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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



October 2021

MONTHLY REMINDERS

**The RM Office will be closed on Monday
October 11th, 2021 for Thanksgiving.**



The office will re-open Tuesday, October 12th.

RM of Piney Taxes Due Friday, October 29th, 2021

Taxes are due by 4:30pm on Friday, October 29th, 2021. All forms of payment must be in our office by that time so please be mindful of ground mail transit time. Arrears shown on your tax statement are as of May 31st, 2021. 1.25% interest is applied monthly until they are fully paid. Please contact the office for a current balance prior to payment to ensure no additional interest charges have been left unaccounted.

Tax payments can be made by:

- mailing in a cheque – payable to the RM of Piney
 - dropping a cheque off in our drop box, accessible 24/7
 - online banking – Credit Union and Caisse Populaire
 - over the phone with credit card
 - debit/credit, cash, or cheque in person
- E-TRANSFERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED**



The RM is concerned for the safety of all, so we strongly suggest minimizing your attendance at the office. If you do need to come into the office, we ask that you use the hand sanitizer provided and respect the rule of one (1) household in the office at a time.

RM Maps for Sale by Mail

If you cannot make it down to the office to purchase an RM map, one can be mailed to you, in Canada, for the cost of \$38.35, including postage.

*Map will be folded and sent via regular letter mail service.

RM Office Open to the Public

The RM office is now open to the public.

Only one (1) household
allowed in the office at a time.



Meet & Greet with Council

Wednesday, October 13th, 2021:

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Evergreen Seniors Centre in Sprague

Tuesday, October 19th, 2021:

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Over 40 Club in Piney

Wednesday, October 20th, 2021:

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Woodridge Community Centre in Woodridge

Community members within our RM are encouraged to join council at the 'Meet & Greet' to voice concerns or ask council any questions they may have.

*Please note: Meeting dates are subject to cancellation!

We hope to see you there!

Sandilands Lots for Sale!

Looking for your slice of paradise in the pines?

We'll look no further.

Now Selling Sandilands Subdivision!

2-4 acre lots available.

**\$10,000 rebate, when you build 1,000 sf or more
of 4-season living space.**

Call Julie for details!

Julie Friesen 204-355-8225

julie@deltacanada.com



Grant Deadlines:

Large Grant – Due by October 31st, 2021

Cultural & Identity Grant – Due by October 31st, 2021

Economic Development

Small Business Exit Strategy – Part 2

When I started a marketing agency years ago with two partners, the first thing our lawyer asked: What is your exit strategy? We laughed because we hadn't even opened our business yet but were being asked how it would end. But it's no laughing matter. Too many business owners don't have a succession plan, so when it comes time to retire, whether planned or forced, they aren't able to reap the financial benefits they've worked so hard to build. And all too often, the business folds, negatively impacting the employees, customers, suppliers and the community as a whole.

There's no time like the present to think about your exit strategy – how you'd like to transition out of your business to enjoy the next stage of your life. There are a few ways this can happen:

Family Transition: Transitioning a business to a family member is an obvious choice for those business owners with children interested in taking over the family business. Having those conversations years before you plan to retire will be critical to a seamless transition for both you and your family member(s).

Employee Transition: Working with a current employee or recruiting an employee with the intent to implement a transition buy-out plan is a great way to plan your exit strategy. It gives you time to train and transition the work as well as ensure your customers get to know the new owner. It also gives you the opportunity to retire gradually if you'd prefer to move to part-time hours before retiring completely. You may consider investigating mentoring or internship options through your local Chamber of Commerce as a way to begin searching for the next owner of your business.

Selling Outright: If you are planning to outright sell your business, positioning your business is critical. If you have a bricks-and-mortar retail or service business, ensuring the physical assets are in good repair will be important. Strong financials and a solid accounting system are critical to be able to value your business. An active and positive online presence is an added bonus so the new owners have a channel to promote the business to the existing customer base.

Having a solid exit strategy ensures you realize the value of the business you've built when you're ready to move on to the next phase of your life. If you'd like to discuss your small business exit strategy, I'm available to chat about options.

Monique Chenier

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Transit Plan Summary

Report 6 – Business and Ownership Models

This is the sixth summary to date of the Transit Options Report. For a more detailed report, visit our website:

<https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Transit-Plan-Report-6-October-Newsletter.pdf>

One of four primary methods could establish a transit **business model**:

- ◆ provincial partnerships
- ◆ market service planning
- ◆ flexible delivery
- ◆ local partnerships

There is the potential to partner with other rural municipalities, to develop a service replacement to the Greyhound Bus service previously serving rural areas, or to join other initiatives to increase rural strength. Other potential support may be pursued with RM community organizations – Southern Health/East Borderland Health, community groups, local businesses, Piney Chamber of Commerce, Sunrise Corner, or the RM of Piney. A recent initiative involves the Town of Niverville (45km south of Winnipeg) desire to create a loop with Winnipeg Transit to reach St Vital Mall.

Ownership of transit may be a municipality, city/town/village, community, senior group/agency, health care, personal care home, non-profit organization or for-profit organization.

In most cases, day-to-day operations are supervised by a manager or coordinator with the administration and financial aspects being overseen by a board or committee that could include, representatives from the RM of Piney, Southern Health, Housing Co-op as well as community centers and residents across the region.



Community Planning

A Development Plan sets out the goals and vision for future land use in the RM of Piney. The Development plan is a series of policy statements that outline how and where land can be used for agriculture, recreation, conservation, residences, industrial/commercial use, heritage, transportation, and more.

The Planning Act requires that the Municipality reviews our Plan every 10 years. The Plan is carefully crafted using municipal policies, extensive background studies, public consultation from over 300 people, and provincial input.

High in priority are:

- **Sustainable economic development**
- **Environmental stewardship**
- **Sustainable growth and sustainable living**
- **Agriculture and rural land uses**

The intent of the plan is to establish a precedent of growth, while protecting the natural character of the Municipality.

To read the most recent Development Plan, visit our website: www.rmofpiney.mb.ca/our-government/administration/development-plan/

Stay tuned for next month's article on:
"Joint Boards & Partnerships."



PROTECTIVE SERVICES



RM of Piney Fire Service

It continues to amaze me, how quickly the seasons change. I was just starting to adjust to the hot weather of July and August when all of a sudden, the leaves are falling and frost is in the air. The disposal of volumes of yard waste can be a significant challenge with fall clean up starting. Please do so with consideration and avoid unnecessary risks of fire and burning debris. We commend you on making the effort of this clean up in your yard and in reality, taking serious steps to "FireSmart" your property.

Certain reminders present themselves as the temperatures and seasons change. Daylight savings time in November is a good reminder to check your CO2 and smoke alarms. Also don't forget to check your fire extinguishers. Are they properly filled and in good working order?

Caring for your Fire Extinguishers

Regular inspection is very important. Check the gauge and dates on the extinguisher for proper filling and last inspections. Take the dry chemical type of extinguisher and give it a good shake upside down, tapping it gently with a rubber hammer may loosen contents that have settled over time. There are a number of different fire extinguishers available in a variety of sizes to match your needs. You can find an abundance of good information on the internet...check it out! Make sure you have the correct fire extinguisher for the job and remember that the smaller the extinguisher, the sooner it runs out when in use. Don't get one so big you can't lift or maneuver it either.

Your most common "go-to" fire extinguisher for household and basic needs is the combination ABC fire extinguisher that is capable of fighting those classes of fires. Using water to extinguish is an option but not recommended for use on flammable liquids such as stove top cooking fires. Take the time to read the instructions on your extinguisher now and make sure you understand its use and capabilities before you are in a panic situation.

Make sure your extinguishers are easily accessible, placed near exit locations, allowing you to exit quickly if the situation becomes out of your control. Should you have an accidental fire of any size, your first priority is to establish a 100% guaranteed exit strategy. Call 911 to get the emergency responders started and next you can make the decision of "fight or flight". Personal safety and that of your loved ones always comes first over the value of property.

As always, I'm happy to hear from you and welcome your comments or questions.

CLASS OF FIRE	TYPE OF FIRE	APPROVED FIRE EXTINGUISHER
 A	Ordinary Combustibles	Wood, paper, cloth
 B	Flammable Liquids	Gasoline, paints, oils, grease
 C	Live Electrical Equipment	Electrical wiring, fuse box
 D	Combustible Metal	Metals
 K	Commercial Cooking Equipment	Commercial cooking oil, grease

*Class K extinguishers may require specific training, including when they should be used or not used. For example, the extinguishing agents in many Class K extinguishers are electrically conductive and should only be used after electrical power to the kitchen appliance has been shut off.

Bill Stowe
Municipal Fire Chief
billstowe@rmofpiney.mb.ca



Sprague RCMP

Fall is upon us and that means one thing in rural Manitoba, hunting season is here! A reminder to hunters coming to the RM of Piney for your hunt this year, please practice proper gun safety at all times! Make sure you're wearing your blaze orange, and are visible to others. Know what you're shooting at, and what's behind it! If you're hunting on private property, make sure you have permission from the property owner. Sprague RCMP gets calls on Trespassing or Suspicious Vehicles every year during hunting season. This is also a reminder to the general public, it's hunting season! You may hear an increase in gun shots! You may see vehicles in the area that you don't recognize! This is normal and expected activity. As always if you see something you feel is dangerous, or illegal, please call the Sprague RCMP at (204) 437-2222 or 911, we'll be more than happy to go and check it out.

For all non emergency matters including Criminal Record Checks, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041.

Richard Graham Cpl.
NCO i/c Sprague Detachment



Municipal Emergency Coordinator

There has been some beautiful fall weather of late. We well deserve it, after having put up with a serious wildfire in June and unusually high temperatures during this past summer.

Hunting season is also upon us. Please remember to watch for hunters during the fall. They can be found parked near trailheads and along roadways throughout the RM. I would also like to remind hunters to pack out your trash and please try to leave the wilderness just as you found it. This will ensure that hunting will continue and allow our children to enjoy our outdoors long into the future.

Canada is a world leader in vaccination rates of its citizens. 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



Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, October 2, 2021

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Pine Grove Seniors Center
South Junction, Manitoba**

**Indoor Market
Masks Required
Covid19
Guidelines in place**



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

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You can buy it at the Farmer's Market!**



Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, October 30, 2021

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Pine Grove Seniors Center
South Junction, Manitoba**

**Indoor Market
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Safe Halloween Community Event

Due to the ongoing pandemic, you are invited to participate in a **Safe Halloween Event** organized by members from a variety of communities within the RM of Piney.

When: Friday, October 29th - A parade and treat bags will be handed out.

How you can participate: By Friday, October 15th, we are inviting community members to donate money or treats (nut free appreciated) towards the Halloween bags. We are anticipating making about 175 bags. *Cash donations are encouraged as, once again, Carl & Kays will be ordering the treats at wholesale costs.*

What's next - You will be given a laminated sign for your yard and your name will also be included on a thank-you note.

- Treat bags will be given to the children who are currently enrolled at RLG School.
- Pre-school children and home schoolers may also register to be part of the event.

For more details look for a flyer in your mailbox or contact:

Kerri Keffer at kefferk@blsd.ca

Doris Hovorka at dorishovorka@hotmail.com – 204-437-2210

Adriane Culleton at culletona@blsd.ca – 204 437-3168



HUNTING ETHICS

It's that time of the year again! The RM would like to remind you to hunt smart and hunt safe this season. The RM is home to an abundance of hunting land. Be sure to get a copy of your RM map and know the land you wish to hunt.

Respect the Landowners!

- ✓ Ask landowners for permission to hunt.
- ✓ Follow their restrictions on when and where you may hunt.
- ✓ Treat livestock and crops as your own.
- ✓ Leave all gates the way you found them.
- ✓ Never enter private land unless you have obtained permission first.

Respect Fellow Hunters!

- ✓ Follow safe firearm handling practices.
- ✓ Refrain from interfering with another's hunt.
- ✓ Avoid consuming alcohol, which can impair you to the point of endangering others.
- ✓ Share your knowledge and skills with others.

Respect Non-Hunters!

- ✓ Transport animals discreetly.
- ✓ Keep firearms out of sight.
- ✓ Maintain a presentable appearance while out in the community.



Refer to the Manitoba Hunting Guide for rules & regulations:

https://gov.mb.ca/fish-wildlife/pubs/fish_wildlife/huntingguide.pdf

Happy
Halloween

