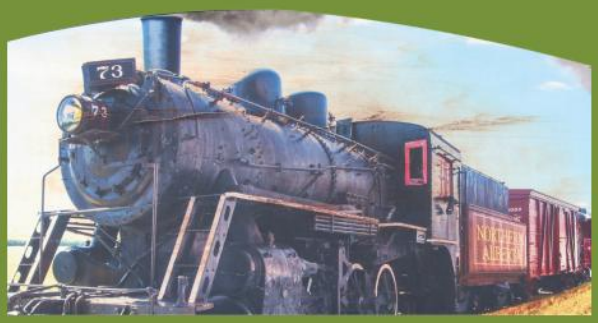

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
of SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133

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

Dec.19,2024 Newsletter

The next Council Meeting will be held on January 15,2025 at 5:00pm 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 Dec.18, 2024.

322.12.18.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that Council Reports - The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 - 2024 Year in Review reports: Administration, Public Works, Agricultural, Finance and Development Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Potential G5 collaboration with Grande Spirit Foundation (GSF) for an Affordable Housing Apartment Complex, in the Town of Spirit River.

326.12.18.24 Moved by Councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 send a letter to the Grande Spirit Foundation (GSF) supporting a collaboration between GSF and the G5 municipalities to resolve the lack of affordable housing in Spirit River by constructing an apartment complex in the Town of Spirit River, with funds coming from the Affordable Housing Grant as well as cost-sharing between GSF and the partner municipalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Appointment of the Returning Officer and Substitute Officer 2025 Election, Louise Gostick and Montana Kuhar.

329.12.18.24 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that council appoint Louise Gostick as Returning Officer and appoint Montana Kuhar as the Substitute Returning Officer for the purposes of conducting the 2025 Municipal General Election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Anyone wishing to review 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 landfill 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

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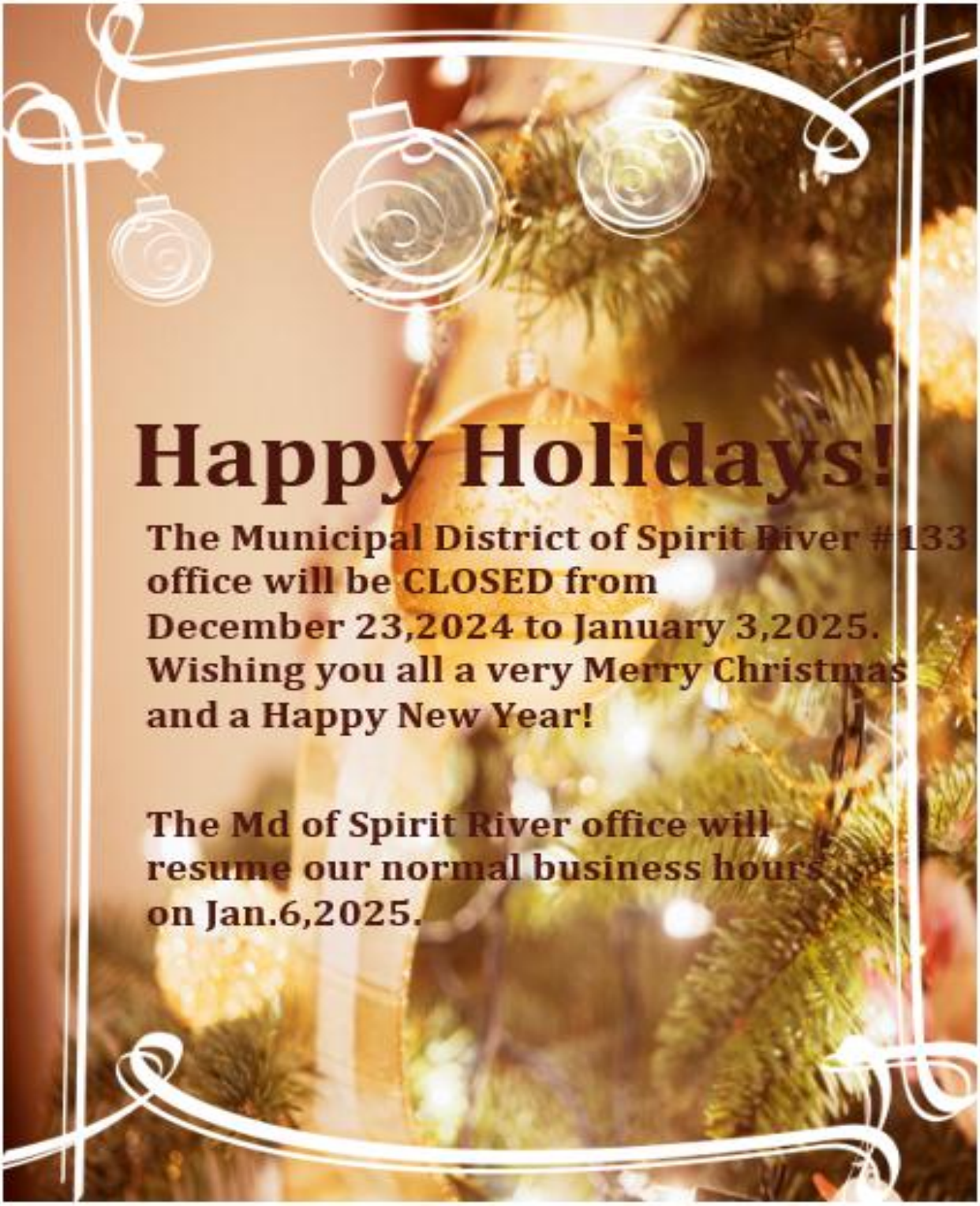
Public Reminder:

The public is always welcome to attend our council meetings. In fact, we encourage people to do so! We would just like to remind people to be courteous, and we ask that the public remain in our foyer during the "Closed Sessions" of our meetings, as posted. Please respect our staff. If you cannot abide by our rules, or if you become disruptive, you will be asked to leave the premises. Thank you for your consideration.

Municipal District of Spirit River #133


Happy Holidays!
The Municipal District of Spirit River #133 office will be CLOSED from December 23,2024 to January 3,2025.
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
The Md of Spirit River office will resume our normal business hours on Jan.6,2025.

TRANSIT BUS SCHEDULE DURING OUR MD OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE:

The MD of Spirit River Transit Bus will not be in service from Dec.23rd 2024 through Jan.6th 2025.

The bus will be back to the normal schedule on Jan.7th 2025. Happy Holidays!

BOOKING NOW
NEW PILOT PROGRAM - FRIDAY BUS ROUTE
Every Friday, starting on November 22nd, the MD bus will take passengers back and forth between Spirit River and Rycroft on a scheduled route with stops in each community every half hour, as per the schedule. This pilot program will run until February 28th; when continuation of the program will be determined based on ridership.
This addition to the existing program aims to provide passengers access to local goods & services and local events. The MD hopes to expand on existing partnerships with local organizations and businesses to ensure the success of this new program.
If you would like to collaborate with the MD, whether you are a business owner interested in being a scheduled stop, or an organization interested in hosting events on Fridays, please contact our office at 780-864-3500 or Monty Kuhar at Mkuhar@mdspiritriver.ab.ca
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PILOT PROGRAM SCHEDULE - EVERY FRIDAY

COST TO RIDE IS $5/ROUND TRIP. DISCOUNTS UNAVAILABLE FOR ONE WAY TRIPS.

SPIRIT RIVER SCHEDULED STOPS: TOWN OFFICE, PLEASANTVIEW LODGE, IGA/MALL
RYCROFT SCHEDULED STOPS: VILLAGE OFFICE, RYCROFT LIBRARY, CO-OP, MERRY PIONEERS/RYCROFT COMMUNITY HALL, CENTRAL PEACE FOOD BANK*,

PLEASE CONTACT THE FOOD BANK TO SET UP A PRIVATE PICK-UP TIME.

8:30am pick-ups @ Town office and Pleasantview Lodge, departs by 8:50am *(Div's Pharmacy is open)*
9:00am arrives in Rycroft, drop off/pick-up @ Village office and Co-op, departs by 9:20am
9:30am arrives in Spirit River, *(IGA & Rexall are open)*, departs by 9:50am
10:00am arrives in Rycroft, departs by 10:20am
10:30am arrives in Spirit River, *(Fields is open)*, departs by 10:50am
11:00am arrives in Rycroft, departs by 11:20am
11:30am arrives in Spirit River, departs by 11:50am
12:00pm arrives in Rycroft, *(Library is open)*

Half hour lunch break, departs by 12:50pm

1:00pm arrives in Spirit River, departs by 1:20pm
1:30pm arrives in Rycroft, *(Merry Pioneers is open)* departs by 1:50pm
2:00pm arrives in Spirit River, departs by 2:20pm
2:30pm arrives in Rycroft, departs by 2:50pm
3:00pm arrives in Spirit River, departs by 3:20pm
3:30pm arrives in Rycroft, last trip to Rycroft, departs by 3:50pm
4:00pm arrives in Spirit River, final drop-offs for the day @ Town office and Pleasantview Lodge

NOW BOOKING

Bus Tours of the 2024 Northern Spirit Light Show

The Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 is pleased to announce we are now taking bookings for our annual Bus Tours of the Northern Spirit Light Show at Evergreen Park in Grande Prairie.

The bus will be leaving the M.D office at 4:30p.m. and Pleasant View Lodge in Spirit River at 4:45 p.m. on the following dates:

Friday Dec. 6th — Friday Dec. 13th — Friday Dec. 20th

Call the office at 780-864-3500 to save a spot on the bus!

Bus Fare: Age 16+ $25
Under 16 $5

Due upon registration. Riders are responsible for all expenses over and above the bus fare. Please provide your own food and beverages.

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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.

Central Peace Family & Community Support Services

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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS! We are in the final days of wrapping up our FCSS Christmas programs, and want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported the programs. These programs could not happen without the generous support of both our businesses and caring individuals. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! January 12, 2025 at the Rycroft Community Hall. We are excited to host our first COMMUNITY KITCHEN of 2025! Everyone is welcome, there is NO CHARGE, starts at 10am, plan to cook, eat, and socialize. Check our website and Facebook page or call our office for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
GET YOUR SHOVEL ON! The SNOW ANGELS Program NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! FCSS is working to match VOLUNTEERS who are willing and able to shovel snow with SENIORS and other residents who are NOT ABLE to shovel. The snow has fallen, we are ready to put you to work! Please call or email the FCSS office to find out how to volunteer. If you are in need of snow removal, call the FCSS office to find out more. Please be aware that this program is VOLUNTEER-DEPENDENT.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED! Help deliver our hot meals on Wednesdays or Fridays. This usually takes about an hour to an hour and a half. Call or email us for more information. Meals on Wheels is hot meals delivered to your door; currently delivered Wednesdays and Fridays and is intended for persons that are unable to obtain or prepare their own meals,; Meals on Wheels is CLOSED OVER THE HOLIDAYS FROM DECEMBER 21, 2024 TO JANUARY 8, 2025

HOME SUPPORT – for a senior over the age of 55 years, any person with a disability, new mothers (short-term basis only), any person recovering from a surgery or operations (short-term basis only), any person dealing with death of an immediate family member (short-term basis only); call or email FCSS to find out more!

FCSS OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS! If you are in need of supports during this time, please go to the Central Peace Health Complex Emergency Room for medical or mental health support, you can also call the Mental Health Crisis Hotline (1-877-303-2642). In the event you are experiencing food scarcity, contact our local food bank. If you are experiencing financial crisis, contact Alberta Support at 1-866-644-5135. Over the holidays, you can reach FCSS on the FCSS cell phone at 780-864-5698 or check our website or Facebook pages for information and links.

Rebecca Fitzsimmons FCSS Coordinator

Central Peace Family and Community Support Services
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We respectfully acknowledge that we are located on Treaty 8 land, the traditional home of many First Nations and Métis.

CONCERNED ABOUT THE FULL-TIME AFSC POSITION BEING REDUCED TO ONE DAY A WEEK? PLEASE ADVOCATE TO KEEP SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY AND CALL THESE CONTACTS TO EXPRESS YOUR CONCERN:

DARRYL KAY	ANDRE HARPE
CEO, AFSC	BOARD of DIRECTORS
780-679-1739	780-814-0964
Dkay@afsc.ca	Aharpe@telusplanet.net

The Municipal District of Spirit River #133 is currently seeking a full-time heavy equipment operator. Please see the MD of Spirit River Website for our employment opportunities.

WE ARE HIRING

MD OF SPIRIT RIVER IS HIRING

We are looking for an ambitious student to work after school a few days a week from 3:30pm to 5:30pm for Public Works.

PART TIME STUDENT LABOUR POSITION

MUST HAVE OWN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM PUBLIC WORKS. NO EXPEIRIENCE REQUIRED. PLEASE SEND RESUME TO MDSR133@MDSPIRITRIVER.AB.CA OR SAMTING@MDSPIRITRIVER.AB.CA OR DROP OF AT 4202 50 ST AT OUR OFFICE. JOB DETAILS ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

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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"

By Appointment

Connie and Steve share their knowledge that they have gained from doing their own and helping others over the years
They can also meet up individually if a better time is needed

Contact info

Steve@ steve.everitt@gmail.com

or

call the library (780) 765-3973

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Saturday Story Time

Parents must be present

Join us
For story,
craft
and a snack

Saturday
Dec 21
2:30 - 3:30

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