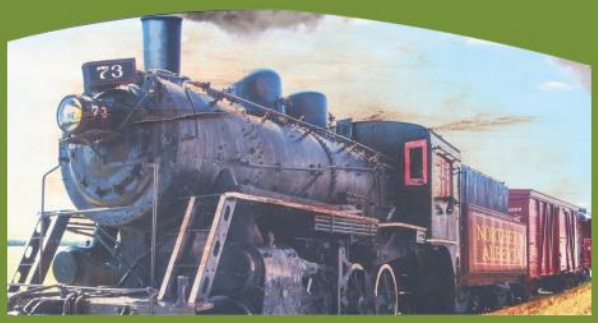

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
of SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133

Phone: (780) 864-3500 | **Fax:** (780) 864-4303
PO Box 389, Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0
www.mdspiritriver.ab.ca
Facebook: Municipal District of Spirit River

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm
(Closed for lunch from 12pm to 1pm and closed all statutory holidays)

September 19,2024 Newsletter

The next Council Meeting will be held on October 2,2024 at 9:00am in the Council Chambers located in the MD Office in Spirit River. Council meetings are open to the public and we welcome all to attend!

Some of the following motions were made at our Council Meeting on Sept.18,2024.

A. STARS Request to Renew Annual Funding

000.00.00.24 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 approve an annual donation of $2,500 per year to STARS, further that the contribution be a standing yearly motion which will be added to annual MD financial budget. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. CN Rail: Proclamation of Rail Safety Week in the Municipal District from September 23rd -29th

000.00.00.24 Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that Council declares September 23rd to September 29th, 2024, as Rail Safety Week in the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

C. Grant Agreement - Saddle Hills County - RE: Land Purchase PT. SE 22 78 6 W 6th

000.00.00.24 Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 enter into an Agreement with Saddle Hills County for a conditional grant in the amount of $350,000.00 to be utilized for the purchase of the lands located at PT. SE 22 78 6 W 6th with the condition that 15 acres be titled to the G5 and be utilized for the future development of a hospital. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Anyone wishing to review more of our Council Meeting minutes can visit the MD of Spirit River #133 website under Council and Council Meeting Minutes.

Public Works

In the event of Emergency Call out of Municipal Equipment please call: David Johnson 780 864-9600.

☐ **REMINDER , 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 office Monday through Friday before 4:15pm. MD Office at (780) 864-3500

R360 ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS CANADA LANDFILL IS OPEN TO MD RATEPAYERS ONLY

MD residents will be asked to show their Landfill Usage Card upon entering the land fill site.

Regular Landfill Take in days:
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 10am-4pm
Closed: Monday, Tuesday & Sunday

R360 LANDFILL will no longer be accepting any chemical jugs or containers.

If you have any questions, please contact the landfill at 780-765-3745
Or the MD of Spirit River office at 780-864-3500

LANDFILL CARD UPDATE

Attention MD Residents,

Landfill cards that have been issued with an expiration date do not need to be renewed unless you are renting

your land. If you own your property and your Landfill Card has an expiration date on it, please disregard this expiration date. Your Landfill card will remain active until you have either reached your load limit, you have sold your land, or if you have lost your Landfill privileges. If you are renting in the MD of Spirit River and your Landfill Card has expired, please stop by the office for renewal.

LANDFILL HOURS FOR MD #133

WEDNESDAY – 9AM TO 5PM
THURSDAY – 9AM TO 5PM
FRIDAY – 9AM TO 5PM
SATURDAY – 10AM TO 4PM
YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY OUTSIDE OF THE POSTED HOURS

CANNOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- **FREE LIQUIDS OR LIQUIDS OF ANY KIND**
  - **INCLUDING PAINT OR USED OIL**
- **BIOLOGICAL OR BIO-MEDICAL WASTE**
  - **CARCASS OR ANIMAL/HUMAN WASTE**
- **CHEMICAL JUGS**
  - **PLEASE RETURN TO ORIGIN OF PURCHASE OR CALL SUPPLIER FOR MORE INFORMATION**
- **LITHIUM BATTERIES**

IF UNSURE ASK THE OPERATOR OR FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CALL (780)765-3745 PRIOR TO BRINGING THE WASTE TO OUR FACILITY.

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL RESIDENTS ARE APPROVED TO BRING IN 1 TONNE OF WASTE PER YEAR UNLESS GIVING PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE MD 133 OFFICE ADMINISTRATION (780) 864-3500

ALL RESIDENTS MUST HAVE A LANDFILL CARD ASSIGNED TO THEM PRIOR TO USING OUR FACILITY UNLESS APPROVAL HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE MD 133 OFFICE ADMINISTRATION – (780) 864-3500

September
at the
library
Wednesday
September 18
Kids Kreate
3:30-5:00
Thursday
September 12
Book Club
5:30-6:00
Thursday
September 26
YOUth Time
5:00-6:30
Friday
September 27
Community Cafe
5:30-9ish
COMING SOON
Storytime
Saturday afternoon
Watch
for
posters
Rycroft Community Library
4724 50th Street
Box 248 Rycroft, AB T0H 3A0
Phone: (780) 765-3973
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SPIRIT RIVER
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GET IN THE SPIRIT

With competitive taxes and land prices, the MD of Spirit River is the right choice.

The Perfect Opportunity

The MD of Spirit River is now offering a **52-acre parcel with 543 metres of rail frontage** and **an 86-acre parcel with 815 metres of rail frontage**. These parcels can be subdivided to suit the needs of the buyer.

Build a service industry, grain handling or value-added agricultural business. Additional opportunities exist in the MD and the rapidly growing Town of Spirit River.

The MD of Spirit River is a half hour's drive north of the City of Grande Prairie along Highway 49. Located in the MD of Spirit River are Richardson Pioneer International, Parrish & Heimbecker, G3 Canada Limited and Cargill Canada.

CONTACT

Dan Dibbelt today!

780-864-3500

ddibbelt@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

The MD of Spirit River is the grain handling capital of Northern Alberta.

The Town of Spirit River sits in the middle of the MD and offers all services.

Grande Prairie Airport has direct flights to Edmonton and Calgary with international connections.

Grande Prairie Family Education Society
SENSORY, STORIES, & SONGS!
RYCROFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY
WEDNESDAYS 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM
SEPTEMBER 18TH - OCTOBER 30TH
REGISTER AT
FACILITATOR@GPFES.COM
OR
FEEL FREE TO DROP IN!!
(SMALL SNACK PROVIDED)
BRING YOUR CHILDREN
(0-6 YEARS OLD) TO
EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF
SENSORY PLAY WITH YOU, THROUGH
ACTIVITIES LIKE:
*STORIES *SONGS
*SAND PLAY *WATER PLAY
*FINGERPAINTING *BUBBLES
*MAKING PLAYDOUGH
Alberta Provincial Family Resource Networks
Grande Prairie and Area
Family Resource Network
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THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER No.133

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133, in the Province of Alberta has given first reading to Bylaw 08-2024 , which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the dissolution of the ward electoral system and implement an at-large voting system in the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133. Further, it will increase councillor representation to five (5) councillors, elected at-large, representing the municipality as a whole.

The proposed Bylaw was given first reading at a Council Meeting held on September 18th, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 that, unless a sufficient petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw 08-2024 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Part 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the said council may pass the said Bylaw.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly.

A copy of the proposed Bylaw is available for inspection at the Municipal District Administration Office, 4202 – 50 Street, Spirit River, Alberta during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excepting statutory holidays. A copy of the proposed Bylaw can be found on-line at www.mdspiritriver.ab.ca.

Electors may submit a petition for a vote of the electors to determine whether the proposed Bylaw should be passed. Anyone wishing to file a petition regarding the proposed Bylaw must do so in compliance with the requirements contained in sections 222 – 226 and 231 of the *Municipal Government Act,* R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, which include (but are not limited to) the following:

- A petition must be filed with the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 within 60 days after October 3rd, 2024, the last date on which the proposed Bylaw is to be advertised. Accordingly, this puts the deadline to file the petition at: December 2nd, 2024.
- Only electors of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 are eligible to be petitioners;
- The petition must be signed by electors of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 equal in number to at least 10% of the population;
- Each page of the petition must contain an identical statement of purpose of the petition. The petition must include, for each petitioner, the petitioner's printed surname, given name or initials and signature, the street address of the petitioner or the legal description of the land on which the petitioner lives, the petitioner's telephone number or email address, if any, and the date on which the petitioner signs the petition.
- An adult witness to the signature of each petitioner must sign opposite the petitioner's signature and swear an affidavit that the petitioner, to the best of the witness's knowledge, is entitled to sign the petition. The petition should also attach a signed statement of a person who states to be the representative of the petitioners and to whom the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 may direct inquiries about the petition.

Any questions regarding this notice, or the proposed Bylaw, may be directed to Dan Dibbelt, Chief Administrative Officer at 780-864-3500 or ddibbelt@mdspiritriver.ab.ca.

DATED at the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, in the Province of Alberta this 19th, day of September, 2024.

Per: Dan Dibbelt, Chief Administrative Officer

Thank you
Wanham Trucking & Burnt Offerings
for sponsoring
Community
Cafe
Hosted by
Steve and Janet
Friday's
5:30-9ish
September 27
October 11
October 25
November 8
November 22
December 13
Join us in an evening of local talent
Rycroft Community Library
4724 50th Street
Box 248 Rycroft, AB T0H 3A0
Phone: (780) 765-3973
For more infomation
contact Steve
@ 780 500 9553
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Clothing Swap

Come support
our programs……
such as
Tuesdays Ladies Night

October 19th and 20th

12-4

at the
Rycroft
Community
Hall

Donations can be
dropped off at the library
starting September 15

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Central Peace Family & Community Support Services

serving the MD #133, Spirit River, Rycroft, and western Birch Hills County

Community Kitchen: There are soups and meals available to any seniors & individuals wanting support, contact our office. FCSS and South Peace Rural Community Learning are collaborating to bring more opportunities for volunteers to attend kitchen events and socialize and learn skills and cooking literacy.

Other available programs for residents include: Home Support (subsidized light housekeeping) and Meals on Wheels- looking for support to provide meals on Mondays. Please contact us for details.

FCSS Coordinator: there are changes happening in the FCSS office, as of the end of August. We thank everyone in advance for their patience while a new Coordinator is found and starts managing the FCSS program.

Get your community event in the monthly Community Connect: just email cphawc2.connect@outlook.com by the 20th of the month before publication. You can also join the email list to receive the Community Connect by emailing cphawc1@outlook.com

For contact information: ***FCSS office: 780-864-3500 press 2,*** *or ext. 206,* ***or email us at fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca*** ***Visit our website*** *at: www.centralpeacefcss.ca*

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Employment Opportunity

Job Title: Transit Bus Driver
Department: Public Works Department
Reports To: Public Works Supervisor or Assistant Public Works Supervisor
Standard Hours: 40 hours

Reporting directly to the Public Works Supervisor or designate, the Transit Bus Driver works closely in conjunction with MD administration in coordinating bus trips.
The Bus Driver provides a service to people with and without medical mobility issues, is responsible for minor maintenance and consistently ensures passengers are safe and comfortable.
In addition to operating the transit bus, the driver will also be responsible for maintaining MD office walkways; removal of snow from ALL walkways at the Public Works Building and the Administration Buildings (including the Brownlee Building) in the winter months as well as keeping all three MD buildings clear of debris by sweeping the walkways in the summer months.
This position will require the employee to work one day per week (tentatively Monday's) to assist the Public Works department with additional works projects.

Taking applications until a suitable candidate is selected. Please submit your resume in person, mail or via e-mail in confidence to:

Dan Dibbelt, Chief Administrative Officer & Shirley Hayden, HR Coordinator
E-mail: ddibbelt@mdspiritriver.ab.ca & shayden@mdspiritriver.ab.ca
Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133
P.O. Box 389
4202 – 50th St.
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Employment Opportunity

Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
and the MD of Spirit River No.133 are currently hiring for:
FCSS COORDINATOR

The Central Peace Family Community Support Services is a three municipality inter-municipal program administered by the MD of Spirit River No.133 and including the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft. We have an exciting career opportunity for a well-organized, enthusiastic, creative, flexible and adaptable professional who will bring innovative and effective leadership to the position of Family and Community Support Services Coordinator.

The successful candidate will be charged with the responsibility of managing the FCSS program, working with the Board in the design, implementation, coordination, administration, and financial reporting, of preventative social service programs that conform to the intent and guidelines of the Provincial Government's FCSS program. A copy of the full job description is available upon request.

The Ideal Candidate will have the following Qualifications:

- Ability to manage multiple projects and tasks in an ever-changing, fast-paced environment
- Excellent organizational and communication skills, both verbal and written
- Experience or demonstrated ability to prepare budgets and manage projects within budget
- Experience and working knowledge of Microsoft Office
- Strong public relations skills including public speaking, media relations, and presentation skills
- Experience in a Leadership role, strong leadership skills, experience delegating duties, and supervising others
- Ability to work collaboratively with Board, staff, funders, stakeholders, and community members and organizations
- Passion for helping others and enhancing community connectivity, creative problem-solving ability, highly motivated, and ability to maintain a high level of understanding and awareness of local community needs
- Able to work flexible hours as required
- Commitment to represent the employer with integrity and professionalism
- Current First Aid with CPR is an asset
- Criminal Record Check will be required

Applications are open until a suitable candidate is hired. We thank all applicants in advance for their interest, only candidates to be interviewed will be contacted.

The MD of Spirit River No.133 offers a competitive salary and benefits package for this permanent position. If interested, submit your resume in confidence, including salary expectations and three references to the attention of:

Shirley Hayden
Human Resources Advisor, Municipal District of Spirit River No.133
P.O. Box 389 Spirit River AB T0H 3G0
Via email to: shayden@mdspiritriver.ab.ca
Or drop off at the MD of Spirit River office: 4202- 50 st Spirit River:
Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch from noon to 1:00)

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Central Peace
Family and Community
Support Services

Employment Opportunity

Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is currently hiring a PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Central Peace FCSS is looking for a creative and enthusiastic individual to fill the position of Program Assistant.

Reporting to the Program Coordinator, the successful candidate will carry out the following responsibilities:

- To assist the Program Coordinator with the planning, organizing, and evaluation of FCSS programs and services.
- To plan and organize programs that enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.
- To assist with the planning and implementation of special events and celebrations.
- To serve as a community referral agent with the objective of connecting individuals with the appropriate resources.
- To collaborate with service agencies and businesses operating within the community to deliver social initiatives.
- To assist in the administrative functions of the FCSS department, including report writing, production of advertising and marketing materials, understanding and working with project budgets, and other duties as directed by the Program Coordinator. As well as acting in place of the Coordinator on occasion.

Qualifications for this position include:

- Strong skills in networking and advocating for programs to other professionals and volunteers in the community.
- The ability to relate effectively to people of diverse economic, social and ethnic backgrounds.
- Patience and flexibility in an ever changing environment.
- Good communication and organization skills.
- Professionalism is a must in attire and attitude.
- Respect and confidentiality is required in dealings with FCSS programs, clients and board members.
- Firm understanding of Social Media for the use of networking and advertising. i.e. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Proficiency in Excel, Microsoft Word, and Publisher is an asset.
- Data entry and website editing and design are valuable skills.
- Experience working in the human services field is an asset.

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: Shirley Hayden

Via mail to: Box 389, Spirit River AB T0H 3G0
Via email to: shayden@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

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FOUNDATION
HARVEST
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Grande Spirit Foundation
$80 Per Person / $800 Corporate Table
DELICIOUS BUFFET DINNER
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY NIGHT RYDERS
OCTOBER 5, 2024
DOORS OPEN @ 5PM
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POMEROY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TICKETS OR TO MAKE A DONATION CONTACT:
Wendy Doucet
wdoucet@hotmail.ca
(780-978-3310)
Paula McGregor
pmcgregor@grandespirit.org
(532-2905 ext 155)

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of SPIRIT RIVER No.133 PHOTO CONTEST 2024

Showcase your photography skills and our beautiful scenery here in the Peace Country!

You are invited to participate in our Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 **PHOTO CONTEST! FIRST PRIZE $200.00 – Runner up $100.00 - Enter up to 10 photos per person!**

To be eligible for the contest, all photos submitted must be taken within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133. Please give a description of where the photo was taken and when. By entering and participating in the contest, you consent to the use of your photographs by the MD of Spirit River, during or after the contest closing date, without compensation. Photos may be submitted in either color or black and white. Each photo should be at least a 5 x 7 or larger. Hard copies can be mailed to the MD of Spirit River No.133 Box 389 Spirit River, AB. T0H 3G0. Digital copies may be emailed to: mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca. Don't forget to include your name and contact information!

Waiver forms/model releases and/or copyright laws are the responsibilities of the entrants.

Photos must be submitted by October 18,2024.

The winners will be selected by November 1, 2024.

The pictures and WINNERS will be posted on our Facebook page and all WINNERS will be notified by phone or email.

Thank you for your entries and GOOD LUCK!

Join us twice a month

September 17
games and giggles
October 15
crafts and connection
November 12
games and giggles

Connection

October 1
Oils and Blends
October 29
Tears
November 26
TBA

Wellness

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NORTHERN LIGHTS FIBER

northernlightsfiber.ca

https://www.northernlightsfiber.ca

Attention! Municipal District of Spirit River #133 Residents!

If you are interested in getting Fiber Optics to your residence or business, please go online and submit a request.
3 simple steps to submit a request, go to:

1) Northernlightsfiber.ca
2) Project Aurora
3) At the top of the page- Click for form

Submit a NO Obligation Fiber Access Request (FAR) to ensure your home gets fiber optics lines built. Click Here.

"Central Peace Health Complex Hospital Auxiliary is selling raffle tickets for their yearly fundraiser. All proceeds stay local and go towards much needed hospital equipment. $2.00/ticket. 1st Prize is a beautiful machine quilted quilt, valued at $1000 (Pictured). 2nd Prize is $400 in gift cards. 3rd Prize is $150 Cash. Please contact Marion Chugg (780-864-2705) or Dixie (780-500-9214) to purchase tickets. Draw date Dec.4,2024"

YOUTH TIME
ages 13-17
5:00-6:30
THURSDAY's
Once a month
September 26
Lasagna
October 24
Burger & Fries
November 28
Chili and Bun
December 19
Pizza
Join us
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