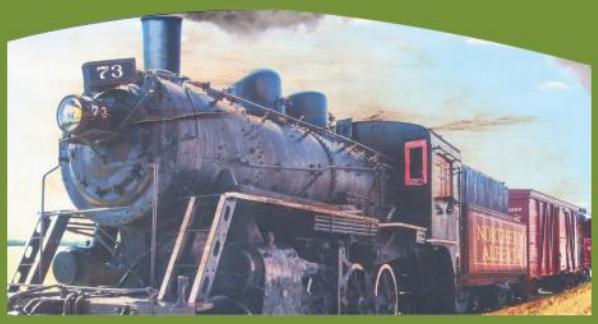


MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
of SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133

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)

January 28,2026 Newsletter

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 04,2026 at 10am 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.

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.

We would like to remind MD of Spirit River residents that the MD provides snow plowing services to the following residents at the corresponding rates:

- ✔Seniors – $125.00+ GST
- ✔Handicapped Persons – $125.00+ GST
- ✔Spouses of Seniors and/or Handicapped Persons – $125.00+ GST
- ✔Dependants of Seniors and/or Handicapped Persons – $125.00+ GST

Additionally, seniors can access financial assistance to cover the cost of snow removal, through the provincial government.

To access the snow plowing hold harness agreement form, special needs assistance for seniors information booklet, financial assistance application, and the policy, go to https://mdspiritriver.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Hold-Harmless-2021.pdf and scroll down the page just passed Dust Control.

Seniors are welcome to stop by the office or contact us at (780) 864-3500 for assistance with the application.

For a list of private contractors, click: https://mdspiritriver.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Private-Snowplowing-Contractors-1.pdf

Snow Removal Services

Magpie Trucking - Dwayne: 780-864-0872

Lefley Honey Co. Ltd. Jack: 780-831-0607 Kelly: 780-864-0281

Wild Horizon Ventures Ltd. - Keegan: 780-831-8136

RCZ Ventures- Rick: 780-864-7888

Whiterok Ranch - Darcy: 780-500-8824 or whtrok@gmail.com

Triple Y Trucking Ltd. - Brent Yanishewski : 780-814-4486

Burnt River Services Ltd. – 780-330-9900

Ryson Ventures Ltd. – Gary Fox 780-864-5436

Scott's Excavating Ltd. – Darryl 780-864-5957 or Myrne 780-864-0071

Bee Kay Welding – Bill 780-814-4022

NaR Environmental Ltd.– 780-864-7897 or nar.enviro@outlook.com

This is a list of private contractors. If you are a private contractor that would like to be added to this public list, please contact the MD of Spirit River office at mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

Central Peace Family & Community Support Services

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

FCSS Newsletter

Palliative and Advance Care presentation will be held on Feb 24 from 10-2pm in the Ross Room. Lunch will be provided. Please call 780 864 3500 to register.

Snow Angels has been a very popular program in the month of December. If you would like to volunteer to shovel snow, please contact the office 780-864-3500 extension 206.

MEALS ON WHEELS! 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. Call or email us for more information.

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!

Next FCSS board meeting is Feb 10, 2026, at 6:30 in the MD#133 of Spirit River council chambers. Everyone welcome!!

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.

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.**

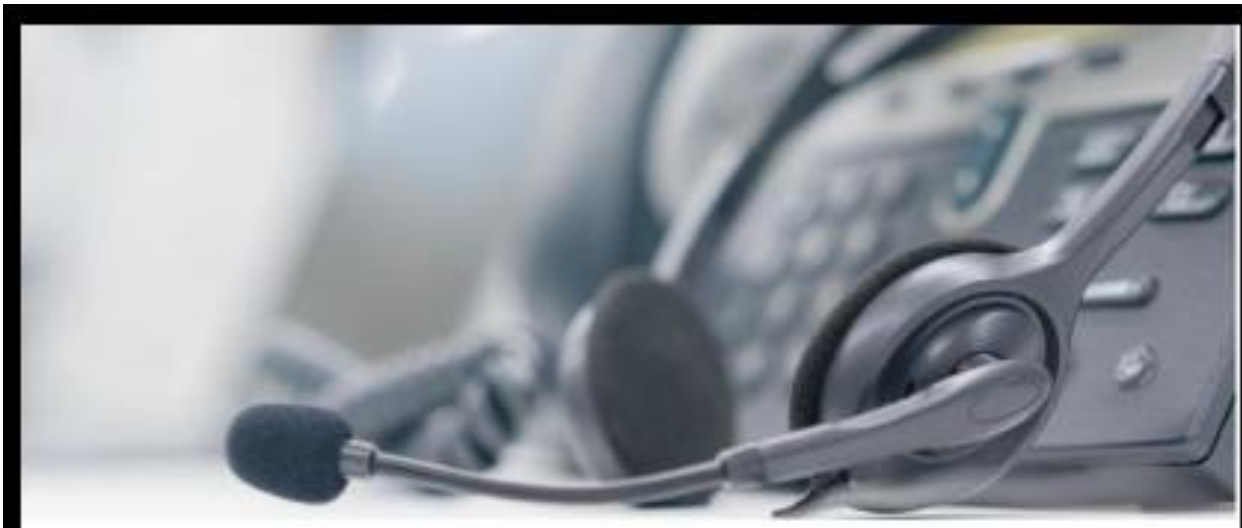
Subsidies are available for those requiring assistance. Please contact Naomi Robinson to apply: **780-568-4345 or fcss@sexsmith.ca.**

FCSS Family & Community Support Services SEXSMITH

MD 133 SPIRIT RIVER

Book a seat by calling:

780-864-3500



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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AFSC.ca

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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.

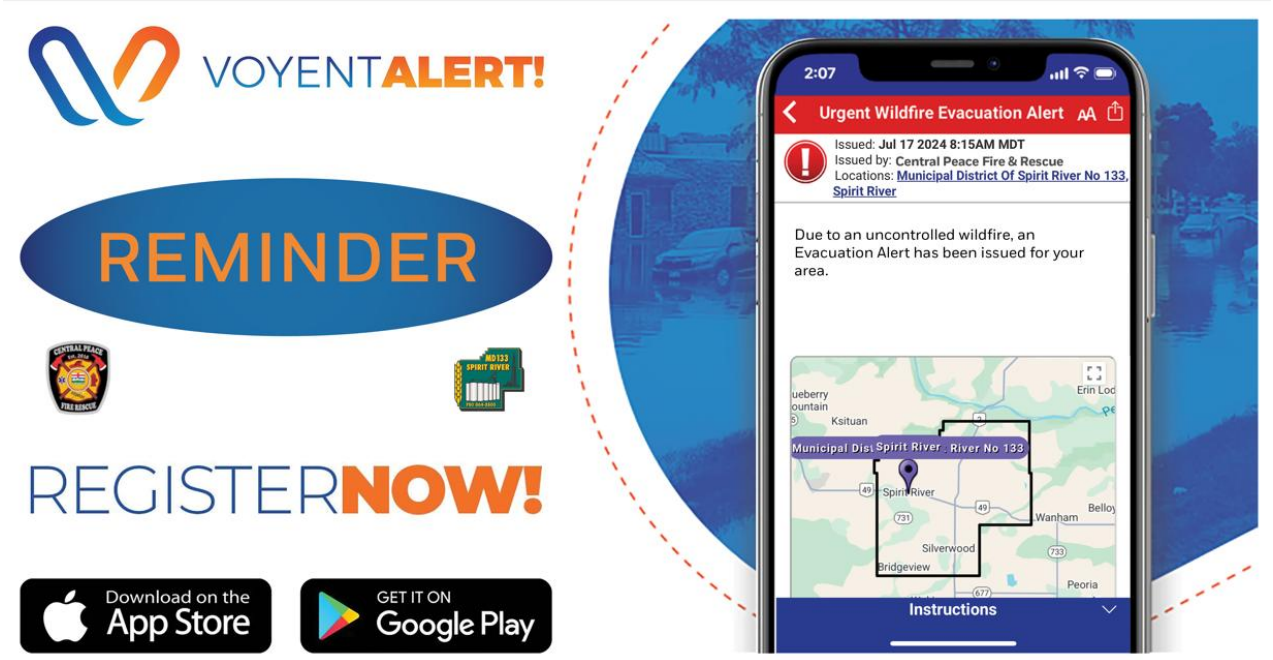
• For Email, Phone, or SMS (Text message) Users, register online to receive alerts

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



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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.

FUTUREWORKS

Job Search Supports and Resource Centre

- Resumes
- Job Search
- Career Guidance
- Job Applications
- And more!

Drop-In Time
12:00pm - 3:30pm

Dates

December 9th

February 3rd

Joined by EMPLOY Abilities GRANDE PRAIRIE

April 21st

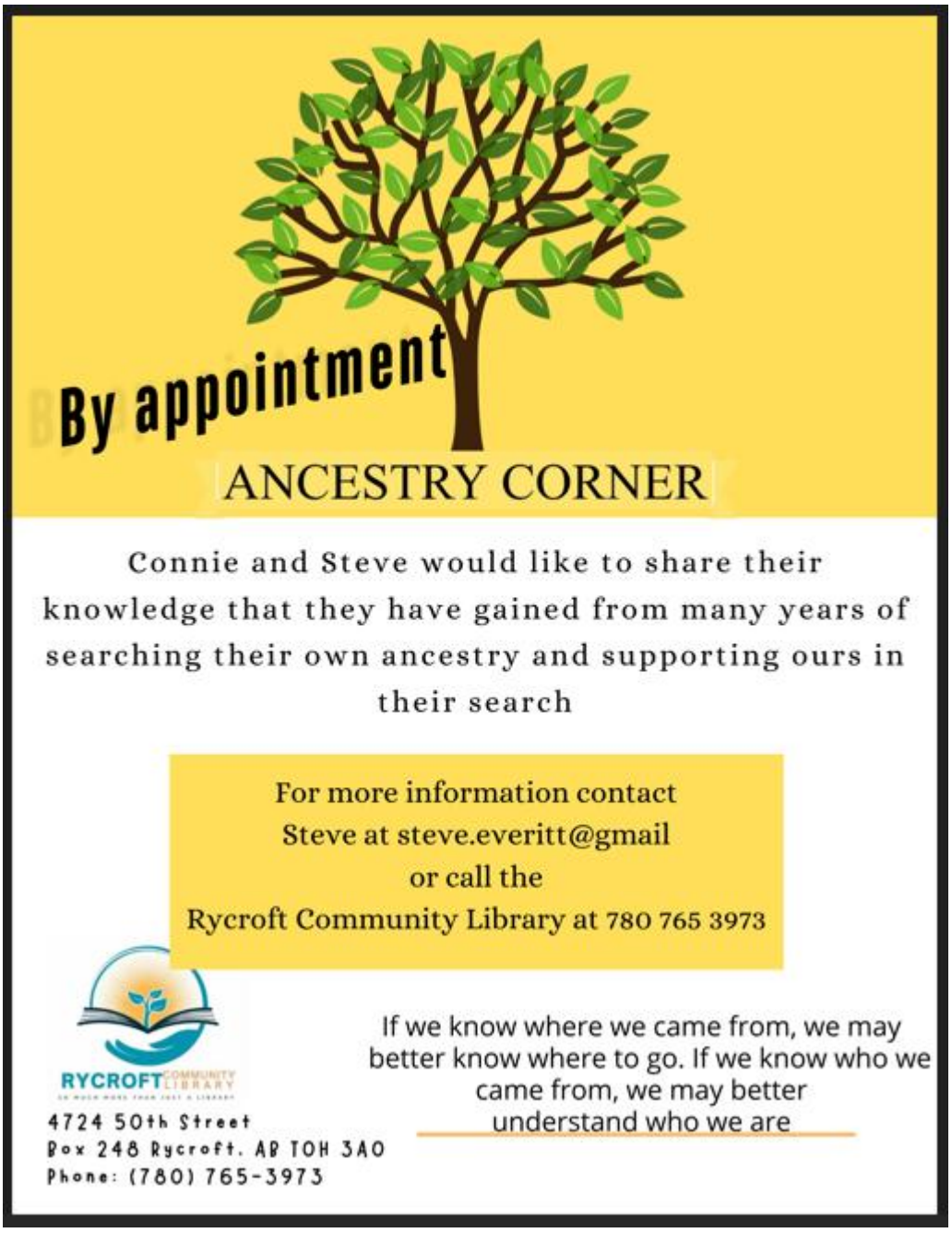
Location
Rycroft Community Library
4724 - 50th St.

RYCROFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY
SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST A LIBRARY

In Partnership with the Rycroft Community Library

The Province of Alberta is working in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide employment support programs and services.

Canada Alberta


By appointment
ANCESTRY CORNER
Connie and Steve would like to share their knowledge that they have gained from many years of searching their own ancestry and supporting ours in their search
For more information contact
Steve at steve.everitt@gmail
or call the
Rycroft Community Library at 780 765 3973
RYCROFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY
4724 50th Street
Box 248 Rycroft, AB T0H 3A0
Phone: (780) 765-3973
If we know where we came from, we may better know where to go. If we know who we came from, we may better understand who we are

Central Peace FCSS

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Learn Kitchen Skills

Sunday Feb 8 2026

- make a soup and an entree!
- help make soups for seniors
- Rycroft Community Hall

For more details

Contact FCSS at 780-864-3500 ext. 206

CO-OP

NAF NORTHWESTERN ALBERTA FOUNDATION

fcss Central Peace Family and Community Support Services

TINY TALK

- Come and enjoy approximately 30 minutes of structured discussion and/or activities and the rest is up to you! Feel free to chat with other parents, ask questions or weigh your baby.

- Next Session will be on February 10, 2026 from 2-3pm at the Rycroft Community Library.

- This is a session for parents and caregivers with infants up to 18 months old. Registration recommended, call Nikki at 780-765-3973.

- Facilitated by a Public Health Nurse

Alberta Health Services

RYCROFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

VALENTINES DAY

JOIN US FOR A STORY TIME, SNACK, AND CARD MAKING FOR OUR LOCAL SENIORS.

FEB 11 4-5PM

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Rycroft Community Library
presents
2026'S
Community Cafe
Follow
the music
and
meet some new friends
Hosted by
Steve & Janet -
Burnt Offerings
For more information
contact
Steve @ 780 500 9553
Jan 23rd
Feb 13th & 27th
Mar 13th & 27th
Apr 10th & 24th
May 8th & 22nd
FRIDAY
6:00 PM
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IGNITE YOUR CURIOSITY!

Join this hands-on STEM adventure with Scientists in School!

Sticky Science

60 minutes | Ages 4-12*

Get sticky with it! Discover the science of sticky. Make your own glue from food products and test them to see how they hold. Create your own sticky art. And of course, there will be silly putty!

*Children under six may require the assistance of an adult.

Date: Feb 10 2026

Time: 4pm

To Register:

Please register at the library, where the science kits will be available. This is both a virtual and in person event. We will need an email to send the link if you choose

Scientists in School is a leading Canadian science education charity (867139537RR0001) | scientistsinschool.ca

RYCROFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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A TASTE OF HOMEMADE

#SOUPTIME

PICK UP

Your

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youth inspired

ages 10 -17

DID YOU KNOW
Journaling

improves mental health
by reducing stress and anxiety,
enhancing self-awareness and emotional processing,
and boosting creativity.
It also helps organize thoughts, track goals and
progress, and creates a personal record of memories
and experiences.

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DID YOU KNOW?

North Zone Health Neighbourhood

Get to the Emergency Department or Dial 911 if you have:

- Chest pain, trouble breathing, severe shortness of breath
- Heavy bleeding or major injuy
- Poisoning or overdose
- Signs of stroke (Sudden weakness; facial droop; arm droop, slurred speech)

For Non-Emergent Care, DID YOU KNOW...

Prescribing Pharmacists:

- Offer prescriptions for minor ailments
- Phone your local pharmacist at:

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Visit your Family Doctor or Nurse Practitioner - accepting family physicians can be found at: albertafindadoctor.ca

You Can Access 24/7 virtual care by dialing 811 to access TeleHealth

Access Social Services:

- General inquiries: 1-877-644-9992
- 24/7 Emergency income support: 1-866-644-5135

Important Phone Numbers

Crisis Lines

Dial 211 - for Emergency Social Resources (Housing crisis; food insecurity; shelters)

Dial 988 - For mental health emergencies

Help-Lines

1-877-302-2642 - Mental Health helpline (24/7)

1-866-332-2322 - Addiction helpline (24/7)

1-780-482-4357 - 24/7 Distress Line

1-888-342-4822 - Alberta Indigenous Virtual Care Clinic

Know Where To Go For Care