



# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER

NO. 133

The next regular council meeting will be held April 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the MD Office in Spirit River.  
Regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month  
Reminder: Contact the MD office three days prior to meeting to be added to the agenda.

**MD #133 Fire Department: (Fire Chief – Bill Mortland)**  
Winter meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.  
The next scheduled practice/meeting is on April 27, 2011 at 7:30 pm.  
For more details call Bill at 864-3057 or 864-0782.

**Public Works (Jess Gingell – Public Works Supervisor)**  
In the event of Emergency Call out of Municipal Equipment please call, in the following order: Jess at (780) 864-9358 or Mike M at (780) 864-9365 or Kelly at (780) 864-8059

Public Works staff appreciates the patience shown by the ratepayers and travelling public during the spring melt. The low level crossing is flowing over the structure currently and will be opened as soon as safely possible. There were other areas where the water breached the roads and these will be fixed as soon as possible.

The 2011 Landowner maps of the MD # 133 are now available at the MD Office in Spirit River for \$20.00 plus GST.

2010 Financial Statements are now available and may be picked up at the M.D. #133 Administration Offices in Spirit River.

## Request for Proposals for Rural Range Road Signs

The Municipal District of Spirit River is requesting those qualified to supply Materials, Supplies and Labour to construct and install approximately 349 Rural Range Road Signs within the Municipality to pick up a Request for Proposal "RFP 01-2011"  
These are available at the Office or on the website.  
These Request for Proposals will be opened April 29, 2011 at 11:00 am (local time) at the Municipal District of Spirit River Office.  
Any inquiries can be forwarded to Kelly Hudson,  
CAO khudson@mdspiritriver.ab.ca or fax 780 864 4303.

## As per policy CEM.04



The Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 will on an annual basis consider providing grants to organizations for the enhancement or upgrade of cemeteries located within the Municipal boundaries. These grants are to be conditional grants for the specified purposes stated within the application for a grant made by a cemetery organization.  
The organization shall provide a full accounting for the grant funds advanced.  
Ordinary costs for maintenance of cemeteries are not eligible for these grants.

## Tree Orders

Anyone who ordered trees for spring delivery they will be delivered around the middle of May. You should be preparing to get these trees planted prior to delivery for best chance of survival.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**JOB TITLE: 3- Agriculture Service Board Technicians: Temporary – Seasonal Positions**

**WORK HOURS: 40 Hours / Week**

This employment opportunity is expected to commence on or about May 11th, 2011. Written applications will be accepted until May 1, 2011 and can be dropped off or mailed to the MD office. The successful applicant must be prepared to join C.U.P.E. Local 787 And must have a valid drivers licence. Agricultural experience an asset.

We would like to thank all applicants in advance however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.



**Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)**  
is currently hiring a **HOME SUPPORT WORKER**  
One position with our Helping Hands Home Support Program.

Duties will include light housekeeping, basic meal preparation, seasonal work such as snow shoveling or yard work, and elderly companionship.

Qualifications required include:

- Relevant experience in housekeeping and senior's home support
- Caring, honest, and compassionate personality
- Valid driver's license with reliable vehicle
- Willingness to obtain RCMP Criminal Record's Check and sign Oath of Confidentiality

Salary begins at \$15.00 per hour. Hours of work are currently 6 to 10 hours per week and is subject to change according to our client base.

Closing Date: April 21, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

We thank all applicants in advance for their interest, however, only those applicants who will be interviewed will be contacted.

Please submit cover letter along with resume and references in a sealed envelope marked "Personal & Confidential" to the attention of: Jane Reif

Via mail to: Box 389, Spirit River AB T0H 3G0

Via fax to: (780)864-4303

Via email to: jreif@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

## Clubroot Update

Please ensure that all equipment entering the region be washed and free of CLUBROOT.

Thinking of buying some farm equipment at an auction ?

Many farmers have been wondering about equipment moving in for oil & gas exploration, and what they can do to protect themselves. Keeping in mind that the current science says Clubroot is primarily a soil borne disease (not seed or straw), the best defence will be to try & ensure all equipment coming onto your farm has been thoroughly cleaned. Best case scenario, steam cleaned and then washed with water and a 1 – 2% bleach solution.

The Oil & Gas Companies approaching the MD for road permits are asked that any equipment being moved into the M.D. be thoroughly cleaned – and so far the companies seem to appreciate the concern and are acting on those requests. As landowners, when the landmen come calling that is something you can request as well – not that it be cleaned when it gets to your place, but before it leaves its' destination. The agreements you are asked to sign can be amended, get it put in writing, and further ask that you be notified before the equipment comes onto your property so you can inspect it. If it's asked often enough, it will become a standard business practice. Protect yourself and clean items bought at auction as well with the same diligence.

How serious a disease is Clubroot?

Keep in mind that the spores can survive in the soil for upwards of 20 years, so once it is introduced, it's there. In the most heavily infested fields around Edmonton, before it was realized how bad this can be, there were Canola crops deemed not worth harvesting – in a year when the fields around the infested ones were 50 bu/ac fields.

Yes, Clubroot resistance is being bred into Canola, but it won't be here next year, maybe not for another few years. And, like Blackleg, there are different strains of the disease so resistance will likely be a moving target the seed companies will be constantly aiming for. Protect yourself, if you can have equipment coming onto your farm from outside the area cleaned first, do it. Short rotations are what this disease prefers, so have a hard look at your rotations. Canola on Canola needs to be a last resort, we need to be thinking 1 in 3 or 1 in 4 years to ensure that if the disease is there, that the spore levels aren't given a chance to build up and devastate the crop.

For more info on Clubroot, check out the Alberta Agriculture and Agriculture Canada websites.