



Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held on February 16, 2022 at 10:00am in the Council Chambers located at 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.

IMPORTANT PENALTY INFORMATION

Penalty charges on outstanding current taxes will be levied as follows:

- 2% penalty on September 16, 2021
- 2% penalty on October 15, 2021
- 2% penalty on November 15, 2021
- 2% penalty on December 15, 2021
- An additional 10% penalty will be calculated on all balances outstanding for 2021 and previous years on January 1, 2022.

TERVITA/SECURE ENERGY LANDFILL 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.

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, 2022. For more information and/or an application, please contact the MD133 office at 780-864-3500.

The MD continues to offer the Security Camera Rebate to our residents. We know the program is successful with “eyes” through our area capturing images of illegal activities as residents are able to report unlawful hunting, dumping, and THEFT to the authorities. We encourage you to report suspicious activities that you observe or capture on your security cameras.”

ARE YOU FEELING LONELY? ISOLATED? NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO? THERE ARE SOME OPTIONS FOR YOU TO RECEIVE MORE SUPPORT ...

CENTRAL PEACE FCSS

Home Support is available for more hours for your worker to ensure you are getting enough social support. Talk to Julie about options and getting more support with this program. 780-864-3500 ext. 206

KEEP IN TOUCH

This is a Province-wide program where you can sign up to get a phone call each week from a verified volunteer for safety. To register, call Julie at FCSS to register you, or you can register yourself by calling: 587-220-8977

SENIOR'S CENTRE WITHOUT WALLS

A free, phone-based program that offers a variety of interactive health and wellbeing information sessions, recreational activities, and friendly conversations. Programs include games, exercise classes, meditation and mindfulness, nutrition, book clubs, coffee chats, and more.

Open to older adults aged 55+ living anywhere in Alberta who find it difficult to leave their homes and participate in social activities in their community. Free of charge – all you need is a phone to call the toll-free number.

To register, please call the Edmonton Southside Primary Care Network at 780-3952626.

Seniors' Centre Without Walls - Edmonton Southside Primary Care Network | Edmonton Southside Primary Care Network (edmontonsouthsidepcn.ca)

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO TELL THE TRUE STORY OF RURAL ALBERTA'S INTERNET SPEEDS.

Complete the speed test to help us collect data!

- The federal government has historically assumed more of rural Alberta has high-speed Internet than is true!
- Tests taken in RMA municipalities so far in 2021 report a median download speed of 14 megabits per second (Mbps) and a median upload speed of 2.43 Mbps. This is well below the federal government's standard for basic Internet speeds, which is 50 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload.
- This gap demonstrates the need to bring high-speed Internet to all Albertans, but we need more data!

RMAAlberta.com/speed-test

Complete the test!



JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Check our website at www.mdspiritriv.ab.ca – Employment Opportunities.

REMINDER: CONTROLLED BURNS NOTIFICATIONS

Please notify us before you burn. Those who do not advise of controlled burns are subject to a \$500 fine. These rules apply year-round. When calling for a burn notification, please contact the MD Office at (780) 864-3500 Monday through Friday before 4:15pm.

FCSS NEWS



■ **COMMUNITY KITCHEN:** Has soups and meals available for seniors to pick up from our office. Also available through the food bank.

■ **MEALS ON WHEELS:** Fresh hot meals delivered to your door, up to 3x/week. Pick up is an option. \$11/meal, for seniors or anyone who has trouble making meals for themselves. Call or email us for details.

■ **REGULAR BUS TRIPS** to Grande Prairie available to public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$25/trip. Call the MD of Spirit River reception to book your seat: 780-864-3500.

■ **COMING IN MARCH:** Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – free filing service for eligible individuals and couples in the Central Peace region.

For further details and inquiries, please contact Julie & Petrina at the FCSS office: Phone: 780-864-3500, press 2, E-mail: fcss@mdspiritriv.ab.ca