

September 19,2025 Newsletter

The next Council Meeting will be held on October 1,2025 at 9am and will be held in the Council Chambers located in the MD Office in Spirit River. Council meetings are recorded live for online public viewing! Please refer to our Facebook page or the MD website for your live link to log into these meetings.

The following Motions were made at our Council Meeting on Sept.3,2025

A. Peace Country Beef and Forage - Funding Request

197.09.03.25 Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that Agenda Item 13.A. Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) sponsorship be tabled to a future Council meeting. Further, Council directs the Interim CAO to research the information presented in the Request for Decision further that, Agricultural Fieldman Simon Amting provide an updated report at future meeting containing the following information: a) The Municipal District's budgeted allowance for the PCBFA sponsorship for the 2024-2025 year. b) Information regarding the contributions of other regional members of the association for the 2024-2025 year. c) An investigation and summary of the rationale behind any regional neighbors' decision to opt out of the PCBFA sponsorship.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. Correspondence - From The Town of Spirit River Mayor Tammy Yaremenko
RE: The Alberta Community Partnership Grant/ Request to rescind motion: 085.04.02.25.

198.09.03.25 Moved by Reeve Tony Van Rootselaar that administration send a letter to the Town of Spirit River to formally request a copy of the 2024/25 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant application to allow for review of the document and discussion at a future meeting. Further that, Council requests that a formal letter stating the Town's request for MD reconsideration be addressed to the entire Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 council, including the Municipal Districts interim CAO.

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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 CARDS:

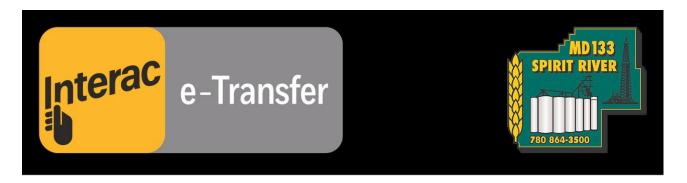
Attention MD Residents, Landfill cards that have been issued with an expiration date do not need to be renewed unless you are renting your land. If you own your property and your Landfill Card has an expiration date on it, please disregard this expiration date. Your Landfill card will remain active until 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.



PENALTY STRUCTURE: Tax penalties go into effect starting on September 17, 2025. A 2% penalty will be applied on any outstanding taxes on September 17, October 15, November 15, and December 15, 2025. A 10% penalty will be applied on January 1, 2026.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- → Payment at ATB Financial Institution (please specify MD of Spirit River to teller)
- → Option Pay @ https://payment.optionpay.ca/md-of-spirit-river.../index.php;
- → Online banking through ATB Financial;
- → E-transfer (eftpayments@mdspiritriver.ab.ca) **Be sure to include Roll Number in comment** section:
- → In Office @ 4202 50th Street, Spirit River, during regular hours Payments in cash, cheque, and debit cards are accepted.
- If you have not yet received your property taxes, PLEASE contact the office at (780) 864-3500 as soon as possible.



EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The MD of Spirit River is now set up to receive EFTs (e-transfers).

E-mail for EFTs is eftpayments@mdspiritriver.ab.ca.

** Important items to note **

- 1. When sending an e-transfer, please include your contact information and what the payment is for in the memo line before sending.
- 2. Also, if the payment is for property taxes, please be sure to include the roll number.



COUNCIL ELECTIONS

As previously announced at the beginning of this year, Council of the MD of Spirit River #133 dissolved the ward electoral system and implemented an at-large voting system. Further, at the next election, the councillor representation will be increased from 4 councillors to 5, elected at-large, representing the entire municipality.

So, what exactly does this mean?

Since there is no longer a ward system in the MD of Spirit River, each voter will be able to pick their top 5 candidates for Council. Each ballot

will contain the names of all the candidates who are running for Council. Without the ward system, this also means that each voter can choose up to 5 candidates regardless of where they live in the MD – anyone in the MD can vote for anyone on the ballot.

However, it's important to note that there can ONLY be 5 candidates selected. Any ballots with more than 5 candidates checked off will become VOID.

Remember that voters need to register to vote in the 2025 Municipal Election:

- 1) All voters in the MD of Spirit River must be on the Permanent Electors Registry*.
- 2) To register or check your registration status, visit www.voterlink.ab.ca.
- 3) The MD of Spirit River receives its list of eligible voters from VoterLink, so please confirm your information is correct to ensure you're ready to vote.
- * If you do not register beforehand, you will still be able to vote. However, you will be required to register at the voting station on Election Day October 20, 2025.

Elections Alberta has all the information as to what voters need to bring to the voting booth.



Following changes to Alberta's Local Authorities Elections Act, all municipalities will use a list of registered voters for the upcoming October 20 election. Register now with VoterLink:

www.voterlink.ab.ca

info@elections.ab.ca

toll-free at 310-0000 then dial 780-427-7191



The Municipal District of Spirit River #133 has several positions available. Please see our employment section on our website for more details!

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.

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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!

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.

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.



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.

Wage & Work Hours:

Successful candidate will receive \$22-25 /hour based on experience and education. This is a part-time position of 20 hours/week.

Date Posted: September 5, 2025 until a suitable candidate is found 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:

Central Peace FCSS Attn: Human Resources Via mail to: Box 389, Spirit River AB T0H 3G0 Via email to: mbremont@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

Or drop off at the MD of Spirit River office: 4202-50 St, Spirit River



Employment Opportunity

Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and the MD of Spirit River #133 are currently hiring an FCSS COORDINATOR

The Central Peace Family and Community Support Services is a multi-municipality program administered by the MD of Spirit River #133, and includes 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 tasked 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 #133 offers a competitive salary and benefits package for this permanent position.

Additional information on the scope of this employment opportunity can be found in FCSS Policy 1-L.

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of SPIRIT RIVER No.133 PHOTO CONTEST 2025



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. TOH 3GO. 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 16,2025.

The winners will be selected by October 31, 2025.

The WINNING pictures and WINNERS names 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!

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.





Book a seat by calling:

780-864-3500



Starting July 2025 AFSC ON LOCATION

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AVAILABLE BY REMOTE COMMUNICATION

Monday to Friday 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

To reach us call 780-864-3896 Or 1-877-899-2372



STAY CONNECTED AND INFORMED! This is a friendly reminder to download the Voyent App! And register to sign up for emergency alerts in our area, such as wildfires. If you see smoke or fire, please call 911.

HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1: Watch the short video: Registration tutorial - Voyent Alert! for tips @ www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSXaklw5tsI

Step 2: Learn about registering for the Central Peace Fire & Rescue* Alerting System @ www.voyent-alert.com/community/#registration

Step 3: Register:

- For Mobile App Users, download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple or Google Play app stores.
- For Email, Phone, or SMS (Text message) Users, register online to receive alerts Once downloaded, register for your account by selecting your region on a map and receive immediate emergency alerts.

YOU CAN ALSO ADD NEIGHBOURING MUNICIPALITIES

Birch Hills County, County of Grande Prairie, City of Grande Prairie, and Saddle Hills County, just to name a few, also use the Voyent Alert! notification system. You can choose to receive alerts from Voyent Alert! for any or all of these communities.

* The Central Peace Fire & Rescue covers the MD of Spirit River, the Town of Spirit River, and the Village of Rycroft





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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:

- Northernlightsfiber.ca
- 2) Project Aurora
- 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

history



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JANUARY 22 BEARS

3:30 - 5:00 FEBRUARY 5812 VALENTINES DAY

CARDS FOR SENIORS

MARCH 5&19 GREEN

Come have tea and create memories with your child

APRIL 2816 FIREFLIES & BUTTERFLIES

MAY 7821 MOM

JUNE 4818 DAD

SEPTEMBER 3&17 MEMORY BOOK

OCTOBER 1&15 PUMPKINS

NOVEMBER 5&19 snow

DECEMBER TBA CARDS



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4724 50th Street Box 248 Rycroft, AB TOH 3AO Phone: (780) 765-3973







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

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