

A steam locomotive with the number 73 on its front, pulling a train of freight cars. The locomotive is dark blue with a red stripe and is moving towards the left. The background is a light blue sky with some clouds.

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)

November 6,2025 Newsletter

The next Council Meeting will be held on **December 3,2025 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, or you may attend in person. Please refer to our Facebook page or the MD website for your live link to log into these meetings.

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

The Administration Office
will be closed
November 10 & 11, 2025

A logo for MD133 Spirit River, featuring a stylized green and yellow design with the text "MD133 SPIRIT RIVER" and "2025-2026".

An illustration for Remembrance Day. It features a soldier in silhouette, standing and holding a rifle. To the left of the soldier are several red poppies. The background is a light beige color.

Remembrance Day

LEST WE FORGET

Meet Your New Council

The MD of Spirit River Councillors were sworn in on November 3rd and Reeve & Deputy Reeve selected, so they are ready to get down to business.

From left to right: Councillor Shelley Rozecki, Councillor Evelyn Bzowy, Reeve Tony van Rootselaar, Deputy Reeve Dean Wark, & Councillor Bernie Schoorlemmer.



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.

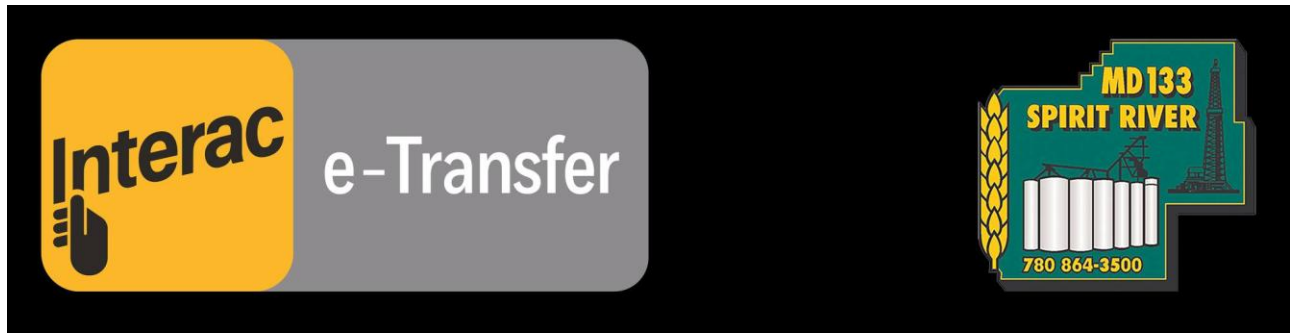
If you have any questions, please contact the landfill at 780-765-3745

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.



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.



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



Well, that's a wrap folks! Here are the MD of Spirit River's 2025 Photo Contest Winners!

Ben Pawlett for **1st place** with a beautiful photo of a Bald Eagle and **Jo Ann Edey** as **Runner Up** with a lovely photo of Spring Flowers.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's photo contest, making it another successful competition.

*Also, a big thank you to our wonderful judges, **Harry Ezio** and **Rhonda Yurchyshyn**. We appreciate your time & dedication!*

Central Peace Family & Community Support Services
*serving the MD #133, Spirit River, Rycroft, and western Birch
Hills County*

WELCOME Shelley Loroff, Our New FCSS Coordinator!

Hello!! My name is Shelley Loroff, and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Coordinator. You may know me from my employment at Peace Adult Learning Society (PALS), as I was the coordinator there for 5 years. I was born and raised throughout Alberta. I moved to Ontario when I was 17 and spent 25+ years there, before I moved back to Alberta in 2011. I have four grown children, two girls and two boys. I live on an acreage in the Volin area with my husband. Since moving to this area, I have been involved with many community groups. These include, but not limited to, the Central Peace Community Garden Park and the Central Peace Food Bank. I was a municipal representative on the FCSS board for 3 years. I look forward to serving this area of the Peace country again as the FCSS Coordinator.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Christmas programs

We are looking for Donors, sponsors for Secret Santa (seniors and children), and Shoppers

Snow angels

shoveling snow for seniors who are unable to.

Meals on wheels drivers

Help deliver our hot meals on Wednesdays or Fridays. This usually takes about an hour to an hour and a half.

Call FCSS at 780 864 3500 Extension 2



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

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

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Stand on Fertile Ground

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.

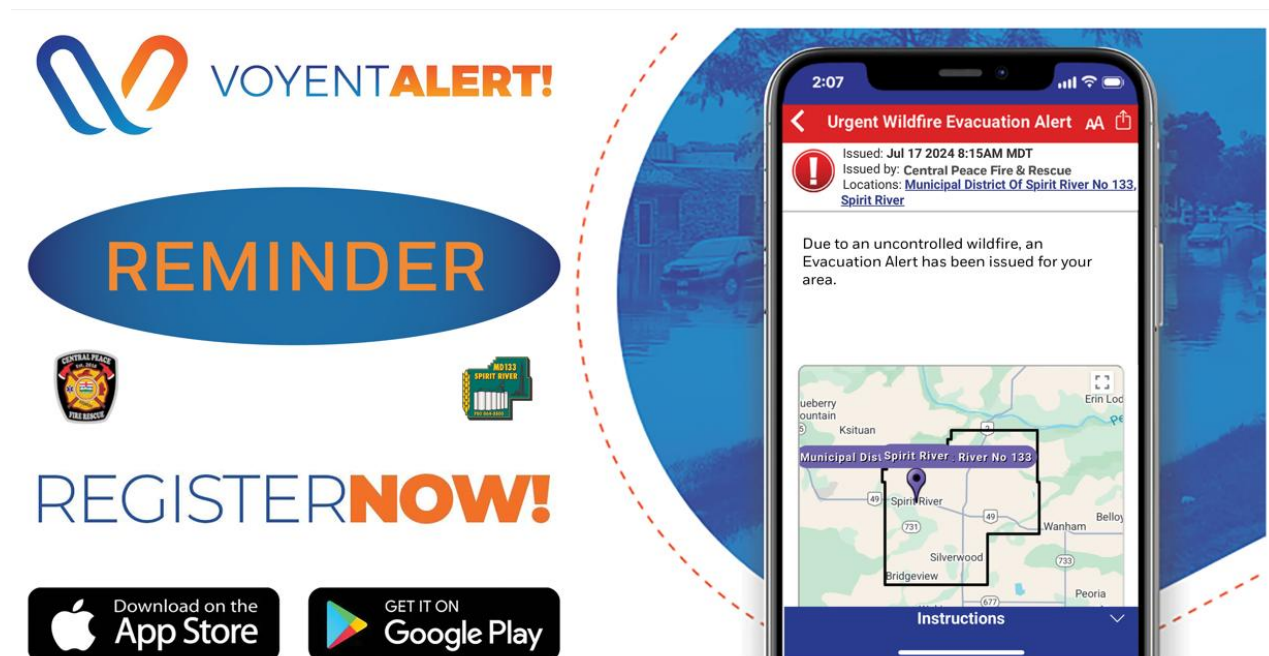
- For Email, Phone, or SMS (Text message) Users, register online to receive alerts

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



The graphic features the Voyent Alert! logo at the top left, consisting of a stylized 'V' in blue and orange. Below it is a large blue oval with the word 'REMINDER' in orange. To the right of the oval is a smartphone displaying an 'Urgent Wildfire Evacuation Alert' from the Central Peace Fire & Rescue, issued on July 17, 2024, at 8:15 AM MDT. The alert text states: 'Due to an uncontrolled wildfire, an Evacuation Alert has been issued for your area.' Below the text is a map showing the location of the alert in the Spirit River area. At the bottom left, there is a 'REGISTER NOW!' text in blue and orange, with the Central Peace Fire & Rescue logo and a Spirit River MD133 logo to its right. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

VOYENT ALERT!

REMINDER

REGISTER NOW!

Urgent Wildfire Evacuation Alert

Issued: Jul 17 2024 8:15AM MDT
Issued by: Central Peace Fire & Rescue
Locations: Municipal District Of Spirit River No 133, Spirit River

Due to an uncontrolled wildfire, an Evacuation Alert has been issued for your area.

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Municipal District Of Spirit River No 133

Instructions

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**NORTHERN
LIGHTS**
F I B E R



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



ANCESTRY CORNER

**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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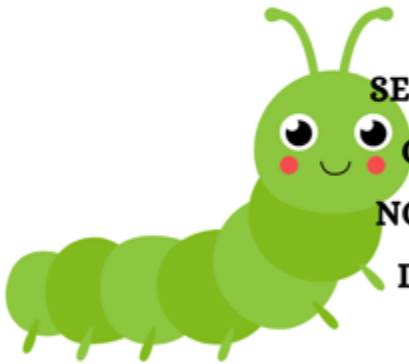
KIDS KREATE

parent must be present at all times

Wednesday

3:30 - 5:00

Come have tea and
create memories
with your child



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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*Ages
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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

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