



# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER

NO. 133

The next regular council meetings will be held Aug. 18 & Sept. 1 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)**  
Summer meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month.  
The next scheduled practice/meeting is on August 24, 2011 at 7:30 pm.  
For more details call Bill at 864-3057 or 864-0782.

## REMINDER

PLEASE NOTIFY US BEFORE YOU BURN. Call Bill at (780) 864-3057 or (780) 864-0782 or MD Office at (780) 864-3500

**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.

### SHELTERBELT TREES

Shelterbelt Trees can be ordered from June 1, 2011 to March 15, 2012  
Order forms are available at the MD office  
Order early to ensure availability



The Municipalities that operate the Dunvegan Boat Launch are considering the value of the launch. It is becoming very expensive to operate the boat launch and they want to know how many users are receiving benefit from this launch. If you use the Dunvegan Boat Launch please call the office to be placed on a list so that we can provide this information to the group. This information will help to ensure the continuation of the boat launch maintenance.

### PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR CENTRAL PEACE FCSS

Central Peace FCSS is looking at starting a MEALS ON WHEELS Program for the area (Town of Spirit River, Village of Rycroft and the MD # 133 of Spirit River). In order to offer this program we need volunteers to be on the set up committee and volunteers to deliver the meals.

MEALS ON WHEELS is a program designed to help eligible persons maintain independence with nutritious meals delivered right to their home by caring volunteers.

In order to determine if there is an interest for this program we would like anyone who knows of someone who is ill, elderly, frail, convalescing, disabled or is unable to prepare meals for themselves, or of willing volunteers to Contact the MD # 133 of Spirit River at 780 864-3500 or Denise Skoworodko at 780 864-4065.

*This program is not currently available  
but rather we are trying to determine interest and volunteers.*

### Flood Assistance

The MD of Spirit River will be making an application to the Provincial Government under the Disaster Recovery Relief Program.

Residents who have experienced non-insurable damages due to the recent flooding should register with the MD as soon as possible to be considered for the program. Contact the MD office for more information.

The program details are available at:

[www.aema.alberta.ca/ps\\_disaster\\_recoveryprogram.cfm](http://www.aema.alberta.ca/ps_disaster_recoveryprogram.cfm)

### \*\*REMINDER\*\*

2011 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2011



## FCSS NEWS

Summer has come and now it is almost gone. This summer has had lots of rainy days, windy days, cold days but also some very nice warm days as the kids who attended Camp WaNaGo have experienced. This week is Camp WaNaGo's last week. The theme for week 7 is fairy tale. We are planning on going horseback riding, having a story teller come and tell an enchanted story, the girls will have an opportunity to have a makeover and get their nails and make up done and the boys will face off in a jousting competition, all children will also have an opportunity to dress up as their favorite, prince, princess, or any character they so wish to be. The mighty princes and the gorgeous princesses will also have a chance to build their kingdom as a craft. The last day of camp Friday August 19, 2011 Camp WaNaGo would like to invite all their campers from over the summer as well as some new recruits to enjoy a family BBQ at noon that would last till 3:00 pm with lots of activities that includes the whole family. Please register your child to ensure they have a chance to participate in all the exciting events our last week has to offer. Call the MD of Spirit River No. 133 at 780-864-3500 or stop by and register today!

## Rural Addressing signs installed in the MD

The Rural Addressing signs have now been installed to every residence within the MD. This Program assigns an address to each rural property so that its location can be easily identified and found by local service and utility companies and the general public.

Most importantly, however, the Rural Addressing Program allows the location of persons in crisis to be quickly identified by emergency response personal such as Police, Fire and Ambulance so that they can quickly and accurately respond to emergencies involving a threat to life, health, property or the safety of residents in the MD

*Please note: Magnetic markers have been placed on the pole of each Rural Address sign and should be removed and placed on your refrigerator.*

*Simply go to your sign, peel off the magnetic marker, write your address on it and place it on your refrigerator. All of the signs are up. If you do not have a sign please call the office.*

Rural Addresses are based on access locations along Township Roads, Range Roads and Highways.

## Public Input Requested

Development in the Province of Alberta has generally been municipally regulated. In history if you wished to build anything from a house to a gas plant or a hog barn you had to talk to the local municipality. In the nineties Alberta legislation was changed giving the authority to approve oil and gas developments within municipalities by the ERCB and followed up by provincial authority to approve confined feeding operations by the NRCB rather than the local municipality. New legislation has been introduced in Alberta called the Land Use Framework (LUF) which is looking at a top down process for development. Rather than the province moving and developing based on each municipality that all the needs of the provinces people be addressed including conservation, recreation, oil and gas extraction, agriculture, forestry and wildlife be considered as a provincial document that overrides the individuals perspectives to provide a consistent growth to the province without harm or detriment to another.

The province will be looking at the Peace River upper and lower water basins as one area, likely fall 2012, for input as to what is important and how to balance and protect the needs and wants of Albertans. The local municipalities are in the process of preparing a presentation to the committees responsible for drafting these rules of the future and are requesting your input. The Council has been asked to complete a survey by mid October and would like to include your input. This survey can be found on our website or you can contact the office to have one delivered to you. We would like to have your comments by the end of September.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT

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 has given First Reading to Bylaw No. 04-AM-11, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to rezone a parcel of land located on PT. SE 22-78-6-W6M.

The purpose of this hearing is to review a rezoning application to re designate a portion of Southeast 22 78-6-W6M from Agriculture (A) Country Residential 1 (CR1) District for the purpose of allowing a subdivision for four residential properties. This property adjacent the Town of Spirit River south boundary.

Copies of the Land Use Bylaw amendment are available for public inspection at the Municipal District office in Spirit River during normal business hours as well as on the Municipal District's website at <http://www.mdspiritrivier.ab.ca/>

A Public Hearing for this bylaw will be held in Council Chambers at 11:00 am on August 18th, 2011. Any person wishing to appear before Council may attend the hearing and their submissions will be heard. Written submissions may be submitted to the Municipal District office prior to the hearing.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2011.

Kelly Hudson, Chief Administrative Officer