

**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)

May 22nd 2026, Newsletter

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **May 27th, 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.

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 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

SPIRIT RIVER/SEXSMITH BUS



The MD 133 Spirit River transit bus will be **adding a stop in Sexsmith!** This service will run each **Tue/Wed/Thur** 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

*The Municipal District of
Spirit River No. 133 is
proud to present...*



2026 SUMMER BUS TOURS

Friday, June 26th – Bad Heart Straw Church, Kleskun Hills & Museum

Built in 1954 by Father Francis Dales, it is one of the only known straw-bale churches ever constructed in Canada. It is on a hilltop overlooking the Bad Heart River so the view will be amazing. Followed by lunch and shopping stop in Sexsmith.

Friday, July 3rd – Hines Creek Museum

Followed by lunch and shopping stop in Fairview.

Friday, July 10th – Cotillion Campground & Moonshine Lake

Head west to enjoy the gorgeous views at Cotillion Campground and walk the loop around Moonshine Lake. Be sure to pack a lunch for a picnic.

Friday, July 17th – Beaverlodge & Valhalla

Home of the World's Largest Beaver, this trip takes you to Beaverlodge to visit the South Peace Centennial Museum and Interpretive Centre, Beaverlodge Art & Culture Centre, and Euphemia McNaught Homestead Heritage Site. Valhalla Mercantile gift shop has plenty see and purchase!
Homecooked Friday Lunches @ South Peace Centennial Museum 12–2 pm Cash Only

Friday, July 24th – Girouxville

Have you ever seen a 5-legged squirrel? If you answered no, this is your chance to see one up close and personal! Head East to the Girouxville Museum for this peculiar sight. The Museum boasts over 6,000 artifacts and was the largest museum in Alberta when it was founded in 1968. A Catholic Pilgrimage site is also located next door to the museum. Drop some pins at Smoky Lanes Bowling Alley, grab a bite to eat at Esquire Hotel & Lounge, and visit the beautiful outdoor Stations of the Cross at the Notre Dame de Lourdes.

Friday, August 7th – Dawson Creek

Dawson Creek boasts many attractions including the Dawson Creek Art Gallery, Walter Wright Pioneer Village and N.A.R. Station Museum. This trip has something for everyone!

Friday, August 14th – Peace River

Ride the Shaftesbury Ferry, Visit Riverfront Park, Twelve Foot Davis, Peace River Museum and Archives, Mackenzie Centre, Judah Hill, and Sagitawa Lookout.

Friday, August 21st – Dunvegan Provincial Park

Experience the Historical Dunvegan Provincial Park. Take a stroll along the paths that overlook the Peace River or take one of the paths down to the river and wade in the cool water. Visit the Interpretive Centre, Play Mini Golf, Enjoy the Market and Gardens.

Friday, August 28th – Tumbler Ridge

Located in the Foothills of beautiful British Columbia, this gorgeous, popular tourist destination is a must see. The Geopark, Community Centre and Tumbler Ridge Museum are just a few sights passengers will enjoy.

Call the office at 780-864-3500 to save a spot on the bus!

Bus Fare: Age 16+ \$25.00

Under 16 \$5.00

Due upon registration. Riders are responsible for all expenses over and above the bus fare.

Bus leaves the MD garage at 8:30 to pick-up passengers at designated locations and will be re- turning between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m.

Priority given to seniors and those who are mobility challenged

**WHOS THINKING
OF
SUMMER?**



**WE ARE EXCITED TO BE ABLE
TO HOST
CAMP WANAGO AGAIN THIS
SUMMER!**

**STAYED TUNED
FOR MORE
INFORMATION**



**Gift Certificates
will also be available**

WHAT IS CAMP WANAGO?



Camp Wanago is a local summer day camp program offered by the Central Peace FCSS. It is an affordable and valuable opportunity for children ages 5 to 11, where they can learn new things and have fun with other children their age!

Each summer, we offer 7-8 weeks of programming. Each week has a different theme with corresponding activities, games, and crafts. Camp is run by energetic, enthusiastic leaders, who work closely with FCSS staff to design and deliver the program.

Summer Day Camp is a great way for kids to stay active and social!



THREE REASONS TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP WANAGO

1) When children attend day camp, they have an opportunity to be independent and to make choices throughout the day. They learn skills to become self-reliant and as a result, develop more confidence.

2) While day camp has structure like school, kids don't have the worry of failure - they are just there to have fun and so they always achieve success at camp!

3) Participating in day camp can enhance and develop social skills. Children develop new friendships and grow their world. This can be one of the greatest benefits of the camp experiences.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MATTER



Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) provides services and programs that help people:

- develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis;
- develop healthy ways to address their social needs;
- develop interpersonal and group skills, which enhance constructive relationships among people;
- assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them;

FCSS provides supports that help encourage and sustain people as active participants in the community.

Camp Wanago is a program directly funded by Central Peace FCSS and supported by external grant programs and/or sponsorship and donations.

**DO YOU
LOVE KIDS
LOVE ADVENTURE
LOVE TO STAY BUSY**

**COME JOIN OUR
SUMMER CAMP
DREAM TEAM**



Summer Job

MUST be available for June July and August

CAMP SUPERVISOR

Lead Camp Leaders
Coordinate Team Work - Supervise Campers
& Ensure Safety at ALL times
Plan & Organize themes & activities
Paper work as needed
-such as registration and tracking
Take direction from FCSS Coordinator
and /or Assistant Coordinator
Must be able to obtain standard first aid and
crime check before start date

CAMP LEADER

Ability to Engage with Children
5 - 11 by doing crafts and activities
playing and engaging with them.
Ensure Safety of Campers
Take direction from Supervisor, FCSS
Coordinator and Assistance Coordinator
Must be able to obtain standard first aid
and crime check before start date



**Submit Your Resume in person
at our NEW Location: 4201 50st Spirit River
or email FCSS Coordinator Shelley
@ fcss@townofspiritriver.ca**



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

AFSC
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

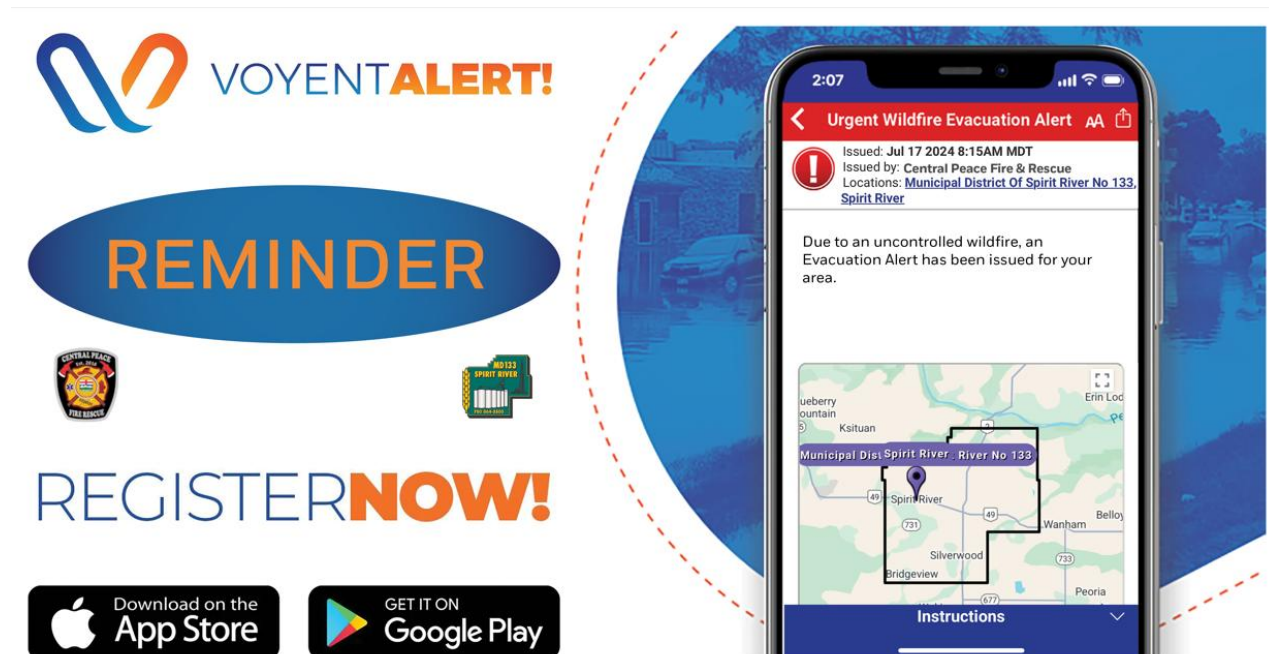
Step 3: Register:

- 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, followed by a large blue oval containing the word "REMINDER" in orange. Below this are the Central Peace Fire Rescue and Spirit River logos. At the bottom left are the App Store and Google Play download buttons. On the right, a smartphone screen displays an "Urgent Wildfire Evacuation Alert" 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 affected area in Spirit River, with a red location pin and a black outline of the evacuation zone. The map includes labels for Spirit River, Silverwood, Bridgeview, Peoria, Wanham, and Belloy. At the bottom of the phone screen is an "Instructions" button.



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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 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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LIBRARY

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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

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.



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BE AWARE. BE RESPONSIBLE. LIVE A PURPOSE.

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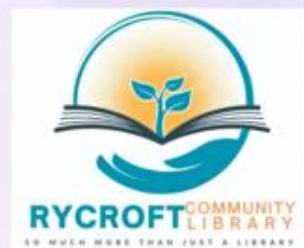
Tiny Talk



- 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 **June 2**, 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



Primary Care
Alberta





FCSS Newsletter

Camp WaNaGo – registration opens June 1 2026 Camp will be from June 29-Aug 21 from 8:30-3pm. Registration forms are available at the FCSS office (4201 50th st Spirit River) or call 587 771 3567.

MS Walk- May 30 registration is at 12:30pm at the lot beside Home Hardware. Contact Reata at 587 298 1658

Seniors Week Celebration- June 1 at the Woking multiplex 10-4 pm. Join us for an enjoyable day and get pampered

MEALS ON WHEELS Meals on Wheels is hot meals delivered to your door; Delivered Monday, 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 June 9, 2026, at 6:30 at the Peace Wapiti Sub Office. Everyone welcome!! FCSS staff have to be out of the office on occasion. If you require in-person assistance, please CALL AHEAD (587 771 3567) to ensure that someone will be available to help.



WHY US?

Day camps are available to children ages 5 to 11 years of age.

Please note: your child must be 5 years old to qualify for the program

Be sure to pack a lunch & snacks, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, appropriate footwear, swimsuit, towel, and a change of cloths (you never know)!



Please note: There is no supervision prior to 8:15 am and after 3:15 pm!

Please follow our Facebook page for details on daily and weekly registration rates, programming, weekly themes and activities.



Central Peace
Family and Community
Support Services

CONTACT US:

For more information, Central Peace FCSS can be contacted at:

Address: 4201-50 Street
Spirit River, AB, T0H 3G0

Phone: Main Office - 587 771 3567
Cell - 780 864 5698

Email: fcss@townofspiritriver.ca

Facebook: Central Peace FCSS

CAMP WANAGO IS SUPPORTED BY:



SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Building strong children, strong families and a strong community!

**STARTING
June 29
until August 21 2026
8:30 to 3:00**

**Registration begins
June 1st**

www.centralpeacefcss.ca

For more details or for a registration package, PLEASE Stop by our NEW location 4201 50TH St Spirit River

FUNdamentals of ART

**Wednesday's in May
4-5 pm**

Please join us for guided art lessons. These lessons will help beginner artists have an understanding of some of the fundamentals of art. These are **FREE** lessons but **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. Please register on or before **April 24th**.



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WE'RE

HIRING

CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM

Looking for applications for TWO positions at Rycroft Community Library. Positions will be 24 + hours per week between June 23rd and August 28th.

Applicants must:

- be between the ages of 15-30
- have a valid social insurance number
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the job



JOB DESCRIPTION

- Arts and crafts leader and general library support work
- Planning and coordinating arts and crafts programs for children

**PLEASE APPLY WITH
RESUME AND COVER
LETTER AT THE
RYCROFT COMMUNITY
LIBRARY.
APPLICATIONS CLOSE
JUNE 5.**



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SATURDAY
MAY 30 2026

Registration at 12:30

Location - lot beside Home Hardware -
Spirit River

Walk begins at 1:00

**CONTACT REATA AT 587 298 1658
FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE
WALK AND ON WAYS TO DONATE.**

Get Out and Play

Please join the Rycroft Community Library for outdoor activities.

June 20th between 1 - 4 pm

*We will have hotdogs and popcorn to snack on.
Please plan on attending with your children.*



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END VIOLENCE

towards women and children



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Rycroft Library is hosting a screening party for the docuseries

BALANCE

A Perimenopause Journey

Episode 1: May 5th at 6pm
Episode 2: May 12th at 6pm
Episode 3: May 19th at 6pm
Episode 4: May 26th at 6pm

Please join us for this FREE screening . This may be a sensitive topic for some. We ask for attendees to be understanding and mindful of this when attending the screening.



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Ladies Night

Join us at the Rycroft Community Library for our ladies night. We offer a great support network for woman in our community. At ladies night, we enjoy great conversation and a welcoming atmosphere to all.



**May 20th &
June 17th
7-9pm**



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