



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER

NO. 133

The next regular council meeting will be held June 16, 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)

Summer meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The next scheduled practice/meeting is on June 22, 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

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

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

Notice of Mailing of Assessment & Tax Notices for the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

Notice is hereby given that the assessment and tax notices for the 2011 taxation year will be mailed May 24th, 2011 and will be payable on or before September 15th, 2011. 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.

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 July 23, 2011.

Please Note: There is a typing error on the MD #133 2011 Tax Notices and Property Assessments.

Under the heading "Total Current Taxes Payable for 2011" on your tax notice it should read as follows:

Amount Payable on September 16, 2011

Amount Payable on October 16, 2011 not 2010 as shown

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please contact our office during regular business hours.

Rural Addressing for Every Home in the MD Is Here

Thanks to a Municipal Sustainability Grant from Municipal Affairs the MD has entered into an agreement with Wapiti Gravel Suppliers to provide and install all of the Rural Addressing Signs. Each Resident will be getting a sign that indicates where their driveway meets the Rural Road. These locations are based on GPS and will be used for emergency response vehicles and even home deliveries by couriers. We were having concerns by residents that could not even get a phone or satellite installed without a rural address. The MD has been working with Telus on this project for two years establishing the GPS locations and updating the GIS computer system to make this project work. Once the signs are all installed Telus who operates the 911 system will switch over to the rural addressing method of directing Police, Fire and Ambulance. It is anticipated that in the next few weeks you will start to see the signs going up. The signs will be located on the property line in clear view of the road, within 6.1 meters (20 feet) of the entrance to the property and no lower than 3.3 feet from the ground to the bottom of the sign. The contractor will be making Alberta one calls to locate gas lines and communication cables so that none of these underground facilities are hit while driving the posts one meter into the ground. These signs are preferred to be on the right side of the driveway when entering but if they need to be relocated to the left that is acceptable. If they need to be moved please contact the office before the locate is completed as this will save time.

A Rural Address is not a mailing address and therefore; there will be no need to change any of your personal information. The MD is looking at providing a magnetic patch for your refrigerator that you can write your legal location and rural address on for reference.

Please watch for further articles on how the system works.



FARM SAFETY ACCIDENT EXTRICATION COURSE

MD # 133 Fire Department and the Rycroft Ag Society will be hosting a free farm safety accident extrication course.

Where : Agri Plex in Rycroft, AB

When : Saturday June 11 or Sunday June 12

Time : 8 30 am to 4.00 pm

Call Bill Mortland @ 780 864-0782 or Brian Ballard @ 780 864-3760 for more info.

Mark Your Berry Trees

The Municipal District will be commencing spraying operations along the rights of way beginning June 1st for the control of noxious weeds and unwanted bush control. There will be no spraying 50 meters each side of farm yards and dugouts without signed permission from the landowner. It is the landowners responsibility to register where they would like the MD not to spray by entering into a do not spray agreement. If you require "Do not spray signs" they are available at the MD Office for \$5.00 and must be displayed in a visible area. Agreements can be signed that will allow the MD to spray unwanted weeds and brush that may be within 1.5 meters of the fence line on the farm property. Efforts to not spray berry trees along right of ways will be undertaken if the areas are registered and flagged. Any questions can be addresses to Kelly Hudson, Agricultural Fieldman 780-864-3500

DUST CONTROL 2011 PROGRAM

The MD of Spirit River will be applying Calcium Chloride as a dust suppressant. Our dust control program cost sharing program will operate similar to previous years.

Please notify The Public Works Supervisor Jess Gingell @ 780 864-9358 for dust control application/ concerns regarding dust control.