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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



February 2016

Tax Exemption By-Law

<http://rmofpiney.mb.ca/by-law-no-1122016/>

By-Law No. 112/2016

By-Law takes effect February 16th, 2016.

The Rural Municipality has updated the Tax Exemption By-Law:

Certain lands & buildings are exempt from taxation for municipal purposes. Land used exclusively for charitable purposes are exempt from school taxes under section 23 (1) and are exempt by By-Law from municipal taxation.

To view the Taxation Exemption By-Law No. 112/2016, including the list of organizations exempt, please visit our website.

<http://rmofpiney.mb.ca/by-law-no-1122016/>

Community Growth

Economic Development

RM's of Piney & Stuartburn

Growth & Prosperity

To the residents of The R.M. of Piney:

You are cordially invited to attend a very special town hall meeting to participate in a discussion focused on **COMMUNITY GROWTH AND PROSPERITY** within the rural municipalities of Piney and Stuartburn. Your input is vital in determining a go forward approach to economic development in our respective region.

Vassar Hall - April 4th – 7 PM

Vita Hall - April 6th – 7 PM

Building,
growing
& sustaining
communities



marketingnutz

Tourism Study Underway: Survey and Public Consultations Conducted in Piney & Stuartburn

Critical Eye Consulting

Piney / Stuartburn

Partner 4 Growth

Throughout January the RM offices of Stuartburn & Piney combined their efforts to conduct an online and mail-out survey of residents to ask what made our area unique and what could be attractive to visitors. Over 250 surveys were completed to provide insight into what they love about where they live or recreate.

Over the course of the following weeks public consultations were conducted in Woodridge, Vita & Sprague. Slippery roads and winter rain did not sway attendance as the meetings were well attended and incredibly insightful. "The consultations provided a great forum to hear what residents think tourists might be interested in", said Mel Parent, Councillor for Piney. "We got some great feedback and we're excited with the results".

The results of the survey and first-round public consultations are being compiled and taken into consideration in the development of a Tourism Strategy. The strategy will be unveiled, discussed and explained during a second round of public consultations to be held in March.

The RM offices received a grant from a Government funding program called Partner 4 Growth and began working with Rick & Brigitte Kemp of Critical Eye Consulting, who specialize in fundraising, tourism development and marketing. The Kemps live in Ste. Anne, while Rick's parents reside in Stuartburn.

March 22nd: Vita Hall 7-9PM

March 23rd: Vassar Hall 7-9PM

2016 Event Grants

Rm of Piney

Approved Event Grants for 2016

\$5000 towards Rm of Piney Events

1. Vassar Summer Camp- \$1500
2. South Junction Community Club- \$1500
3. Sprague & Area Arena-\$1250
4. Sprague Fest- \$750

Organizations plans for grant money:

Vassar Pool: Provide Free Summer Day Camp

South Junction Community Club: Canada Day Fireworks

Sprague & Area Arena: Movie Projector/ Screen

Sprague Fest: Money towards Sprague Fest Weekend

Homeowners/Landowners

Harold Grawberger

Snow Removal

winter 2016

The Rural Municipality of Piney hereby gives notice that any person who deposits snow upon a highway or the shoulders thereof is in contravention of Section 217(1) of the Highway Traffic Act, and is responsible to immediately remove it in accordance with Section 217(2), which reads as follows:

"A person who drops, throws, or deposits upon a highway right way any substance or thing likely to injure a person, animal, or vehicle shall immediately remove it or cause it to be removed."

As the practice of cleaning private lands and driveways and leaving snow on the highway and/or shoulders creates a hazardous condition for the highway user, the Rural Municipality of Piney will take the necessary action to enforce the above – mentioned section in the Act. In addition, any person acting in contravention of the Highways Traffic Act will be held liable for any claims arising out of their actions.

If you have any questions, call the office at 204-437-2284 or 204-437-2060.

Thank you!

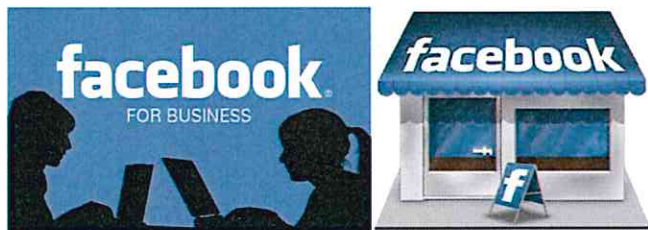


Photo Contest Reminder

RM of Piney

Community/Community Events & Festivities

Contest runs February to September 2016

The intention of the Rural Municipality of Piney 2016 Photo Contest is to showcase the communities and community events & festivities the RM of Piney has to offer, and to expand on the current library of photographs that the RM of Piney uses to promote our area.

The Two Categories for the contest are:

1. Communities
2. Community Events & Festivities

For more information on how to enter, prizes, contest deadline and rules and regulations, please visit our website, <http://rmofpiney.mb.ca/rural-municipality-of-piney-2016-photo-contest/>.

Good luck!

Facebook for Businesses

Eastman Tourism / MB Tourism Education Council

To Register

admin@eastmantourism.ca

Would you like to learn more about Facebook? Do you run a business, volunteer at a museum, or help with events in your community? Visitors to your area want things to do and places to go but they can't find you unless you have an on-line presence. Facebook is a quick easy way to keep locals and visitors informed about what's happening. This session is for those who have an understanding of Facebook and already have their own Facebook account. But even if you don't, it's easy enough to set one up prior to this workshop. This course will give you the confidence to explore the world of social media.

The MTEC instructor will explain and provide training on how to:

- Set-up a business page
- Get people to "like" your business using various strategies
- Properly use Facebook to communicate with people
- Customize your page by adding things like music, color backgrounds, etc.
- Install appropriate applications to integrate feeds from your blog and other social media accounts into your Facebook profile
- Post upcoming events including webinars, conferences and other programs where you or someone from your company will be present
- Use search to find groups and fan pages related to your business by industry, location and career
- Set-up Facebook advertising for your business
- Learn how to set-up and look at you Page's analytics to measure results
- And more!

Date: March 31st, 2016

Time: 10 AM - 2 PM

Location: Council Chambers at the RM of Piney Office, 6092 Boundary Road, Vassar, MB

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)

RSVP: Call 204-348-2473, text 204-451-1757 or email admin@eastmantourism.ca

Space is limited to 10 participants. Please register by March 24th.

Dump Hours

RM of Piney

Change of Hours

March 13th, 2016

The garbage dump hours will be reverting back to regular hours.

10:00 AM- 6:00 PM starting on
March 13th.

South East SnoRiders

Mitch Gobeil

SnoRiders Club

www.southeastsnoriders.mb.ca

The South East SnoRiders operate out of Woodridge, MB where we store our equipment. We have 495 kms of designated trails and because of one way trails we maintain and groom 820 kms of trail. The trails in our corner of Manitoba go from the west edge of Steinbach, to the Ontario / North West Angle, MN border to the east and basically from the Trans-Canada Highway on the north edge to the U.S. border on the southern edge where our trails connect to U.S. snowmobile trails. About 450 kms of our trails are in the woods, and most of which is in remote areas. This provides for some of the most beautiful riding in the province. We are part of Snowmobilers of MB Inc. (Snoman) which is made up of 52 individual clubs. Each year we host a few annual events like a Family Weiner Roast free to club members, a group Day Ride on our club trails, a group Overnight Ride to some place usually about 200 kms away. We host a Vintage Snowmobile Ride in honour of Joe "Tomahawk" Fournier one of the original snowmobiling pioneers in the area, in early March with the net proceeds going to Cancer Care Manitoba. This year it will be held on March 5th from 9 – 11 am at the Woodridge C.C. and you can see many old snowmobiles in their glory. In April each year we have a fundraising dinner and this year will be our 9th annual dinner. It will be held on the evening of April 16th at the Woodridge C.C. Look for posters of these events around the communities in the RM, or check out the South East SnoRiders Facebook page, or visit our website www.southeastsnoriders.mb.ca for more information.

The South East SnoRiders snowmobile club and it's volunteers spend countless hours maintaining and grooming these trails, making it possible for snowmobilers from all over Manitoba, Minnesota, Ontario and even as far away as Grafton, N.D. area to come out and enjoy the beauty of our corner of the province.

We would like to say thank you to all the businesses that support our club and we encourage all snowmobilers to support all the local businesses.

We would like to wish all snowmobilers an enjoyable snowmobile season and ride safe.

Mitch Gobeil
Vice President
South East SnoRiders

Community Futures Triple R

Debbi Fortien

Job Opening

Deadline Friday February 26th, 2016

Community Futures Triple R Corporation has an opening for a Business Analyst. Community Futures Triple R Corporation serves 19 Municipal Council Districts in Southeastern and South Central Manitoba. The region is very entrepreneurial focused, diverse in cultural and offers a good balance of industrial, agricultural, tourism, and service industry opportunities. To view the job posting, visit the RM website.

<http://rmofpiney.mb.ca/local-business/local-job-listings/>



Seine Rat River Conservation District

Dorthea Gregoire

Roseau Watershed Technician

Cost Coverages

www.srrcd.ca

Fencing Off Waterways & Dugouts:

The Seine Rat River Conservation District will cover up to 75% of the cost to fence off your waterway or dugout.

- Improve herd health and performance by fencing off ditches, creeks, rivers and dugouts while also participating in your community's overall health benefits

Alternative Watering Systems for Healthy Livestock:

The SRRCD will cover up to 75% of the cost to establish an alternative summer or winter watering system away from a waterway or dugout

- Alternative watering systems use solar power to give livestock access to clean water

Protect your Water, Seal your Abandoned Well:

The SRRCD will cover 100% of the cost up to \$2000 to seal your unused or abandoned well

- Protect your community aquifer from any potential pollution by sealing your unused or abandoned well

Protect your Water by Repairing your Well:

The SRRCD will cover 50% of the cost of upgrading your well pit

- Improve your household drinking water by lifting your well head above ground, removing the threat of pollution to enrich your drinking water

Applications are available online to download or contact one of our offices today!

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Vita (204)425-7877
[http://srrcd.ca/](http://srrcd.ca)
manager@srrcd.ca



2016 Financial & Strategic Plans

RM of Piney

Draft Versions

www.rmofpiney.mb.ca

The Rural Municipality of Piney has been distributing copies of the financial plan for the year 2016 as well as the 2016 strategic plan. Both documents are in draft form and for discussion. The purpose of these tools are to be used for long term planning for the Municipality. If you missed out on Coffee with Council and would like to view the documents, they can be viewed on our website or you can pick up a copy at the RM office.

To view the 2016 Strategic Plan visit our website at:

<http://rmofpiney.mb.ca/category/strategic-plan/>

To view the 2016 Financial Plan please visit our website at:

<http://rmofpiney.mb.ca/draft-2016-financial-plan/>

A STEP (or skate) IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Sprague & Area Arena Annual Skate a Thon

Ross L. Gray School / Sprague & Area Arena

Fundraiser

February 25th, 2016

The Sprague & Area Arena is having their annual Skate a Thon on Thursday, February 25th. The students of Ross L. Gray will be accepting pledges, and they will have the opportunity to win money and prize incentives. This year, all proceeds collected will be used towards painting the interior of the arena. Visit the Arena's Facebook page for more information and to download a pledge form.

Everyone is welcome to participate!

Sprague & Area Arena
Box 188
Sprague, MB.
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ANNUAL
SPRAGUE & DISTRICT
HISTORICAL MUSEUM INC.

DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

THEME: MUSICAL TREAT

Saturday, March 05, 2016
SPRAGUE HALL

6:00: P.M. DINNER

To Follow: ENTERTAINMENT:
"MUSICAL TREAT"

RAINBOW AUCTION

ADULTS:

DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT : \$15.00

CHILDREN: AGES 5-10 \$5.00 4 and under Free

Tickets available at: CARL KAYS; VASSAR STORE:
SPRAGUE HOTEL: CO OP SOUTH JUNCTION

CALL: 437-4686 437-2210 437-2209



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