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Rural Municipality of  
**PINEY**



**April 2020**

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

### Council Meeting Changes

COTW scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 has been moved to Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Regular Meeting scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 has been moved to Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### Easter Office Closure

The RM office will be closed on  
**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**  
The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Happy Easter!**



### Financial Plan Public Hearing

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The RM of Piney intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2020 at a public hearing on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00pm in the RM of Piney Council Chambers.

Council will hear any person who wishes to ask questions, make a representation, or register any objections to the financial plan.

Copies of the financial plan are available for review and may be examined by any person during the RM of Piney regular office hours.



**RM of Piney Fire Fighters**

**Give us room to work!**



The Highway Traffic Act requires drivers to slow down and move over when approaching a vehicle pulled over at the side of the road with their emergency lights flashing. These include professions such as tow truck drivers, construction workers, and emergency personnel.

**Drivers are required to slow down to 40 km/h on roads where the speed limit is less than 80 km/h, and slow down to 60 km/h if the speed limit is 80 km/h or more.**

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=45305>

[https://www.caamanitoba.com/community\\_slow\\_down\\_move\\_over](https://www.caamanitoba.com/community_slow_down_move_over)



### Happy Earth Day!

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Earth Day is all about the environment, and taking steps to be more environmentally friendly. We only have one planet, so let's do our best to take care of it!

### Book Recycling Tip!

Even though they're made of paper, books aren't accepted in your blue bin. If your books are still in good condition, donate them to a local hospital, library, charitable organization, or second-hand store.



### Burning Permits Required

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Under authority of the Wildfires Act, open fires are prohibited from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 except under a burning permit or in enclosed approved fire pits.

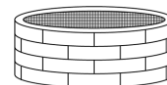
Burning Permits can only be obtained from your local Sustainable Development Office.

No burning is allowed before 6:00pm or when winds exceed 15 km/hr unless authorized by a Natural Resource Officer.

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/fire/Restrictions/index.html>

### Fire Pit Regulations

- An outdoor fire pit shall be enclosed on all sides and constructed of masonry, concrete, heavy gauge metal or other non-combustible materials;
- The outdoor fire pit shall not exceed 100cm in depth when measured from the bottom of the pit to the top of the pit opening and shall be at least 15cm in height when measured from the surrounding grade to the top of the pit opening;
- The outdoor fire pit opening shall not exceed 107cm in diameter or an area of 0.89 square meters and the width or lengths shall not be greater than 107cm;
- When in use, outdoor fire pits shall be continuously supervised by an adult;
- A means of extinguishment such as a portable fire extinguisher, pail of water, sand or garden hose shall be readily available on site. All fires must be completely extinguished before leaving the site.





## Municipal Emergency Coordinator COVID-19 Update

Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), it is important to remember to remain calm and stay focused on doing your part in keeping us all healthy.

Please know that all levels of Government (Federal, Provincial and Municipal) are working hard at keeping you safe and ensuring the ongoing continuity of service.

The staff at the RM of Piney Office, are in continuous contact with Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization and Manitoba Health for the latest news and information so we may react in an efficient and timely manner to changes in the situation. We have already implemented safety measures and are prepared and ready to implement further measures to ensure the safety of the public in the RM of Piney.

One problem we are seeing is the wide variety of information sources and the many different opinions expressed, whether they be accurate or not. Accurate information is paramount in understanding your responsibilities and the status of the current situation.

**CURRENT INFORMATION SHOULD ONLY BE SOUGHT FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE, SUCH AS:**

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/>

Updates are being posted daily, by the Province of Manitoba, on this website to ensure the public has access to the latest information.

Further issues involve the bulk buying of basic household items. The alarming trend of bulk buying of goods, hampers the ability of others to buy household necessities which they also require. Please try to buy no more than you need.

We will see these trying times bring out the best in Canadians across the country in their resolute defiance and steadfast reactions to this crisis. Together we will overcome and look back with pride on how we handled our responsibilities.

Richard Gamble  
richard@rmofpiney.mb.ca

## Road Weight Restrictions

### Resolution No. 87

The RM of Piney has imposed a 65% weight restriction of normal loading.

- Menisino North (Rd 59E) from PTH 12 to PR 201
- Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21N) from PR 210 to Rd 74E
- St.Labre Rd (Rd 27N & 63E) from PR 210 to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21)
- Vassar North - Vassar to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 20N)
- Vassar East MM (Rd 6N) from Vassar East Access to PR 308
- Municipal Road 12N from PTH 12 to PR 210

**Restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.**



## Economic Development Update

This month we had planned to talk about our fourth pillar of economic development: agriculture, forestry and industry. While these sectors are critically important to our region, we've had a curveball thrown at us that needed to be prioritized – the COVID-19 worldwide health crisis.

What we're working on: In this unprecedented situation, we are doing everything we can to minimize the negative impact on local businesses.

- Just created a Sunrise Corner Economic Development Facebook page that will share programs, resources and grants available to businesses and community groups (same as our LinkedIn page started in January 2020). On the new Facebook page, we'll also be sharing local business news.
- Cancelled Open Office Days at the RM office but I'm still available to answer questions, share resources or brainstorm ideas via email at: [monique@sunrisecornermb.ca](mailto:monique@sunrisecornermb.ca)
- Just started developing an online business planning workshop. With downtime due to closures and self-isolation, existing businesses, those thinking of starting a business and even community groups can take advantage of this time to look ahead and do some planning. Follow the Sunrise Corner Economic Development Facebook page for soon-to-be-announced program timing.

What residents can do: Getting through this crisis and coming out stronger on the other side will only happen if each of us does what we can to support local businesses and our neighbours.

- Shop local as often as possible. Remember, in addition to supporting your neighbours, you're minimizing contact with larger populations, reducing the risk for you and your family.
- If you're on social media, like and follow local businesses, share with your friends, write positive reviews. Let's make an effort to virtually support these businesses that work hard to serve our communities every day.
- This is the time for social distancing, not social isolation, so pick up the phone and call a family member, friend or neighbour. Check in to see if they need groceries, medicine or other necessities. Or maybe they just need a friendly voice to talk to after a week at home alone.

The actions we individually take now will benefit us all in the long run. Wash your hands, cover your cough or sneeze, practice social distancing, use reliable sources for your information, and if you're sick or have returned from an international trip, including the US, stay home. Do the right thing.

Monique Chenier  
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## Sprague RCMP

RCMP services during the COVID-19 Pandemic continue within the Rural Municipality of Piney. Officers from the Sprague Detachment will continue patrols of your communities and will respond to urgent calls for service.

Please follow the recommended practices of Social Distancing, limiting non-essential travel, and washing your hands frequently. Help us "flatten the curve", limiting the spread of this virus. Please just stay home.

The RCMP would like to remind the general public that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are asking you **NOT** attend the Sprague RCMP Detachment unless your matter is urgent. For all non-urgent matters, please call (204) 437-2041. Should you require immediate Police assistance you can call (204) 437-2222 or 911.

## STARS® Manitoba Update



### Manitoba missions highlights — March 1 to March 15

- STAR 7 flew 18 missions over the period of March 1-15. Of those 18 calls six were scene call emergencies while the remainder were inter-facility transfers (IFTs).
- Three IFTs were flown to Portage la Prairie while there were two to the Pine Falls Hospital. Other IFT locations included Eriksdale, Ashern, Dauphin, Steinbach, Winkler, Ste-Anne and Gimli.
- Scene call locations included Plum Coulee, Hodgson, Stony Mountain, Tyndall and Winkler.
- On March 10, STAR 7 was dispatched to Tyndall for a male injured in an ATV accident. While at Health Sciences Centre the crew were dispatched for a scene call at the Stony Mountain Penitentiary, however the patient did not require transport.

### Fast Fact

Since beginning full-time operations in Manitoba in 2011, STARS has flown more than 3,900 missions from our base in Winnipeg.



### \*Services to Seniors Update\*

Most Services to Seniors programs at this time are suspended until further notice. What's available? Weekly Meals on Wheels for vulnerable seniors, social & wellness phone calls, mobility equipment, general questions and assistance via phone and limited grocery and prescription drop off. Call and leave a message for more information on these services at 204-437-2604.

## COVID-19 Local Business Update

### Current Services Available in the RM of Piney:

#### RM of Piney Office (204-437-2284)

Monday - Friday: 8:30am – 12:00pm and 12:45pm – 4:30pm  
By Appointment Only!

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#### Woodridge Waste Disposal Site

Wednesday & Sunday 10:00am – 6:00pm

#### Menisino Waste Disposal Site

Tuesday & Saturday  
10:00am – 6:00pm

#### Sprague Waste Disposal Site

Thursday & Sunday  
10:00am – 6:00pm

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#### Woodridge Vintage Corner Store (204-429-2202)

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am – 7:00pm

Friday & Saturday: 9:00am – 9:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am – 6:00pm

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#### Woodridge Post Office (204-381-3920)

Monday: 9:00 – 11:30am and 2:30 – 5:00pm

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 – 11:30am and 2:30 – 4:00pm

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#### Piney Post Office (204-423-2162)

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 – 11:00am and 2:30 – 4:30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00am – 1:00pm

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#### South Junction CO-OP (204-437-2643)

Monday - Friday: 7:30am – 9:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00am – 9:00pm

Restaurant Services: Take-out Only! Closes at 7:00pm

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#### East Borderland Primary Health Centre (204-437-3015)

Monday - Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm

\*Please call ahead to make an appointment!

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#### Dueck Drug Store Deliveries (204-425-3473)

Friday morning: Primary Health Centre in Sprague

\*Please remember "social distancing" while waiting in line.\*

\*\*If you are sick or have travelled in the last 14 days, please wait outside for your delivery.\*\*

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#### Carl & Kay's Fine Food (204-437-2353)

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

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#### Sprague Post Office (204-437-2353)

Monday - Friday: 10:00am – 12:00pm and 2:00pm – 3:45pm

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#### Access Credit Union (Sprague Branch)

Monday - Friday: 10:00am – 12:30pm and 1:30pm – 4:00pm

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#### Service to Seniors (204-437-2604)

Weekly Meals on Wheels available to seniors!

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#### Sprague River Inn (204-437-2245)

Beer Store Only: Tuesday – Sunday 10:00am – 6:00pm

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#### Sprague Auto (204-437-2835)

Monday – Saturday 8:00am – 5:00pm

\*Information as of March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and is subject to change, please call ahead!



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



### Wampum



Wampum was originated as a CN track station. The word 'Wampum' in the indigenous language means 'money', however residents swear the town was named for the Wampum Baking Powder cans thrown out onto the tracks.

Residents of Wampum made their living logging pulpwood and raising cattle. There was a store and boarding house, which still stands today along with the huge barn used for cattle. The cattle were shipped to Winnipeg via train. There was also a school which had 17 students.

The Wampum Salem Lutheran Church originated in 1910, and still holds services every other Sunday. Its cemetery is located one kilometer north of the church. The church hosts fundraisers and community functions, as well as the Wampum Lutheran Church Quilting Group.

Jeannine Brandt

## 2020 Flood Preparedness

The RM is excited to announce the approval of funding for two proposed grant applications, under the Province of Manitoba's 2020 Flood Preparedness program.

### Flood Fighting Equipment Grant:

The RM is approved to purchase flood fighting equipment and signage to improve response and help protect the public before and during a flood event.

### Culvert Steamer Joint Grant:

Together with the RM of Stuartburn, the RM's have jointly secured funding for a culvert steamer to help increase flood resilience within the Southeast. This is a great opportunity to work with our community partners and enhance services to our residents.

The RMs thank the Province of Manitoba for this funding support.  
[https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfas/flood\\_preparedness\\_funding\\_2020.html](https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfas/flood_preparedness_funding_2020.html)

**APPROVED**

## Credit Card Administration Fee

**NO FEE**

The RM of Piney has temporarily waived the 2% administration fee on all credit card payments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Middlebro Spring, Craft and Everything Sale



May 2, 2020 at the Middlebro Community Hall, from 10 am to 3 pm

Table rentals are \$10 each, the kitchen will be serving lunch, dessert and beverages. Please contact Rita 204-437-2415 or Susan 204-437-2415 to book a table.



**PINEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Monthly Meeting**

**WHEN: APRIL 9TH, 2020@7PM**  
**WHERE: RM OFFICE-VASSAR, MB**

**Follow @pineyregionalchamber on Facebook for meeting updates**

**Tentative Date**

### CANCELLED EVENTS IN APRIL:

**\*CANCELLED\*** Breakfast - Resource Council – South Junction

**\*CANCELLED\*** S.E. Farmer's Market – South Junction

**\*POSTPONED\*** EBPHCC Used Book Sale –Clearspring Mall

## Community Career Symposium

**Bringing Businesses, Communities and Students Together**

**Thursday, April 23rd, 2020**  
**9:25am – 4:30pm**

**Sprague Community Center**

**POSTPONED!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY:

Ross L Gray School Fun Fair  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – Sprague School

Piney Mother's Day Tea  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Piney Community Centre

Ross L Gray School Spring Concert  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Sprague School

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Council Chambers in Vassar

S.E. Farmer's Market  
May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Pine Grove Seniors Center