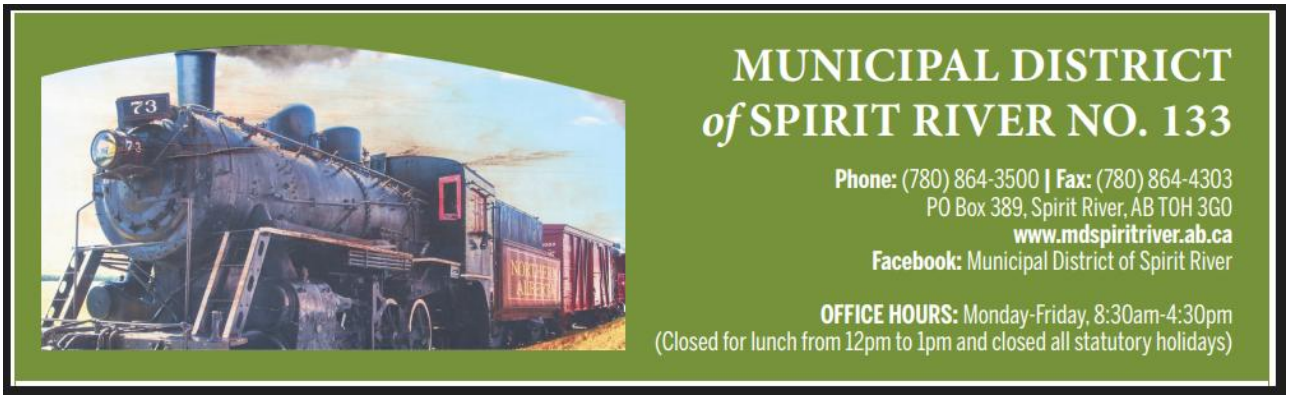

Jan.24,2025 Newsletter

The next Council Meeting will be held on February 5th2025 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 Jan.15,2025.

008.01.15.25 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Northwestern Alberta Foundation - 7 over 70 - Sponsorship Request be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

009.01.15.25 Moved by councillor Nick vanRootselaar that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 enter into an agreement with Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) to establish the Veterinary Health Program Extension Agreement in the Jurisdiction of The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 for the 2025 Calendar Year and the contract be revised in the amount of 11,500.00.

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

Used Book Sale

In January 2025 marked books will be for sale for $1 at the Rycroft Community Library

RYCROFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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
Municipal District of Spirit River
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
TO GRANDE PRAIRIE
CALL 780.864.3500
MD133
SPIRIT RIVER
G3smarter.ca
Alberta
Connect with us
780-864-3500
mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca
www.mdspiritriver.ab.ca

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

MD 133
SPIRIT RIVER
780 864-3500

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

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.

FCSS staff have to be out of the office on occasion. If you require in-person assistance, please CALL AHEAD (780-864-3500 extension 206) to ensure that someone will be available to help!

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.

A HUGE SHOUT-OUT to our VOLUNTEERS for your help with Kids & Seniors gifts, and Seniors Christmas Meals. Thank YOU! SINCERE GRATITUDE to our SPONSORS for your time, energy, and financial sponsorship, making Christmas 2024 extra-special for many local families! Thank YOU! SO VERY GRATEFUL to our local businesses, teams, groups, individuals, and corporations for your financial contributions! Thank YOU! To our LOCAL RETAILERS for your participation in the new Christmas Sharing Program, YOU MADE SHARING POSSIBLE! Thank YOU!

WE NEED YOUR INPUT! If you received or sponsored any of our Christmas programs, please complete a survey – your feedback will help us make our Christmas Programs better! Surveys can be found the Central Peace FCSS website homepage!

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 operation (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!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN – Thank you to everyone who came out to our January 2025 Community Kitchen, and to our sponsors, Coop and NAF – watch for our February Community Kitchen date!

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES! 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). If you are experiencing financial crisis, contact Alberta Support at 1-866-644-5135. During our non—business hours, you can reach FCSS on the FCSS cell phone at 780-864-5698 or check our website or Facebook pages for information and links.

Maya Lipon FCSS Assistant Coordinator
Central Peace Family and Community Support Services
780-864-3500 ext. 206
Box 389 Spirit River AB T0H 3G0

Rebecca Fitzsimmons FCSS Coordinator
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We respectfully acknowledge that we are located on Treaty 8 land, the traditional home of many First Nations and Métis.

CENTRAL PEACE COMMUNITY GARDEN PARK

Annual General Meeting

January 30, 2025
At 7:00 pm
At Ross Room in Spirit River

EVERYONE WELCOME

SPIRIT RIVER/SEXSMITH BUS PILOT PROGRAM

STARTING JANUARY 2025

The MD 133 Spirit River transit bus will be **adding a stop in Sexsmith**! This service will run each **Tue/Wed/Thur** as a pilot program for the next 2 months, in partnership between the MD of Spirit River and Sexsmith FCSS.

Seats are $25.00 each. Pick-up will be at **Sunset Homes (9702-97 Ave)** in Sexsmith between **9:30am and 9:45am**. Passengers will be taken to Grande Prairie for appointments and shopping and then returned to the same drop-off location around **3:00pm**.

Passengers 16 and younger must have signed parental/guardian permission to ride. *Medical appointments are priority bookings!* The bus runs with min. 1 passenger - **24hr advance booking required.**

Subsidies are available for those requiring assistance. Please contact Naomi Robinson to apply: **780-568-4345 or fcss@sexsmith.ca.**

FCSS Family & Community Support Services SEXSMITH

MD 133 SPIRIT RIVER

Book a seat by calling:

780-864-3500

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 Northern Alberta Development Bursary Program

The Northern Alberta Development (NAD) Bursary Program provides return of service bursaries to students who agree to live and work within the program boundary in their field of studies after they graduate.

Students need to apply for a bursary for each year they want to be considered. Students can apply for more than one bursary but can only accept one bursary in an academic year.

The Northern Alberta Development Bursary (NADB)

Students entering a program of studies that is one or two years long or students entering the last two years of their program of studies can access up to $7,000 per year.

Specialty Bursaries

- Medical or Dentistry Student - $14,000/year.
  - *Funding available for up to 4 years of program.*
- Nurse Practitioner Student - $10,500/year.
  - *Funding available for up to 3 years of program.*
- Pharmacy Student - $7,000/year.
  - *Funding available for up to 4 years of program.*
- Veterinary Student - $7,000/year.
  - *Funding available for up to 4 years of program.*

Application Dates: **January 2 – April 30.**

The First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Bursary

Students in a certificate or diploma program can access up to $7,000 per year for their studies. Students in a bachelor's, master's or PhD program can access up to $11,500 per year for any year of their studies.

Application Dates: **First intake February 1 to June 1.**
Second intake from June 5 to November 15.

Bursary Partnership Program (BPP) Bursary

Students are sponsored by a business, organization, or municipality. The NAD program does not find a sponsor for students.

- The NAD program will match the sponsor's bursary amount up to $3,500.00 per student per year.
- Higher matching funds are available for:
  - Medical or Dentistry students can access up to $28,000/year.
  - Nurse Practitioner can access up to $21,000/year.
  - Pharmacy or Veterinary students can access up to $14,000/year.

Deadline for sponsors to provide NAD with required documents is November 30.

For more details visit: [Northern Alberta Development Bursary Program | Alberta.ca]

Alberta Government

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.

Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

Box 389 Spirit River, Alberta T0H 3G0
e-mail: mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

Telephone (780) 864-3500
Fax (780) 864-4303

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.

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

SATURDAY

FEB 1 & 15

2:30 -3:30

STORY TIME

Parents must be present

JOIN US

FOR STORY TIME, CRAFT AND A SNACK

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RYCROFT AB HUB OF THE PEACE

Saddle Hills COUNTY

Tuesday Ladies

CONNECTION & WELLNESS

7:00PM TO 9:00PM

CONNECTION

JANUARY 14

BOARD GAME PICTIONARY?

FEBRUARY 11

MARCH 11

APRIL 8

MAY 6

WELLNESS

JANUARY 28

STRESSED?
TIME TO OIL UP - ESSENTIAL OILS TO THE RESCUE!

FEBRUARY 25

SIMPLE CHANGES BABY STEPS TO LOWERING STRESS?

MARCH 25

APRIL 22

MAY 20

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Saddle Hills County

February
KIDS KREATE
Come have tea and create memories your child
Wednesday
FEBRUARY 5 AND 12
3:30 to 5:00
Come make some Valentines for our seniors
parent must be present at all times
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JANUARY 22 BEARS
FEBRUARY 5&12 VALENTINES DAY
CARDS FOR SENIORS
MARCH 5&19 GREEN
APRIL 2&16 FIREFLIES & BUTTERFLIES
MAY 7&21 MOM
JUNE 4&18 DAD
SEPTEMBER 3&17 MEMORY BOOK
OCTOBER 1&15 PUMPKINS
NOVEMBER 5&19 SNOW
DECEMBER TBA CARDS
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COMMUNITY CAFE
Open Mic
hosted by
Steve & Janet
"Perfect place to share your stories, jokes and poetry, and have conversations with old and new friends."
Fridays
5:30pm -- 9 'ish
2025
January 24th
February 7th, 21st
March 7th, 21st
April 11th, 25th
May, 9th, 23rd
For more infomation contact
Steve @ 780 500 9553
Sponsored by
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Wanham Trucking
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RYCROFT

YOUTH TIME

Please pre register by day before

Ages 12-17

Thursday
5:00 to 6:30pm

Come join together for supper and activity at the library

JANUARY 30	VR
FEBRUARY 27	STICKERS
MARCH 27	RECYCLED CDS
APRIL 24	DIAMOND ART
MAY 29	BOOKMARK
JUNE 26	JEWELRY
SEPTEMBER 25	MEMORY BOOK
OCTOBER 30	PUMPKINS
NOVEMBER 27	GIFTS
DECEMBER TBA	CARDS

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Supper @ 5:30

Supplied by Burnt Offerings

Saddle Hills County

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Gregg Distributors
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BIRCHCLIFF ENERGY
THANK YOU
Dave Ross EQUIPMENT Ltd.
KMSC LAW LLP
for your support of our
Birch Hills County
SPIRIT RIVER
Christmas Programs!
Fountain Tire
CENTRAL PEACE NATURAL GAS CO-OP
SENDING A HUGE
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WTS RENTALS A CENTURION COMPANY
Rycroft Ag Society
SHOUT-OUT!
SPIRIT RIVER & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
K&M Building Contractors (2004) Ltd.
to all of our
The Hub
SPONSORS & LOCAL RETAILERS
for your participation in our
Lighthouse Promotions
BEAR COUNTRY INN
CP FCSS Christmas Programs!
YOU MADE SHARING POSSIBLE!
Heads Up
Thank YOU!
UFA
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CO-OP
Home hardware
G3
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little petal
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Spirit of Peace United Church
The Dragonflies Den
A&B INDUSTRIAL RENTALS LTD.

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE CHILDREN'SWINTER JACKETS?

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS ONE

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