

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held on June 2, 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



■ **Nominate a Senior: Seniors get gifts for Seniors Week!** Sign up a senior to receive a gift from their community by calling or emailing our office. *Community Sponsorship Needed.* If you would like to sponsor a gift at \$15/gift, please call our office. **Make sure our seniors know we have not forgotten them!** Call or email 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, year-round.

■ **CAMP WANAGO:** Local day camp in Spirit River runs July 5-August 20th, Monday through Friday from 9am-3pm. \$60/week *subsidy program may be available. Registration opens June 21.

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**

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

Spring and summer have finally arrived, and the Agriculture Services Department has kicked off our summer work. Please be advised that we will have crews out in the Municipality mowing ditches, maintaining green areas such as our parks and cemeteries, and applying herbicide. In addition to these activities our weed and pest inspectors will be out and about inspecting and taking samples.

Agriculture is vital to our region and our municipality. The M.D. of Spirit River is committed to ensuring our producers can maintain their competitive edge in today's volatile market and harvest the best crops possible.

For the purpose of carrying out their duty, Weed Inspectors may enter land or inspect land or personal property at a reasonable time to inspect, take samples, and perform tests under Part 2 Section 12 of the Weed Control Act.

Under the Agricultural Pests Act Section 17, Pest Inspectors may for the purpose of carrying out their duties:

- Enter at any reasonable hour onto any land to inspect the land or any buildings, property, or livestock on the land (Does not include dwellings)
- On giving reasonable notice, direct the owner or person in control of livestock for the purpose of an inspection, and
- Take specimens of a pest or nuisance and of any matter that contains or is suspected of containing a pest or nuisance.

If you see them out and about give them lots of room on the roads. They will be moving very slowly. Say "hi" to any inspectors that you find in your fields. They will be easy to spot wearing high visibility vests and ID badges. They will gladly chat with you to let you know what they are doing and what they have found. If they need to enter your yard sites and barn yards, they will do their best to notify you 24h in advance.

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.

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.

HERBICIDE APPLICATION PROGRAM

The Agriculture Services Department will be commencing our annual herbicide application Program on our municipal rights-of-ways the week of June 7th weather permitting. This program will start on TWP 775 (Willowvale Road) and the range roads connected to it. The spray truck will be working its way north into townships 78-5W6 and 78-6W6. All roads in this area will be receiving a blanket application of Aspect Herbicide to target any prohibited and noxious weeds (including scentless chamomile, toad flax and Canada thistle), brush, and sweet clover. Please see Policy ASB 18 located on our municipal website at mdspiritriver.ab.ca or contact the Agricultural Fieldman at 780-864-9358 for more details on our program. If you would like to register a "No Spray" zone. Please fill out a Vegetation Management Agreement and submit to the Municipal District of Spirit River at mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca or to the Agricultural Fieldman directly at jwhite@mdspiritriver.ab.ca. Copies of the agreement can be found on our municipal website or by contacting the main office, or the Agricultural Fieldman directly.

ROADSIDE MOWING PROGRAM

The Roadside mowing program will commence on approximately June 14th in Townships 79-4W6 and work South to the East of highway 2. A full right-of-way cut will be performed wherever possible. This program will work in a clockwise direction throughout the municipality.

ELECTION 2021

Alberta's Municipal Election Day is October 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 January 1, 2021 to September 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.

TAXATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the assessment and tax notices for the 2021 taxation year will be mailed on June 2nd, 2021 and will be payable on or before September 15th, 2021. All assessments and tax notices are deemed to have been received seven (7) days after mailing within Alberta and fourteen (14) days outside of the province.

Anyone wishing to object to the assessment value on any property in their name must, within 60 days of receiving this notice, lodge their complaint using only the prescribed "Assessment Review Board Complaint" form "#LGS1402 (2009/08)" to the Assessment Review Board Clerk care of Louise Gostick, Assistant Administrator of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, Box 389, 4202 – 50th St. Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0

The complaint must be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee for Residential - 3 or fewer dwellings and Farmland; \$650 fee for Residential- 4 or more dwellings and Non-residential, which will be refunded to the complainant if the complaint is successful. A copy of "Filing a Property Assessment Complaint and Preparing for Your Hearing" booklet as well as a "Guide to Property Assessment and Taxation in Alberta" can be obtained at the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 office.

Complaints must be submitted in writing on or before August 9th, 2021.

COVID-19 REGIONAL RELIEF AND RECOVERY FUND

Applications for the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund are open.



We are continuing to help ease financial pressure on small and medium-sized businesses due to COVID-19. If you operate a local business or non-profit organization, you may be eligible for a loan of up to \$60,000.

If you haven't been able to qualify for other federal business support programs – we are here to help.

Apply now using our secure online portal RRRF – Peace Country | Community Futures Peace Country (albertacf.com)

Your information will be held in a queue until program funds are received from the Federal Government.

You will be notified when your application is being processed. Applications will be accepted until **June 30, 2021.**

For more information visit: www.cfpeacecountry.com. Or call us 780-624.1161.

Current Community Futures Peace Country clients with an existing \$40,000 RRRF loan, can apply directly for up to \$20,000 in additional funding by logging into our secure online application portal. RRRF – Peace Country | Community Futures Peace Country (albertacf.com)

Please feel free forward this information to businesses you know!

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