

Vassar
Pool
Newsletter
June 22nd,
2021



What's New?

Currently, the restrictions do not allow us to run any lessons or be open for public swimming unless there is a heatwave warning. New public health restrictions are to be announced this week. We are hopeful that this will mean we can run Red Cross swimming lessons and have public swimming. We are currently planning for lessons from the 5th to the 16th. These lessons will potentially be smaller group sizes, but follow a similar schedule as previous years. If restrictions do change, we will send out a schedule and a date and time for registration. Until then, please do not register your swimmers! Thank you for being patient as we all wait to hear more.

Future Life Savers and Lifeguards

We currently have no information on running these programs. We do hope we can get our future life savers and lifeguards into courses soon! If you have interest in signing up for these programs or have questions. Please reach out by email or Facebook so we can collect a potential list of swimmers!



To be added to the email list and receive updates, please send us an email to be included! Thank you!

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments!

Email at vassarpool.rmpiney@gmail.com or Vassar Pool on Facebook!

Congratulations Graduates!!



Congratulations to all those who have graduated from Grade 12 and from Post-Secondary this year.



Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.
— Babe Ruth

Transit Plan Summary

Report 5 – Preliminary Transit Recommendation & Accessible Transit in Other Communities

For a more detailed report, visit our website: <https://rmpiney.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Transit-Plan-Report-5-July-Newsletter.pdf>

Considering the longer distance travel requests during community consultation, rather than shorter commutes within communities, cost effectiveness of being able to take more passengers and the ability to accommodate mobility aids, an accessible community van is recommended pending review and support by RM of Piney Council and community members. This preliminary recommendation is based on a set of assumptions not yet reviewed and approved.

The RAM Promaster type vehicle is selected as a preferred size and configurability. It could seat 8-10 with adjustable seating configurations and is well suited for mobility challenges with a low ramp for all passengers to enter and exit. An estimated fare could be \$0.80 per kilometre assuming a non-profit operation and provincial MDTP support. This may translate to \$58 with 3 passengers Sprague to Steinbach or \$35 with 5 passengers; and \$29 with 3 passengers Woodridge to Steinbach or \$18 with 5 passengers.

Seventy percent of Manitoba RMs provide handi van services with MDTP funding and each operates uniquely with a range of fare structures. Rural transportation is an issue across Canada and the US. Financial support and partnerships are required for start up and sustainability and generally operate with a substantial reliance on volunteers.

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July 2021

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Burn Ban / Travel Ban Reminder

For all updates, visit www.rmpiney.mb.ca, subscribe to our E-Newsletter, or visit our Rural Municipality of Piney Facebook Page. Our information line can also be reached by calling 204-437-2845. Check the MB Conservation & Climate website at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/fire/Restrictions/> for any travel/fire restrictions place at this time.

Canada Day Closures

Sprague Dump will be closed on Thursday, July 1st and will re-open on Friday, July 2nd, 2021.



The RM office will also be closed on July 1st, 2021.

Meeting Cancellations

The RM has cancelled the following council meetings:

Tuesday, July 27th, 2021
Tuesday, August 24th, 2021

All other Regular Council meetings and Committee of the Whole meetings will remain as scheduled.

2021 Property Tax Bills

The Rural Municipality of Piney 2021 Tax Bills were mailed during the month of June. Any added or reduction tax bills for 2020 and 2021 will be mailed no later than August.

Please note that ALL taxes are due by October 29, 2021.

Unsightly Properties

The RM would like to remind everyone to keep your yards maintained throughout the year.



Please be a good neighbor and mow your lawn!

Wooden Sheds for Sale by Bid



- Nine 8ft x 10ft wooden sheds build in 2012/13;
- Being sold as-is, where is;
- Highest bidder has the right to purchase as many sheds as they like; bids are per shed;
- All bids are to be received in writing by dropping off your bid in a sealed envelope labelled "Shed Bid" in the RM office mail slot or email martin@rmpiney.mb.ca;
- All bids to include full contact information;
- The RM will notify the highest bidder(s) by phone and/or email at which point the highest bidder(s) has 24 hours once bid is accepted to inform the RM how many sheds they are purchasing and the location of the shed(s);
- NOTE: Piney shed is currently not available;
- Once the sale is accepted, the shed(s) become the responsibility of the purchaser;
- Payment is to follow within five business days after decision has been made; All forms of payment accepted by the RM of Piney shall be accepted;
- GST will be added to the bid;
- Sheds must be removed from location by July 31, 2021;
- Council has the right to reject all bids if necessary;
- IN CASE OF A TIE BID: the tied highest bidders will be given 24 hours to either increase their bid or keep the same; if both bids remain the same, the RM will do a random draw to see which bidder will have first choice of which and how many sheds they will be purchasing.

All bids must be in by Monday, July 5th, 2021 by 1:00pm

Private Approaches

As per our Private Approach Policy, new private approaches must be approved by the RM of Piney prior to installation. Approach Applications can be found on our website and must be sent back filled out and with payment of \$35.00. Our Public Works Supervisor will view the application and will inform the landowner of the appropriate culvert needed for the site.

Any changes or modifications to an existing approach must be approved 21 days prior to the change. Approach Applications must still be filled out but the \$35 fee will be waived. Once the application is viewed, the landowner will be informed if the proposed modifications are acceptable for the site.

Once an approach is installed or modifications are completed, the landowner must contact the RM for a final inspection. To view the Private Approach Policy visit www.rmpiney.mb.ca.

Southeast Farmer's Market

Friday's - July 9 to Sept 3
3:00 – 8:00 pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center
South Junction, Manitoba

Rain or Shine
There will be no Canteen on site this year.
Current Covid Guidelines will be followed at each market.



For more information call
Jen - 204-423-2223
Shawny - 204-437-2600



If you can't make it, bake it or grow it...
You can buy it at the Farmer's Market!



Economic Development

Moving Towards Reopening

As Manitoba hits its first vaccination target and we hear about the border opening on July 5 to those who are fully vaccinated, many businesses, especially those who rely on tourists, are looking forward to sunnier days ahead. Here are three resources to help those businesses put their best foot forward.

Manitoba Tourism Education Council (MTEC)

MTEC was established in 1989 as a provincially funded, not-for-profit organization that ensures the sustainability of Manitoba's tourism and hospitality industry by delivering proven training programs to preserve and enhance the level of customer service, skills training, safety programs and general business training. Each year MTEC trains roughly 11,000 individuals via online services, at their training centre in Winnipeg, and at group sessions across the province.

In response to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, MTEC launched a new program in 2020 called Clean It Right. The program is FREE to businesses in the tourism, hospitality and retail sector in Manitoba. <https://www.mtec.mb.ca/clean-it-right.asp>

Eastman Tourism

The Eastman Tourism Association's mission is to grow tourism in Eastern Manitoba with marketing assistance, knowledge building, enhancing community partnerships and helping develop the tourism experience. ETA's goal is ultimately to build Eastern Manitoba as a vibrant tourism destination where visitors are openly welcomed and entrepreneurial spirits grow and prosper.

Eastman Tourism can help develop your tourism experience and market your business, group or community to visitors in the region. Eastman Tourism is offering FREE partnership to tourism businesses located in Eastern Manitoba. Fill out the form, send it in and start receiving the benefits of partnership. <https://www.eastmantourism.ca/members-area/>

Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corporation (RMED)

Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corporation (RMED) is a new organization created in late 2020 to improve, support and increase success for economic development in Manitoba. RMED will strive to support Manitoba communities, economic development offices, and businesses by:

- Collaborating with communities to grow capacity for economic growth.
- Collecting, tracking, managing and sharing data and information on rural Manitoba.
- Navigating government regulations, legislation/initiatives that impact businesses, communities, municipalities and the Manitoba economy.
- Being a champion for rural Manitoba, promoting what it has to offer and success stories. <https://rmedcorp.ca/>

If you are a Sunrise Corner-based business, community group or entrepreneur looking to start a business, contact me to learn more about these and other resources to help you achieve your goals.

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SOUTH JUNCTION COMMUNITY CLUB 2021 CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

SORRY, THIS EVENT IS
CANCELED
DUE TO COVID-19



Municipal Finances

Council is responsible to balance the services offered and taxes levied by the RM. Council adopts a financial plan and budget each year. In this process, Council strategically plans for the future, decides on capital purchases, which services are offered and their cost, along with what resources are available for these services.

Council then sets a tax levy by-law and appoints an auditor. The auditor provides an opinion on the financial documents, reviews financial statements, identifies any deficiencies in the accounting procedures, and prevents fraudulent activity by establishing a solid process.

In the process of budgeting, Council must provide:

Operating budget: how much will be spent on services

Capital budget: what will be spent on infrastructure/equipment

Estimate of revenue/expenditures: for following fiscal year

Five-year capital plan: outlines the projects the RM is planning over the next five years

Asset Management Plan: outlines how the RM will manage municipal infrastructure in order to provide services to residents sustainably. Asset management includes risk assessment, risk management and financial strategies

There must be a **public hearing** before adopting the financial plan, which gives the public opportunity for input on RM goals. Council is concerned with the effect the budget has on the public and how the budget compares to other municipalities. Budgets are set with the future in mind.

You can view the RMs financial plan at: www.rmofpiney.mb.ca
Stay tuned for our next article on "Assessment & Taxation".

Sources: *Municipal Procedures Manual* and *Council Member's Guide*

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Summer is here and that means weekends spent camping, or on the water in the RM of Piney! Let's take a few minutes to consider boat safety. Every summer, Sprague RCMP responds to emergency calls on one of our many great bodies of water. Before you head out on the water, make sure you're properly prepared in case things don't go as planned! Do you have all the required safety equipment? Not only is it going to be handy if you run into problems, but it's also the law! Transport Canada has a great website that's a one stop shop, for boating safety and regulations. For more information, please visit <https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation>. Do you have good knowledge of the body of water you're going to be on? Does anybody else know where you're going to be for the day, or the weekend? Finally, do you not only have your lifejacket, but are you wearing it? It's not going to do you much good hidden in some boat compartment, or laying on a chair if you need it. Put it on! If you're boating with kids, know that they're watching what you do. If you're not wearing your lifejacket, what example are you setting for them? Get out and enjoy the summer weather while you can people! Remember... it's less than 6 months to Christmas!!

With the Province currently under Code Red restrictions, Sprague RCMP Detachment is currently closed for walk up service. If you are an essential worker, you can still get criminal record checks completed. Please contact our office at (204) 437-2041 to get further details. Should you require immediate Police assistance, call (204) 437-2222 or 911.

Richard Graham Cpl.
NCO i/c Sprague Detachment



RM of Piney Fire Departments

July. The season for camping and holidays. The kids are done school for another year. Wow. A beautiful sunny day and a gorgeous evening on the back deck. The thought of nice juicy burgers on the BBQ and the aroma. Mmmm good. What could possibly be wrong with that? Well.... those 20 greasy burgers have dropped a puddle of boiling oil that overflows the can designed to catch it. You forgot to clean it out since last time. It's now running down between the planks on your deck then POOF catches fire in the BBQ and starts to spread. Luckily your wife was smart enough to put a PROPER Fire Extinguisher beside the door. Yes she's seen you in action before and your cooking skills are recognized. That little squirt bottle of water you keep for flare ups wasn't going to do the job. You grab the extinguisher, empty it and get the fire out. Phew. That was a close one! Burgers are a bit overdone but the house is still standing. Now you are thinking maybe I'll move the BBQ away from the house and out on to the lawn. And oh yeah... I better remember to open the lid before I light it this time. Happy holidays.

I want to give Special Recognition to John Hiebert who has devoted his time and efforts to caring for the grounds of the Woodridge Firehall for a number of summers now. Looking good! Your pride in community and the work you have done is recognized and appreciated John. Thank you.

Bill Stowe
Municipal Fire Chief



Municipal Emergency Coordinator

It's hard to deny the effects of global warming when watching the weather in the American Southwest unfolding. Drought, high heat and concerns over a record wildfire season in California. It's a stark reminder how quickly things can change and the dangers posed by Mother Nature.

Our current fire danger is moderate as we've had enough precipitation to keep things from drying out too badly. This situation could change quickly depending on rainfall or lack of it. Remember the fuel is always present and needs only the spark to set it ablaze. Please take care when working outside, and especially out enjoying in the woods.

For areas where ATV use is allowed, riders are reminded they can play a role in protecting against wildfires. Anyone using an ATV is asked to stay on developed trails, ensure the ATV has a working spark arrestor, check areas around the engine and exhaust frequently, and carefully remove and extinguish any debris from these areas. Operators are also reminded to be prepared by carrying a fire extinguisher, axe and shovel.

Vaccinations are now under way in Manitoba. To find out when you can be vaccinated, please visit the Manitoba Government website for detailed and up to date information: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/index.html>.

Richard Gamble
Municipal Emergency Coordinator

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THE CANADA REVENUE AGENCY DOES NOT ACCEPT PAYMENTS VIA GIFT CARDS OR BITCOIN.

ACCEPTED PAYMENT METHODS ARE:

- Online banking
- Debit
- Pre-authorized debit
- Paypal/credit card (through a third party provider)

For more information, go to canada.ca/taxes-fraud-prevention