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Major Provincial Funding Approved for New Central Peace Childcare Facility

$2.7 million in provincial funding brings a long-awaited regional childcare project one significant step closer to reality.

A major milestone has been reached in the effort to expand childcare in the Central Peace. The Municipal District of Spirit River has received official approval of its Building Blocks grant application, securing **$2,714,989 in provincial funding** toward the construction of a new 102-space childcare facility.

After several years of planning, advocacy, and community fundraising, this approval provides a significant level of certainty for a project that has been years in the making.

The facility, planned for a site directly behind the MD Administration Building, will provide licensed, subsidized childcare spaces to help address the growing needs of regional families. Initial site work has begun, with full-scale construction anticipated to start in spring 2027, following a competitive procurement process over the winter.

The funding approval follows considerable advocacy by regional partners. In November 2025, MD Council met with provincial ministers at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Fall Convention to advocate for a review of the original grant application. The project has also received substantial local



Left to right: MDSR CAO Shirley Hayden, MDSR Councillor Bernie Schoorlemmer, MDSR Councillor Evelyn Bzowy, MDSR Reeve Tony van Rootselaar, Honourable Minister of Education & Childcare Demetrios Nicolaides, MDSR Deputy Reeve Dean Wark, MDSR Councillor Shelley Rozecki, MDSR Asst. CAO Monty Bremont

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support, including **$500,000** from **Saddle Hills County**, **$125,000** from the **Spirit River & District Agricultural Societ**y, and **$744,021.98** raised through the **Spring Break Up Dine and Dance fundraiser** and the **MD's matching contribution** of **$350,000**.

The announcement was met with an outpouring of community support, with residents recognizing the long-term benefits for families, children, and the regional workforce.

As one community member expressed, *"The benefit this is for families and children; the stabilization that childcare will bring to our workforce and our community... I am grateful to all who have helped make this happen."*

Another comment reflected on the years of dedication behind the project, recognizing the tens of thousands of hours contributed by those who researched, advocated, and continued to believe in a much-needed regional childcare solution.

This achievement is a testament to what can happen when communities, organizations, and regional partners work together toward a shared goal. While construction is still ahead, securing this funding marks a defining moment for the project and an important investment in the future of the Central Peace.

A brighter future for Central Peace families is one step closer.

Recycling Reminder

Recycling pick-up days, in Spirit River, are the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month.

Spirit River Alumni Help Fairview Falcons Capture WickFest Bronze Division Title

Three Spirit River Rangers alumni helped the Fairview Falcons win the championship at the 2026 Canadian Tire WickFest in Calgary over the November 7-8 weekend.



Erin Payeur, Paisley Hickman, and Kam Bissell were part of the U18 Falcons squad that dominated the Bronze Division. The Falcons went undefeated in the pool (4-0) and then closed it out in style, defeating the Yellowknife Wolfpack 4–1 in the championship final on Sunday afternoon.

The Peace Country trio helped their team outscore opponents by a wide margin throughout the tournament, capping the weekend with a convincing win that secured the U18 Bronze Division championship banner.

"Way to go, girls," said Spirit River Minor Hockey in a social media post celebrating the alumni. "The Peace Country represented hard this weekend in the South."

The Falcons' strong showing at one of Canada's premier girls' hockey festivals is another bright moment for northern Alberta minor hockey.

TOGETHER IN HEALING



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SERVING THE MD #133, SPIRIT RIVER, RYCROFT, & WESTERN BIRCH HILLS COUNTY

On occasion, FCSS staff may be out of the office. If you require in-person assistance, please call ahead to ensure that someone will be available to help!

Christmas Programs

Christmas is just around the corner!! Central Peace FCSS is coordinating a number of Christmas programs and is looking for some help. FCSS is looking for volunteers, monetary donations, and sponsors for Secret Santas. If you would like to help, please call or email the FCSS office.

Christmas Hamper Applications

The Christmas hamper applications are available for pick up at the Admin offices of Town of Spirit River, Village of Rycroft, Birch Hills County, MD of Spirit River#133, as well as Rycoft Library, Spirit River Library, and the FCSS office. **Application Deadline is December 16th**.

Secret Santa for Seniors and Children

The Secret Santa for children and seniors gifts **must be back to the FCSS office by December 15th**.

Christmas Sharing Dates

Christmas hampers will be assembled on **December 18th**. Pick up will be **December 21st & 22nd** from **10:00AM - 2:00PM**, at the **Ross Room in Spirit River**.

Christmas Hours

Open December 24th until noon; closed December 25th-28th; open December 29th-31st; closed January 1-3, 2027; and reopening January 4, 2027.



Project Aurora Makes Significant Progress Following Busy Construction Season

Project Aurora has made significant progress following a busy construction season, bringing Saddle Hills County closer to expanded access to reliable, high-speed fibre internet.

Since construction began on July 14th, crews have been working throughout much of the County, installing underground infrastructure that will form the foundation of the new fibre-optic network.

Between July 14 and November 5, 2026, crews completed:

- 536 kilometers of underground conduit installed.
- 1,362 directional drilling shots completed.
- 22 kilometers of fibre-optic cable installed within the conduit.

With much of the underground conduit now in place, the next phase of construction will focus on completing the remaining drilling, particularly at road and other infrastructure crossings. Once drilling is complete, crews will continue installing fibre-optic cable through the underground conduit using compressed air, a process known as fibre jetting.

The final stage involves fusion splicing; a specialized process that joins individual strands of fibre-optic cable to create a continuous network capable of transmitting high-speed internet signals. Once these steps are complete, the project can move toward connecting homes and businesses throughout the service area.

Project Aurora represents a significant investment in Saddle Hills County's digital infrastructure, helping improve connectivity for residents, supporting local businesses, and creating new opportunities for economic growth.

With another productive construction season behind it, Project Aurora continues to move Saddle Hills County closer to becoming one of Alberta's most connected rural municipalities.

Saddle Hills COUNTY

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 8th ~ Regular Council Meeting
December 22nd ~ Regular Council Meeting

PO Box 157 Wanham, AB T0H 3P0
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4601 – 50th Street, Wanham
www.birchhillscounty.com
Office Hours: 8:15-12:00 & 12:30-4:00

OLD TIME COUNTRY MUSIC JAM

Join the Birch Hills Seniors for an afternoon of music, dancing and visiting on December 12th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. There will be a light lunch and admission is by donation. To be held at the Senior Centre in Wanham, 4605-50th Street.

CHAIR YOGA

Improve your overall wellbeing with Chair Yoga! Chair Yoga is beneficial for seniors as it helps with flexibility, strength, and balance. Wear comfortable clothing! All adults are welcome and it runs throughout the year! Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am to 11:00 am - Birch Hills Senior Center.

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER (MFR)

Do you have the knowledge and skills to become a Medical First Responder? Are you able to work in a confidential manner for the benefit of the public? Medical First Responders are trained volunteers who assist with medical emergencies until EMS services arrives. Birch Hills County is accepting applications for our Medical First Responder Team.

Please contact Larry Davidson, CAO, at cao@birchhillscounty.com

RANGE ROAD 253 – REOPENED

Range Road 253, South of Highway 49, is now open.

CONTACTS

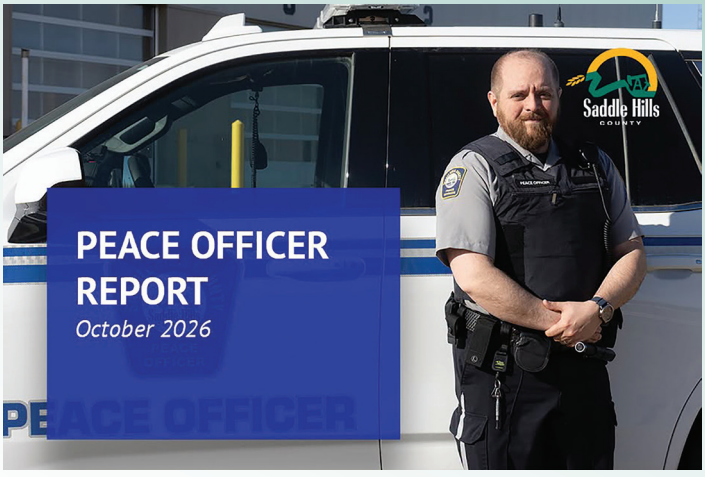
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LANDFILL & TRANSFER SITE HOURS

WANHAM: MONDAY & THURSDAY 2:00PM-8:00PM
TANGENT: TUESDAY & FRIDAY 2:00PM-8:00PM

EAGLESHAM HALL RENTAL:

CONTACT TAMARA AT COUNTY OFFICE
@ payables@birchhillscounty.com



Saddle Hills County Peace Officer Reports Increased Theft and Suspicious Activity in October

Saddle Hills County Peace Officer Wayne Olson continued regular patrols throughout October, focusing on traffic enforcement, community safety, and areas of concern identified by County staff and residents.

During the month, Olson conducted 10 traffic stops for speeding violations. Six drivers were stopped for exceeding the posted 100 km/h speed limit, one for exceeding the 80 km/h limit, and three for exceeding the 30 km/h limit. On average, drivers were travelling 26 km/h over the posted speed limit.

Olson reported 178.5 hours of service during October, including 104 hours of County patrols, 42 hours of training and administration, 18 hours of investigations, and four hours monitoring school zones. The remaining 10.5 hours were recorded for breaks and community interactions.

Increased Reports of Theft and Suspicious Activity

October also saw an increase in reports of theft and suspicious activity throughout the County. Relevant information was shared with the Spirit River RCMP Detachment.

Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and take steps to protect their property. Simple precautions, such as locking vehicles, securing homes and outbuildings, and keeping valuables in safe locations can help reduce opportunities for theft.

Residents are also encouraged to take advantage of Saddle Hills County's Security Camera Initiative, which supports improved property security and community safety.

Community safety is a shared responsibility. Residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity to the RCMP and take proactive steps to help keep their properties and communities safe.

Saddle Hills County Scheduled Office Closures

Please note that the Saddle Hills County Admin Building will be **closing at 12:00PM** (noon), on **Friday, December 11, 2026**, for a Staff Christmas Event. The office will reopen at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, December 14, 2026.

The Saddle Hills County Administration Building will be **closed for the holiday season beginning at 4:30PM on December 23, 2026, and will reopen on January 3, 2027 at 8:15AM**.

Public Hearing: Bylaw 1034 Land Use Bylaw Amendment (River Kids Daycare)

Date: Monday, December 7, 2026
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: 4502 50th Street, Spirit River, AB.; Council Chambers, Town of Spirit River Administration Building

CHIEF'S BRIEFS

Since my last briefing to you we have had 9 Medical First Responder calls, 5 Motor Vehicle Collisions, 6 Fires, and 1 alarm call. This brings our total emergency calls this year to 167 at the time this was written.

Our new recruits started class on November the 4th, in the Rycroft Fire Hall. We have the honour of having a very full class this year with 17 new recruits going through the program. Wow and they said community volunteerism is dead! Well, not in our area. Thank you everyone who has taken up the challenge. I would really like to mention these new recruits by name for all of you to say thank you for committing to the challenge.

So, from the roster we have; Kristen Imes, Kyla Mosenko, Madi McKelvey, Logan Black, Trenton Wiggins, Dal Fischer, Keira Dickenson, Conrad Elicano, Ayden Macdaid, Micah Steinke, Riley Eck, Olivia Stevenson, Marcy Macdaid, Bridget Huber, Tim Chandonnet, and Gary Sanocki. Thank you all for your commitment to this program.

It's that time of year again that the weather is changing, which means that driving to the conditions will apply, so please slow down and use caution when the conditions change. We also need to look at preparing for emergencies and the 72-hour emergency kit is only one item we should all have available to us.

Emergencies can happen at any time, often without warning. In Canada, severe winter storms, floods, wildfires, power outages, and other natural disasters can disrupt daily life. Being prepared is essential to keeping yourself and your family safe. One of the best ways to prepare is by having a 72-hour emergency kit ready.

A 72-hour emergency kit contains essential supplies to help you and your family survive for at least three days (72 hours) without outside assistance. Your kit should include enough drinking water, non-perishable food, a first-aid kit, prescription medications, a flashlight, extra batteries, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, warm clothing, blankets, and personal hygiene products.

It is also important to include copies of important documents, emergency contact information, cash, a phone charger or power bank, and supplies for babies, seniors, and pets, if needed. In Canada, warm clothing, winter boots, gloves, and extra blankets are especially important because temperatures can drop quickly during an emergency.

Keep your emergency kit in an easy-to-reach location, preferably in a waterproof container. Check it regularly to replace expired food, water, and medications, and make sure batteries and equipment are working.

Remember, emergencies are unpredictable, but preparation can make a big difference. Having a 72-hour emergency kit gives you and your family the supplies and confidence needed to stay safe until help arrives. Be prepared, stay informed, and protect your family.

The first aid CPR course on November 16th and 17th was a success, and once again this would not have been possible without the generous donation from the Friends of the South Peace Firefighter's Association and we like to say thank you for this once again.

I once again want to stress the importance of pulling over and stopping in either direction as emergency vehicles are responding to an incident. The lights and sirens are on for a reason and more than likely going to be attending a life-or-death emergency. We understand that it's a little inconvenient, but then again, you can carry on with your day, perhaps the person we're trying to get to won't have another day. It's all about perspective, and which end of it you are on.

Another point, when a traffic control system is set up, remember it's there for a reason; to PROTECT those who are working either an emergency, traffic stop, or a construction zone. The speed limit by law is 60 km/hr. The province, along with the Provincial Fire Liaison Committee on which I am a member, are working hard to provide public education, direction, and resources for highway safety. This is one of the big projects the fire service, police services, EMS, and road construction services are working toward. If you are a roadside worker, there is a website that you can add near misses on. We are looking for more data to make all our jobs better. **Roadside Safety Incident Reporting Tool - AFCA**

Last thing I would like to mention and give a plug to is the Central Peace Firefighters Association is hosting a New Year's gala once again to raise funds for the new Central Peace Fire & Rescue's new fire hall. Tickets can be purchased at the Rycroft Administration Office and the MD 133 Administration Office (CASH ONLY), and through Tracy Lapping using E-Transfer, if you wish. Tracy can be reached at tl.lapping@gmail.com and at 780 978-3667, or any other firefighter will be able to get you tickets.

Thankyou,
Brian Kroes
Central Peace Fire & Rescue Commission

Regional Councils Meet with Minister LaGrange on Rural Healthcare Priorities

Council members from three of the G5 municipalities — Saddle Hills County, Birch Hills County, and the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 — took the opportunity while attending the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) fall convention to meet with Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Hospitals and Surgical Health Services, on November 5, 2026.

Also present were Honourable Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks and MLA for Central Peace-Notley, along with the municipal leaders including Reeve Tony van Rootselaar, Deputy Reeve Dean Wark, and Councillors Evelyn Bzowy and Shelley Rozecki of the MD of Spirit River; Reeve Karen Portelance and Deputy Reeve John Sinkwich of Birch Hills County; Reeve Jenn vanRootselaar of Saddle Hills County; and senior administration from the MD of Spirit River and Birch Hills County.

The discussion centred on the region's long-term credibility and proactive approach to community needs. Reeve Tony van Rootselaar outlined several municipal investments that have strengthened local services, including the purchase of land in the Town of Spirit River for the 92-suite Pleasant View Seniors' Lodge, the successful retention of the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) office, and a 10-year lease with Fish and Wildlife through an addition to the Brownlee Building, the development of the Central Peace Medical Clinic (currently home to five doctors and actively recruiting a sixth), and plans for a new 102-space licensed childcare facility scheduled for construction in 2027 to support healthcare recruitment and retention.

Attention then turned to the Central Peace Health Complex in Spirit River. The facility is 55 years old and averages 24.6 emergency department visits every day of the year—a volume that has risen since 2021, partly due to ongoing closures at the Fairview emergency room. The hospital serves a wide catchment area, with patients travelling from Beaverlodge and Grande Prairie because of wait times elsewhere. When Minister LaGrange asked about alternatives, municipal representatives noted that the new Beaverlodge hospital is approximately 1.5 hours away, underscoring the need for a new facility in Spirit River to relieve pressure on other regional sites. The complex currently has 16 ongoing care beds, and the opening of the new Pleasant View Lodge has further increased demand for hospital and emergency services.

Municipal leaders confirmed that land is available for a new hospital and stressed the importance of preparing for anticipated growth linked to projects across the Peace Country. Minister LaGrange advised that the province is developing a 50-year Capital Infrastructure Plan (expected later this year) and a 30-year Workforce Plan, and she affirmed the government's recognition of the critical role rural healthcare facilities play.

Staffing and housing challenges were also discussed. Minister Loewen pointed to the new Northwestern Polytechnic program for training doctors as a positive step for regional recruitment. While the planned childcare facility will help address one barrier, housing shortages remain a significant obstacle. The possibility of a new apartment complex tied to guaranteed occupancy for Alberta Health Services staff was raised. Minister LaGrange expressed interest in reviewing data on AHS costs for local staff rentals and noted potential models such as the Rural Health Professions Action Plan and cross-ministry approaches used in Fort Chipewyan.

Community commitment was highlighted throughout the meeting. Deputy Reeve Dean Wark and Reeve van Rootselaar pointed to substantial local fundraising, including the Rycroft Ag Society's Spring Break Up Dine and Dance event earlier this year that raised approximately $744,000 in a single night for the daycare project. Deputy Reeve Wark also credited sustained municipal advocacy for the successful reinstatement of medevac services at the Spirit River Airport.

The meeting reinforced the shared priority of strengthening rural healthcare infrastructure, workforce capacity, and community supports across the Central Peace region.



From L to R: Councillor Evelyn Bzowy, MD of Spirit River, Deputy Reeve John Sinkwich, Birch Hills County, Reeve Karen Portelance, Birch Hills County, Reeve Tony van Rootselaar, MD of Spirit River, Honourable Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry & Parks and MLA for Central Peace-Notley, Deputy Reeve Dean Wark, MD of Spirit River, and Reeve Jenn vanRootselaar, Saddle Hills County

Help Make Christmas Brighter in Saddle Hills County

A little holiday kindness goes a long way! Need a Christmas hamper or know someone who could use a helping hand? Apply or refer a local resident today!



Deadline to apply: December 14, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Visit saddlehills.ab.ca/News, stop by the County Office, or call **(780) 864-3760**.

Tax Installment Payment Plan

The TIPPS program is for your taxes to be a monthly payment for the year instead of a large amount owing at tax time.

You must be current in your taxes to qualify.

Reminder to Village of Rycroft residents, who were on the TIPPS Program last year and wish to continue this year, that you will need to sign up again.

You can sign up by going to the Village office, or by going to our website @ **www.rycroft.ca** starting in December.

County Happenings

Council Supports Kinette Tree of Cheer at Winter Carnival

Council has approved a sponsorship contribution of $3,500 to the Kinette Club of Spirit River for its annual Tree of Cheer fundraiser at the Winter Carnival. The funding will help purchase gifts for the Tree of Cheer. By supporting the event, Council is helping strengthen the community connections and volunteer-driven initiatives that make the region a great place to live. Funding for the sponsorship will come from Council's Hospitality and Sponsorship Budget.

Campground Rates Remain Unchanged for 2027

At its November 10, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, Council reviewed the rates for the County's municipal campgrounds and voted to keep them unchanged for the 2027 camping season. By maintaining current rates, Council continues to support affordable outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors, making it easier for families to enjoy time together in the County's parks and campgrounds. Council accepted the review of campground rates within the Master Rates Bylaw for information.

Saddle Hills County Residential Security System

The County may provide one-time grant funding up to a maximum of $500 per residence, towards the purchase and installation of security cameras or monitoring systems on any residential properties within Saddle Hills County. Submitting an application under this program does not guarantee reimbursement. To apply, please complete and submit a Residential Security System & High-Speed Internet Grant Application online or at the County office. If you have any questions about the program, please contact **ProtSrvcs@saddlehills.ab.ca** or call **(780) 864-3760**.

COUNTY CALENDAR DECEMBER 2026

Dec. 8 | 9 a.m. Regular Council Meeting

Tree Seedling Orders for 2027

Saddle Hills County residents can place their orders through the 2027 Tree Seedling Program, now entering its fourth year. A variety of tree species are available to help enhance shelterbelts, wildlife habitat, and local landscapes. Information on available species, pricing, and program details can be found on the County website at **saddlehills.ab.ca/Tree-Seedlings**. The deadline to order is **December 11**.

FCSS Grants - Now Open!

Saddle Hills County is accepting applications for the 2027 FCSS Grant Program. Any organization in the County may apply for programming based on the provincial requirements. Deadline to apply is **November 30.** If you would like more infomation, please call us at **(780) 864-3760** or email **fcss@saddlehills.ab.ca.**

New Recycling Options at Transfer Stations

Saddle Hills County residents can now recycle empty windshield washer fluid, empty DEF (Diesel Exhaust Fluid) containers, and empty antifreeze containers at the **Bonanza, Blueberry, and Woking** Transfer Stations. For more information about accepted materials and recycling programs, please visit **albertarecycling.ca.**

Christmas at the County

Christmas at the County is just around the corner, residents are invited to gather for an evening of festive fun and holiday spirit on **Thursday, December 3**, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the County Administration Building. Families can enjoy photos with Santa, games, colouring activities, and light refreshments. The evening will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display, continuing a cherished Saddle Hills County holiday tradition. Mark your calendars and join us for Christmas at the County as we come together to celebrate the magic of the season.

Prepare Dugouts for Winter Before Freeze-Up

Saddle Hills County reminds livestock producers to prepare dugouts before freeze-up. Check aeration systems, clean water intakes, inspect banks, and ensure intake lines are below the expected ice level. Restricting livestock access and using off-site watering systems can help protect water quality. Be aware that aeration systems may create thin ice, and regular water testing is recommended. For more information, call **310-FARM (3276)** or visit Alberta's Farm Water Resources website.

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

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Community Events

CENTRAL PEACE MINISTERIAL
Festival of Carols!
Sunday, December 6th *from* 3:00PM – 5:00PM

A free-will offering will be collected for the Central Peace Ministerial's ***Virtual Food Bank****.*

Taking place in the Centennial Hall, at 4812 48th Avenue, in the Town of Spirit River

RYCROFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Community Cafe w/ Steve & Janet
Friday, December 11th *from* 6:00PM – 9:00*ish*PM

Located at 4724 50th Street, in the Village of Rycroft.

RYCROFT MERRY PIONEERS
Footcare
Wednesday, December 16th *from* 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Christmas Supper
Friday, December 18th @ 5:30PM ~ $20/tickets.

Tickets can be purchased @ the hall or call Brenda @ (780) 864-0174.

Located within the Rycroft Community Hall, at 5208 47th Avenue, in the Village of Rycroft.

CENTRAL PEACE FCSS
Community Kitchen
Sunday, December 13th @ 10:00AM

Taking place in the Rycroft Community Hall, at 5208 47th Avenue, in the Village of Rycroft.

CENTRAL PEACE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOC.
Northern Lights New Year's Eve Gala
Thursday, December 31st *from* 6:00PM – 1:00AM

**** Fundraiser for new Fire Hall ****

Dinner & Dance $60, Dance only $25; Text Tracy @ (780) 978-3667 for details. Tickets can be purchased at the MD of Spirit River & Village of Rycroft Admin offices - CASH ONLY

Taking place in the Rycroft Ag Centre, at 11055 PTH on the north side of Hwy 49, in the Village of Rycroft.

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Meetings start @ 9:00AM

Rycroft AB Hub of the Peace

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Email: rycroft@rycroft.ca
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December 15, 2026
Meetings start @ 6:30PM

Saddle Hills County

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December 8, 2026
Meetings start @ 9:00AM

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For full contact list, meeting minutes, and more, scan here:

December 9, 2026
December 23, 2026
Meetings start @ 9:00AM

Spirit River

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Public Works: (780) 864-0126
Centennial Hall Bookings: (780) 864-3998
McClean Recreation Centre (Arena) Bookings: (780) 864-6124

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December 7, 2026
Meeting starts @ 7:00PM
December 21, 2026
Meeting starts @ 6:30PM