

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held on March 24, 2021 at 10am 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.cprfr.ca

FCSS NEWS



■ **Summer Camp – Camp Wanago!** Will run July 5-August 20. We are looking for applicants for Camp Supervisor and Camp Leaders.
■ **Nominate Your Volunteers** to receive a gift from their community for being a volunteer. Volunteers can be anyone who volunteers with any organization in the Spirit River & Rycroft area. Just call or email our office.

- **Transit to Grande Prairie:** Regular trips 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. Open to ALL public. Medical appointments are priority.
- **Your FoodBanks:** For non-perishable items, please contact Janet at 780-876-2075. For access to fresh foods, please contact your local minister or pastor, or call our office for a contact number. These foodbanks service the entire Central Peace. There are also frozen meals available through the FCSS office and the community kitchen.
- **United Way Emergency Fund:** Applications are available ONLINE. This is a one-time use fund that can help support you in paying your utilities, rent, or supplies for a job. <https://forms.countygp.ab.ca/Public/FCSS/United-Way-Emergency-Funds-Application>.

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- **Meals on Wheels:** Seniors in Spirit River and Rycroft can sign up to have hot meals delivered to their door up to 3x a week. Looking for volunteer drivers still!

For further details and inquiries, please contact Julie at: **Phone:** 780-864-3500 ext. 206, or **E-mail:** fcss@mdspiririver.ab.ca.

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.

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.

2021 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

The MD of Spirit River will be applying Calcium Chloride as a dust suppressant at the end of May. Our dust control and cost sharing program will operate similar to previous years. All Dust Control orders are to be paid prior to application and all orders must be placed by April 30, 2021. Applications can be picked up at the MD office or found on our Website. If you have questions or concerns please contact the Public Works Supervisor, David Johnson @ 780 864-9600.

CONTRACTED EQUIPMENT LIST FOR 2021

The Municipal District of Spirit River #133 is currently putting together our contracted equipment list for 2021. If you would like to be added to our list, please send in your contact information and a list of equipment along with your rates. Proof of insurance and WCB is required prior to any work.

2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

So, you want to be a councillor . . .

The next municipal election will be held October 18, 2021. Sitting on municipal council is a large commitment that requires a considerable time commitment. The MD of Spirit River has four council members with council meetings held twice a month, usually running all day.

In addition to council meetings the MD councillors share responsibilities sitting on approximately 28 boards, commissions, and committees. These include the Agricultural Service Board, the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance, Grande Spirit Foundation, Central Peace Medical Services Corporation Regional Fire Commission, Family and Community Services and the Peace Library Systems. Most of these committees meet monthly, including occasional Saturdays.

Other committees or meetings include the G5, a committee made up of the five central Peace municipal councils, the G3 (the MD, the town, and the village), Municipal Planning Commission, Central Peace Water Commission, and the Regional Fire Commission.

In addition to regular council and committee meetings, Council members attend two conferences with the Rural Municipalities Association of Alberta, usually a three-day commitment each.

On average Councillors spend about five days per month on council business.

Under the MGA, councillors have the duty to:

- consider the welfare and interests of the municipality as a whole and, to bring to council's attention anything that would promote the welfare or interests of the municipality
- participate generally in developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality
- participate in council meetings and council committee meetings and meetings of other bodies they are appointed to by the council
- obtain information about the operation or administration of the municipality from the chief administrative officer
- keep in confidence matters discussed in private at a council meeting until discussed at a meeting held in public
- perform any other duty or function imposed on councillors by this or any other enactment or by the council.

If you have an interest in running for council nomination packages can be picked up at our office or on our website.

Alberta's Municipal Election Day is Oct. 18, 2021. Nomination papers for the Municipal District of Spirit River #133 Elected Official candidates may be submitted to the MD of Spirit River administration office from Jan. 1, 2021 to Sept. 20th before 12 noon. Please phone the office for information at 780-864-3500. You are welcome to come by the office and pick up a form or forms may also be obtained by going to our website and clicking on the link under Municipal Elections.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Municipal District of Spirit River, Town of Spirit River, and Village of Rycroft Intermunicipal Development Plan

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft jointly passed an Intermunicipal Development Plan in 2019.

The Municipalities now wish to amend Map 2 – Future Predominant Land Use by changing the lands use designation from Agriculture to Rural Industrial/Commercial for the following lands, namely:

Part of River Lot 1-78-5-W6th
Part of River Lot 1-78-5-W6th
Part of River Lot 3-78-5-W6th
Part of NW 4-78-5-W6th

A Joint Public Hearing for the Amendment will be held on:

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Brownlee Building
4202 – 50 Street, Spirit River, Alberta

Anyone wishing to speak at the Public Hearing is invited to attend. Written submissions will be received until March 30th, 2021. Please forward written submissions to the CAO listed for your municipality.

The proposed IDP amendment can be viewed at the MD, Town or Village's offices between normal office hours.

For more information, contact:
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