

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held on April 7, 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.

REMINDER: CONTROLLED BURNS NOTIFICATIONS

Please notify us before you burn. Those who do not advise of controlled burns are subject to a \$500.00 fine. These rules apply year-round! When calling for a burn notification, please call the MD Office at (780) 864-3500 Monday through Friday before 4:15pm.

FCSS NEWS



- **Home Alone:** April 24. For ages 9+ to learn to be safe while home alone for short periods of time. Spaces are limited.
- **Babysitters course:** Coming May 8. Registration is open. Limited spaces. For ages 11+. Contact our office to register. Space is limited.
- **Volunteer Income Tax Program:** This program provides free tax filing service for low income individuals and seniors. You are eligible if your income is less than \$35,000/yr single or \$45,000/couple. By appointment only with Julie at FCSS.

- **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 from the community kitchen at our office, and at the Food Bank.
- **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.

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

Phone: 780-864-3500 ext. 206, or
E-mail: fcss@mdspiritriv.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.

ATTENTION PRODUCERS

Seed cleaning season is well underway. If you are a producer using the services of a mobile seed cleaning plant, please contact the Municipal District of Spirit River's Agricultural Fieldman at 780-864-9358. To prevent the movement of undesirable vegetation, mobile seed cleaning plants must be inspected and be licensed by a municipal inspector. If the mobile seed cleaning plant has already been inspected and licensed by an inspector from another municipality, please submit a copy of the license to the MD of Spirit River. If you have any concerns or questions, please call our Agricultural Fieldman, Jenifer White, at 780-864-9358 or email her at jwhite@mdspiritriv.ab.ca.

AFSC-SPIRIT RIVER

The Alberta Government has announced the closure of the Spirit River AFSC office effective May 1, 2021. The Municipal District of Spirit River appreciates the value of this office to our ratepayers and our region and has written the Government advising that we would be willing to accommodate the AFSC office in our building at no cost.

Housing the AFSC office in the MD will not cost the MD and would allow producers to continue with this service locally with no need to drive to Grande Prairie or Fairview. We ask that community members who support this contact Alberta Agriculture and AFSC at the contact information below to encourage this partnership to retain these services.

If you have any questions you can contact the MD directly.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 as amended, this is to advise that the Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 has received a request to amend the Land Use Bylaw to redesignate part of RL Lots 1 & 2 -78-5-W6 from an Agriculture (A) District to a Rural Industrial (RI) District, and to amend the Municipal Development Plan to change the designation of those same lands from Agriculture to Rural Industrial/Commercial to facilitate the subdivision of lands within the said parcels.

Copies of the draft Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan amendments are available for public inspection at the Municipal District Office in Spirit River during normal business hours as well as on the MD website at www.mdspiritriv.ab.ca.

A Public Hearing for these bylaws will be held in Council Chambers on April 21, 2021 at 10:00 am. Any person wishing to appear before Council may attend the hearing and their submissions will be heard. Written submissions may be submitted to the MD's office prior to the hearing.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2021.

Dan Dibbelt
CAO

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN

HELP US WITH OUR HABITAT MANAGEMENT TOOL

We are looking for those with an existing EFP to help us with new recommendations

Alberta EFP has developed a new habitat management tool, and we want to understand what suggested practices will help make a real difference in the real world.

We are hosting an online workshop for Alberta farmers where you will have help with the new chapter. After the workshop, we will follow up with you to ask you what you learned, thought and implemented on your farm. Participants will receive a copy of the Blue Book and EFP Swag!

Workshop Dates:
 April 7, 2021 - 10 am - 11:30 am
 April 8, 2021 - 1:30 pm - 3 pm
 April 13, 2021 - 2 pm - 3:30 pm

RSVP Email: info@albertaEFP.com
 RSVP Phone: 587-200-2552

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