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Rural Municipality of  
**PINEY**



February 2022

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

### RM Office Closed to Public

Due to Covid-19 the RM office is still closed to public walk-in traffic. Payments can be made over the phone with credit card, online with Credit Union or Caisse, or by mailing or dropping off a cheque in our drop box.

Please call ahead to make arrangements for permit applications, parcel pickups, or other inquiries.

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The RM office is closed for  
**Louis Riel Day**  
Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022



### 2022 Approved Event Grants

*South Junction Community Club*  
Canada Day Celebrations - \$2,500.00

*Sprague Community Center Inc.*  
Sprague Fest - \$1,500.00

*Vassar Community Recreation Centre*  
Vassar Summer Camp - \$1,500.00

*Woodridge Community Club*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Fun on the Ridge - \$900.00



### RM of Piney Non-Motorized Trails Plan Virtual Meeting

#### RM of Piney Draft Trails Plan Virtual Meeting

Come join us to discuss the draft trails plan. This is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ideas on the draft non-motorized trail plan, including; the proposed trail routes, trail amenities and locations. Join us for the whole meeting or tune in to hear and share information about a specific community.

#### Meeting Information:

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
6:30 pm - 8:40 pm

#### Meeting link:

Contact the RM of Piney or  
Bluestem Development for  
meeting link.



#### Discussion Agenda:

6:30 pm - 6:40 pm Overview & Plan Introduction  
6:40 pm - 6:55 pm Sprague trail routes  
6:55 pm - 7:10 pm Middlebro trail routes  
7:10 pm - 7:25 pm South Junction trail routes  
7:25 pm - 7:40 pm Piney trail routes  
7:40 pm - 7:55 pm Vassar trail routes  
7:55 pm - 8:10 pm Sandilands trail routes  
8:10 pm - 8:25 pm Woodridge trail routes  
8:25 pm - 8:35 pm Overview & Conclusion

A Copy of the Draft Non-Motorized Trails Plan is available for viewing on the RM of Piney website.

For more information contact: Allison Driedger

bluestemdevelopment@gmail.com or 204-392-3849

### Road Weight Restrictions

Coming: March 2022

The RM of Piney will be imposing a 65% weight restriction of normal loading on the following roads:

- 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 Rd 6N from Vassar East Access to PR 308
  - Municipal Road 12N from PTH 12 to PR 210

Road locations are subject to change. Once restrictions are implemented, they will remain until further notice.



## Economic Development

### Start Your Business with a Big Idea

If 2022 was the year for something new, what would that look like for you? Perhaps your “something new” is starting a business and becoming your own boss. If so, Sunrise Corner is here to provide you with resources and guidance to point you in the best direction to meet your goals, and we can provide assistance right through to the launch of your new business.

Entrepreneurs start their businesses from all different perspectives. Sometimes it's a family business they always knew they were going to join or build into something bigger and better. Sometimes they've started a side gig and are ready to take it full-time. Other times, they simply want to be their own boss but don't have a solid business idea or they have so many ideas they're paralyzed.

No matter where you're coming from, here are a couple ideas to help:

**Inventory your strengths.** What activities are you really good at and enjoy? If you're great with dogs, that could be the basis for pet grooming or training business. Maybe you have years of experience working in big companies as a project manager or marketing guru that could evolve into a consulting business. It could be that you can fix just about anything and would be perfect offering repair services. On the other hand, you might be really good at preparing income tax returns, but if you don't particularly enjoy doing it, maybe that's not the right idea for your business.

**Get inspiration from your hobbies.** What do you do just for fun? Whether you're a maker, baker, artist, writer, outdoor adventurer, or photographer, you can develop a business by either selling your products or offering a service. So as a nature photographer, you could make cards and framed prints or you could sell your expertise through photography classes in the great outdoors. If you've been told you make the best perogies, offer a monthly subscription service for your product or cooking classes to teach others. Alternatively, if your hobby is karaoke singing but you really can't carry a tune, it might be best to keep that as a hobby.

No matter what stage your business is at, I'd love to hear from you. If you'd like to discuss some ideas or get help narrowing down the options, feel free to reach out.

Monique Chenier  
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## Coffee with Council

**Wednesday**  
**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Details will be available closer to date, pending Public Health orders.

\*Subject to cancellation!\*



## RM of Piney Building Inspector Yearly Report



I hope everyone had a safe and healthy holiday season. 2021 has been another extremely busy year for building permits in the RM of Piney, in which we received another record number of permit applications. The RM continues to see a large growth of development and we anticipate another busy year for 2022, even during Covid.

Here are some answers to commonly asked questions of what is required for a building permit or if a building permit is needed:

- Any new building (house, mobile home, etc.) requires a building permit prior to being moved into the RM;
- Buildings that are being moved into the RM may also require a pre-inspection of the building prior to the building permit being issued;
- Any structure over 108 sq ft requires a building permit, including attached porches/covered entries to dwelling;
- Decks 24 inches above grade level or situated in the front yard require a permit; decks under 24 inches from ground and located on the sides or rear yard do not need a permit;
- Houses, additions, cabins and garages require a set of working drawings at the time of application;
- Engineered drawings may be required on some projects, I can help clarify this over a phone call;
- Most agricultural buildings only require a development permit if the structure is for farm use;
- A site plan is required for the application process to have an overview of the project in relation to property lines;
- Average time to have a building permit released is approx. 2 weeks;
- Fences, pools, dug outs, etc. normally require a permit so please contact the office for more information;
- Electrical permits must be done through MB Hydro.

With any project there can be a lot of questions a person may have before they start, so we are here to help answer those questions to help make your project go smoothly, so please don't hesitate to call our office or myself, Gary Hora, at the provided contact information below.

Gary Hora  
RM of Piney & RM of Stuartburn  
Building Inspector  
Weed Control Supervisor  
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# PROTECTIVE SERVICES



## Sprague RCMP

The deep freeze is here! If you have to travel on the roadways at this time of year, make sure you're prepared in case you hit the ditch! Have a safety kit in your vehicle. It should include extra clothing, a blanket, food, water, some candles, a lighter, and a small shovel. These are the basics, but feel free to add anything else you think you might need. Make sure your cell phone is charged and if you do hit the ditch, call 911! Remember, nobody plans to hit the ditch or have an accident! Having a good emergency kit can be the difference between life and death. If you do hit the ditch while the weather is extreme, stay in your vehicle, and wait for help to arrive. Shelter can be further away than it seems, and you won't last long exposed to the elements. Be smart and be safe people!

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 you can call (204) 437-2222 or 911.

Richard Graham Cpl.  
NCO i/c Sprague Detachment



## Municipal Emergency Coordinator

As spring approaches, we begin to turn our attention to warmer weather. We began this winter with lower-than-normal ground moisture levels. We have had a good quantity of snow so far, but we will need to see more precipitation this spring so we don't have to spend another summer locked out of the forests due to wildfire concerns and dry conditions. The RM will be closely monitoring these moisture levels as spring unfolds.

If any communities, within the RM, wish to start a P.E.A.T. group of their own please contact either myself or the Fire Chief and we would be happy to assist you in that endeavor.

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



## RM of Piney Fire Service

Hello everyone. Spring is one month closer. February can be a month of unknowns and we still need to get past those possible March storms.

So now the questions are:

What kind of spring are we in for? Will it be early like last year? Will it be dry? How much risk of wildfire will there be? Are we prepared?

Nobody is going out at this time of year to "FireSmart" your yard while there's still snow on the ground, but there is still much that can be done. Our Fire Departments are already planning, training and checking equipment that will be needed in the event of a wildfire or other disaster, threatening homes or whole communities. Should a disaster occur, our firefighters will be very busy. We appreciate all the hard work and support of other volunteers who come together when we need it most. That support is vital to our departments, keeping our firefighters at the emergency, where they are most needed, while volunteers can aid in other areas. Communication to those needing reliable and accurate information is of vital importance. As in the past, the RM has taken important steps to be available and to provide regular updates of the situation by various means. Our Emergency Coordinator, works together with Reeve and Council, gathering reliable and accurate information to stay on top of things. You can do much to help in a difficult situation, by organizing and planning support for each other. I recognize the work accomplished by our PEAT (Piney Evacuation Assistance Team) groups in Woodridge and Badger. I strongly urge other communities to do the same. Models of the organization plan are available and just a phone call or email away. Knowing there is a reliable chain of communication among all residents and knowing they are receiving accurate information from the proper authorities is very reassuring. No one can slip through the cracks. The last thing we want is misinformation from unauthorized or uninformed sources creating unnecessary confusion and stress.

I am confident that I can also speak for our Emergency Coordinator; Richard Gamble, when I say we would be VERY pleased to hear from you and provide any needed assistance to keep you organized and safe!

Let's all hope that mother nature smiles on us and we can move safely into summer.

As always, you can reach out to me by email with any comments or concerns.

Bill Stowe  
Municipal Fire Chief  
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## BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION

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### BLSD Monthly Newsletter – February 2022

Please refer to the RM of Piney Electronic Newsletter and the Ross L. Gray School Website for the full version

The month of February can be a reminder of warmth in the middle of a cold winter...

\*Heart Health Month \*Valentine's Day \*I Love to Read Month

These are all good reasons to take care of ourselves and those around us!



#### Ten Reasons to read aloud with your children (no matter how old they are)!

1. It becomes a treasured time of closeness. Your child learns that reading = love.
2. You develop shared memories of books read together that you talk about all your lives!
3. It gives the message that reading and learning are valued in your home.
4. It helps your child build their vocabulary and language skills.
5. It helps your child learn how stories work and builds comprehension.
6. It grows your child's imagination.
7. It develops their listening skills and attention span.
8. It opens the door to talking about important or even difficult things.
9. It helps your child grow in empathy and understanding of others.
10. It opens your child's world to other places, people, animals and ideas.

(this contribution from Ms. Tamara Franz, BLSD Literacy Coach)

## Sprague & Area Arena is Open!

Hours vary.

Public Health guidelines and policies are in effect.



Follow Sprague and Area arena on Facebook for more information and hours or call 204-437-2335.



# Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, February 26, 2022

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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

Free Hot Chocolate  
50/50 Draw

Masks Required



For more information call

Jen - 423-2223  
Shawny - 437-2600

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

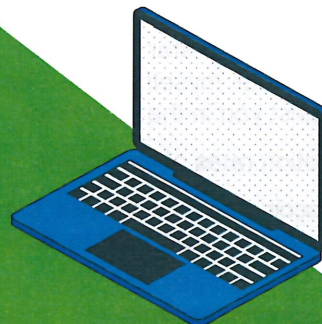
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Join Us on Zoom  
February 10, 2022 @ 7 pm  
Virtual Monthly Chamber Meeting