-864-0281

RCZ Ventures
Rick: 780-864-7888

Triple Y Trucking
Brent: 780-814-4486

This is a list of private contractors. If you are a private contractor that would like to be added to this list, contact the MD office at mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca.

PRIVATE LANE SNOWPLOWING POLICY PWS.03

On October 21, 2020, the Municipal District of Spirit River's Council passed a motion amending the Private Lane Snowplowing Policy PWS.03. Snowplowing services will no longer be available to non-seniors and non-handicapped persons. The snowplowing service will still be available to the following persons at the following rates for each snow removal:

- i) Seniors – \$125.00 plus G.S.T.
- ii) Handicapped Persons – 125.00 plus G.S.T.
- iii) Spouses of Seniors and/or Handicapped Persons – \$125.00 plus G.S.T.
- iv) Dependants of Seniors and/or Handicapped Persons – \$125.00 plus G.S.T.

The Municipal District of Spirit River recognizes that there are private industry contractors local to the area that offer snowplowing services and do not wish to compete with these local services. The Municipality believes strongly in supporting local and hopes that residents hiring private contractor's will have their laneways plowed in a more timely manner than the Municipality could achieve as roads are the first priority.

For seniors looking for financial assistance to cover the cost of snow removal, the Alberta Seniors Benefit information sheet as well as the application form is attached. You can find more information online by using this link: <https://www.alberta.ca/seniors-special-needs-assistance.aspx>

USE RESPECT WHEN HUNTING ON PRIVATE LANDS

Use respect when hunting on privately owned lands. Hunting without permission is a problem in Alberta. It generates anti-hunting sentiment among landowners and results in the prosecution of more than 200 hunters each year. Hunters should establish friendly relations with landholders by requesting permission to access private land, leaving gates as they find them, avoid damaging crops or property, and avoid disturbing livestock. Hunters are reminded that it is a privilege to access private lands and is contingent upon courtesy and responsible conduct. It is the hunter's responsibility to know, understand and abide by access conditions that apply when using and enjoying these areas.

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.

ATTENTION PRIVATE CONTRACTORS!

The Agriculture Service Department is developing a data base of local contractors. We are looking for services such as: mowing, spraying, seeding and custom baling, custom combining, etc. Basically any agricultural services may be added to our list of contacts. This list will be available to the public upon request. If you are interested in promoting your business and would like to have your name added to our data base, then please submit your service and contact info. To: Jenifer White Ag fieldman at jwhite@mdspiritriver.ab.ca.