

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held on May 19, 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



■ **Senior's Week Gifts:** Sign up up a senior to receive a small gift bag in honor of Senior's Week on June 7-13 by calling or e-mailing our office. *Community Sponsorship Needed.* If you would like to sponsor a gift, please call our office. **Ensure the seniors you know will get a gift!** Call or e-mail us!

■ **Parents/families:** Don't have Internet/computer availability? Contact Petrina for help accessing parent support programs at 780-500-7166.

■ **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.

■ **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@mdspiritriver.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.

2021 NO SPRAY AGREEMENTS

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 is preparing for our upcoming Roadside Herbicide Application Program for weed and brush control on municipal roads and rights-of way. This program is scheduled to start around May 24, 2021 in the Bridgeview area if weather allows. It is standard practice that sensitive areas such as yard sites, beehives, and dugouts are bypassed. Residents are responsible for control of weeds on either side of their hedges, shelterbelts, yard sites, and dugouts for 30 meters.

If you do not wish to have spraying carried out on the roadway or any municipal rights-of-way next to your property, please print off a Roadside Vegetation Control Agreement from the www.mdspiritriver.ab.ca and submit it to the MD prior to June 1, 2021. If you are unable to print off the form, please call the Municipal District at 780-864-3500 or the Agricultural Fieldman at 780-864-9358 to request a copy or pick one up at the municipal office. These forms, must be submitted annually.

If you have any concerns or questions, please call our Agricultural Fieldman, Jenifer White, at 780-864-9358 or email her at jwhite@mdspiritriver.ab.ca.

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@mdspiritriver.ab.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 & Friday – 9am-5pm. Saturday – 10am-4pm. Closed: Monday, Tuesday & Sunday.** If you have any questions, please contact the landfill at 780-765-3745.

ELECTION 2021

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.

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