

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
of SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133**

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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)

February 27, 2026 Newsletter

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **March 11, 2026 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.

The following motions were made at our last Council meeting:
Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark to approve meeting date and time changes to 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, starting at 9 am.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council direct administration to send a letter of support to the Town of Spirit River for their STIP application regarding the airport rehabilitation project.

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Council approves the establishment of the Regional Childcare Solutions Steering Committee and Terms of Reference as amended.

Moved by Councillor Rozecki that Reeve Van Rootselaar be appointed to the Regional Childcare Solutions Steering Committee.

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
- ✓ Dependents 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 harmless 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>



SNOWPLOWING

REMINDER *to* RESIDENTS

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



FCSS Newsletter

March is a very busy month for FCSS!!

Wellness Workshop Sunday March 1 1-4:30 Centennial Hall Ross Room **please register**
Learn how stress impacts your mental and physical health, and gain simple tools and strategies to reset anytime, anywhere.

The power of Play for 0-6 years Thursday mornings March 5,12,19,26 April 2,9 from 10 am-12 pm Centennial Hall Ross Room

Advance Care presentation will be held on March 10 from 10-2pm at Centennial Hall Ross Room. Lunch will be provided. **Please call 780 864 3500 to register.**

Service Canada will be having a drop-in clinic on March 11 from 10-3pm at the Central Peace Medical Clinic.

Community Kitchen lunch volunteers needed at 9 am, come celebrate St. Patrick's Day March 14 Rycroft Community Hall 12 noon-3pm. Menu is salad, Irish stew and biscuit, and dessert for \$15. You must call by Thursday March 12

Free Tax Filing For Seniors by appointment only. Birch Hills county office March 18 10-3 Program Eligibility: *Simple tax situation *No business/farm/rental property income or expenses, or capital gains/losses

*Income less than \$35,000/yr single or \$45,000/yr for couples

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 March 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.



 **St. Patrick's Day** 

Come on down to
the Rycroft
Community Library
and pick up a free
craft kit to do for St.
Patrick's Day.

Available from
MARCH 3-20



4724 50th Street
Box 248 Rycroft, AB T0H 3A0
Phone: (780) 765-3973





COMMUNITY KITCHEN LUNCH SATURDAY MARCH 14

RYCROFT
COMMUNITY HALL
12 NOON
DOORS OPEN AT 11:30

COME JOIN US
FOR AN IRISH MEAL OF:
SALAD,
IRISH STEW WITH BISCUIT
AND DESSERT
FOR \$15

**YOU MUST CALL
BY THURSDAY MARCH 12 BY NOON TO
RESERVE YOUR SPOT
780 864 3500**

May Your Day Be Filled
with Irish 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

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AFSC.ca


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

VOYENT ALERT!

REMINDER

REGISTER NOW!

Download on the **App Store** | GET IT ON **Google Play**

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.

Municipal District of Spirit River - River No 133



Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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

Telephone (780) 864-3500
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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.](#)

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](mailto:steve.everitt@gmail.com)
or call the
Rycroft Community Library at 780 765 3973



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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

The Power of Play!

For ages 0-6 yrs

Centennial Hall, Ross Room
4812-44th Street, Spirit River
Thursday Mornings
10:00am -12:00pm
March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9
(2026)

Register at
facilitator@gpfes.com
or
feel free to drop in!!



The power of play program is based on the 5 domains of an ASQ developmental screen. Each week will focus on a different area of development.

Children will learn through play and various activities.

There will be an opportunity to complete an ASQ at the last session.



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 March 3, 2026 from 2-3 pm at the Rycroft Community Library.
- This is a session for parents and caregivers with children up to 3 years old. Registration recommended, call Nikki at 780-765-3973.
- Facilitated by a Public Health Nurse





Working together to bring Government of Canada services to **you.**



JOIN US to find out more about...

- Social Insurance Number : Apply for a SIN (bring proper ID)
- Receive a PAC access code to sign up for My Service Canada
- Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP): Help with applications
- Employment Insurance (EI): Client file information, help apply for EI
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Old Age Security (OAS): Client file information, help with applications
- Canada Disability Benefit(CDB): Help with applications

Representatives from **Service Canada** will be in your community:

DATE: March 11, 2026
TIME: 10 am-3 pm
Location: Central Peace Medical Clinic, 4410 50th Street Spirit River AB

If you are unable to meet with us during this visit, you can request information and assistance through the Outreach Support Centre from 8:30-4:00, Mon-Fri: 1-877-631-2657

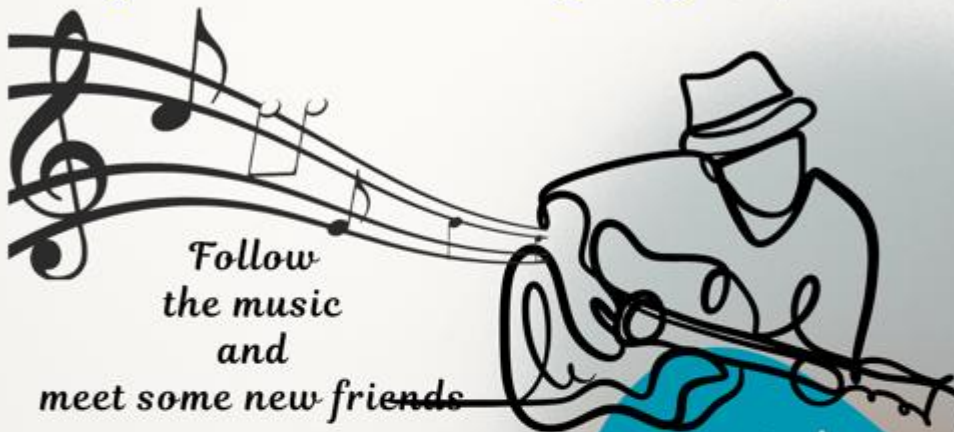
*If you need a SIN, please bring: your birth certificate, certificate of Indian Status and any other forms of federal or provincial identification you may have.



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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



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Jan 23rd
Feb 13th & 27th
Mar 13th & 27th
Apr 10th & 24th
May 8th & 22nd

**FRIDAY
5:00 PM**

PICK UP Your

JOURNAL

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.



RYCROFT
A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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MARIO PARTY

March 25th 4-5:30

PLEASE JOIN US ON MARCH 25TH
FROM 4:00-5:30PM WHILE WE
PLAY MARIO PARTY ON OUR
NINTENDO SWITCH



Rycroft Community Library

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Ladies Night

Need a relaxing night out?

Check out Ladies Night
at the library!

Join us for great
conversation, and a fun,
welcoming atmosphere.

Wednesday's 7-9pm

**February 18, March 18,
& April 15**



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DID YOU KNOW?



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

- Chest pain, trouble breathing, severe shortness of breath
- Heavy bleeding or major injury
- 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:



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