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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



March 2022

MONTHLY REMINDERS

RM Office Re-Opening

Starting Tuesday, March 15th, 2022

The RM office will re-open to the public.

Masks are recommended. Only one household in the office at a time to maintain social distancing.

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Spring/Summer Dump Hours

All three Waste Disposal Sites within the RM of Piney will have Spring/Summer hours of 10:00am – 6:00pm starting Sunday, March 13th, 2022.

Road Weight Restrictions

Coming: March 2022

The RM of Piney will be imposing a 65% weight restriction:

- 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.

Spring Hunting Lease

RM of Piney Land Access Permits

Spring Lease from April to June, 2022

Spring season permits can be pre-purchased as of March 18th, 2022 for a cost of \$250.00. For a complete list of land available for lease, please visit www.rmofpiney.mb.ca.

Don't forget to Spring Forward 1 hour!



**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME**
SPRING FORWARD

Sunday, March 13th, 2022

Coffee with Council



Residents of the RM are encouraged to join council at our 'Coffee with Council' meet and greet on:

Tuesday, March 15th, 2022:

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Over 40 Club in Piney

Wednesday, March 16th, 2022:

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Evergreen Seniors Centre in Sprague

Thursday, March 17th, 2022:

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Woodridge Community Centre in Woodridge

Coffee with Council is a time for community members within our RM to join council to voice concerns or ask council any questions they may have.

Use of masks is recommended.

Meeting dates are subject to cancellation.

We hope to see you there!

Farmland School Tax Rebate

A reminder that all completed and signed Farmland School Rebate applications for the 2021 property tax year must be received by Manitoba Agriculture Services Corporations, by **March 31st, 2022**. In order to receive this rebate your 2021 property taxes & interest charges must be paid by this date. For more details call 204-239-3246 or visit www.masc.mb.ca.



Economic Development

Step 2: Research Your Business Idea

So, you want to start your own business. You've done some soul-searching and determined a big idea for your start-up. It's something you're good at and something you enjoy. Great. What's next?

"Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose." Zora Neale Hurston, American Anthropologist

Research is an often overlooked but critical step. That curiosity, poking, and prying will validate your business idea, helping you plan a successful business launch while minimizing risk. That's a purpose worth investing some time in.

Look for business gaps. To determine what businesses already exist in the region, start by reviewing the Sunrise Corner business directory at www.sunrisecornermb.ca/business-listings. If there are no listings in a category, you may have found a niche that needs filling. Also check out local social media posts. Lately, there have been online requests for skate sharpening, podiatrist, house mover, and furnace repair that may be gaps in our region.

Investigate the competition. Learn everything you can about other companies offering your big idea in our extended trade area. Investigate both direct and indirect businesses – if you're thinking of a restaurant, look at restaurants but also food trucks and caterers. You'll want to know their strengths and weaknesses related to products, quality, service, selection, pricing, distribution, and how they market themselves. If you don't feel you can compete with other restaurants in the area, maybe you launch a mobile food truck with Mexican cuisine. There is always room for a new business, you just have to differentiate yourself.

Consult the zoning bylaw. Each RM's zoning bylaw clarifies the rules of where different types of businesses may operate – permitted uses are allowed, conditional uses need to go to a public hearing and be approved by Council, non-permitted uses would not be allowed. For example, if you want to build a scrap metal shredding business, that would not be permitted at your property within a townsite due to the noise level. Zoning bylaws help ensure orderly and well-planned development for everyone.

Research regulations. Your business may be subject to regulations governing the industry you are entering. For instance, a food service business must have safe food handling licensing and an ATV rental company needs specific insurance coverage. You'll want to understand all the regulations and build those costs into your pricing model.

Conducting market research includes researching online, like the activities above. You could also conduct surveys or hold focus groups to speak directly with potential customers. The further you dive into research, the more you will learn about how your business will serve the market and the business model that will best suit your development and growth.

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
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

Asset Management

Looking After RM Infrastructure

What is Asset Management?

In a nutshell, it's an ongoing process to prioritize spending and provides a municipality with the tools to efficiently manage and maintain its infrastructure that provides the services expected by its community and businesses.

Assets/infrastructure refers to things owned by the RM such as roads, culverts, buildings, equipment

What's happening?

Local governments have an obligation to provide safe and useful infrastructure to their ratepayers. The RM of Piney had committed to develop asset management practices and has started with a centralized registry as the heart of an asset management program, to collect information about its assets. Over the past 6 months, some information on roads, bridges and culverts, such as GPS location and basic condition assessments has been gathered.

Why?

Asset Management is recognized around the world to address the need to optimize resources, such as budgets and staff, to manage assets, to respond effectively to asset failure, to deal with ageing assets and asset infrastructure renewal issues and to cope with emerging scenarios such as climate change and changing demographics.

By employing asset management concepts, there is an expectation to save time and money, just as personal budgeting concepts facilitate improved personal financial decisions. The Federal and Provincial Governments also recognize that asset management is a valuable tool for long-term strategic planning and have incorporated it into the latest Gas Tax Agreement.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Everyone tired of shoveling yet? It's been a challenging year for winter weather, and we're getting more reports of vehicles hitting the ditch, or getting stuck on side roads. Please pay attention to the weather updates, and make smart choices when deciding to "Risk It" and drive in poor weather!

Snowmobile riders, this next message is for you. While you are all probably loving the snow, and making the most of the season, please pay attention to where you are riding, and respect private property. Sprague RCMP has received several complaints from property owners that snowmobilers are trespassing on their property, and in some cases, causing damage. If you are doing this... please stop. If you aren't, but ride with people who are, ask them to respect other people's property! We acknowledge that the overwhelming majority of riders are respectful, and follow best practices when riding. Let's make sure a few people don't ruin it for everyone. Sprague RCMP has been out on the trails, and lakes a few times this season. You never know where we'll be next! Let's drive safe out there, and of course, don't drink and drive.

Sprague RCMP Detachment is now fully open for walk up service. Please keep in mind our office staff works part time, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday one week, and then only Wednesday and Thursday the following week. For all non emergency matters including Criminal Record Checks, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041. Should you require immediate Police assistance you can call (204) 437-2222 or 911.

Richard Graham Cpl.
NCO i/c Sprague Detachment



RM of Piney Fire Service

What happened to our winter with lower-than-average snowfall? Mother Nature sure changed that in a hurry. Where do we put it all? Keeping roads and driveways open has become quite a challenge. Recognition goes out to all those involved in doing so. Costs as fuel prices shoot up, certainly doesn't help. Accessibility for emergency services is critical, so let's remember to keep things clear and open. Please make sure that your driveway markers are easily visible from the road and not buried or obscured by snow.

Not everyone has snow clearing equipment capable of easily dealing with this volume of snow, so let's try and help our neighbors. Keep in mind that a shovel is not a major piece of snow clearing equipment so don't be tackling a job too big. Ask for help. Pace yourself and don't overdo it. If you are planning to remove the snow and ice buildup on your roof, do so with care. Consider contacting a professional if the job is too big. Nobody needs to be falling off a roof, or even a ladder. If you are determined to do this yourself, take extra care in doing so and do it from the ground with the appropriate equipment if possible. If you have to go up there, have someone stabilize the ladder and try pulling the shovel up with a rope after you have secured safe footing. Since you are up there anyway...clean your chimneys!

As always, I appreciate hearing from you and can be reached by email at billstowe@rmofpiney.mb.ca.

Bill Stowe
Municipal Fire Chief



Municipal Emergency Coordinator

It's time to look ahead at the spring precipitation and potential flooding conditions for 2022. Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure has just released its 2022 Spring Flood Outlook:

- Soil moisture indicated below normal soil moisture in most Manitoba basins.
- Winter precipitation is above normal to well above normal in most Manitoba basins, with the exception of southwestern Manitoba, which has near normal precipitation.
- The snow water equivalent surveys indicate 20-155 mm snow water within Manitoba basins. The largest amount of snow accumulation is in eastern and northern Manitoba.
- Base flows and levels in most rivers have been declining since fall of 2021. Base flows and levels are generally near normal in most Manitoba basins, with a few above normal and below normal.
- Frost depth is generally normal to deeper than normal in most Manitoba watersheds.
- Outlook for March, April, May, and June favours normal to above normal precipitation for most Manitoba basins.

If this outlook comes true we will have a damp spring and hopefully we can begin the summer with conditions that do not favor wildfires. Fingers crossed.

Richard Gamble
Municipal Emergency Coordinator



BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION

Student Services

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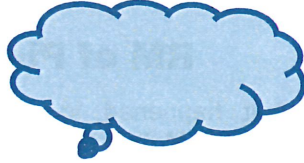
Phone: 204-324-6491 Website: www.blsd.ca



BLSD Monthly Newsletter –March 2022

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

The way we talk to our children becomes their Inner Voice.



Staying Well While We Grow

We certainly have gone through stressful times lately. And as we know, stress can have a big impact on our own and our children's health. Here are a few suggestions for supporting your whole family's mental wellness, while you support your children's ongoing growth.

♥ Notice what you're talking about to others when your kids are nearby...

Of course, your concerns are real, but be aware: what you say/how you say it has huge impact on the little ones!

♥ Routines are important and helpful – but they must be realistic for your family.

Every household is different; plans that work best for you will be those set up specifically for your family's needs.

♥ Don't simply try to recreate school/community routines...make your own special times.

Take time to do things that bring you and your children joy – for example: play, be active, eat together.

♥ Be active in any way possible.

No need for a fitness contest...just do something you all enjoy – for example: dance, play Simon Says, go outside.

♥ Talk! Talk to the kids, talk to loved ones, talk to yourself...

Talking is so important! It helps us notice how we (and others) are doing, and can get us to OK and healthier.

This information found on the Children's Mental Health Ontario (CMHO) website (<https://cmho.org/>)



Annual General Meeting

Join us on Zoom
March 10, 2022 at 7 pm

If you're interested in getting involved, join as a member or consider running for the board - we're accepting nominations for president, vice president and treasurer.

www.pineyregionalchamber.com



Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, March 26, 2022

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center
South Junction, Manitoba

Indoor Market

Wear green
to enter

Door Prize 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!



Graydon

VETERINARY CORPORATION

Local Spring Pet Vaccine Clinic March 19th, 2022

Sprague
9:00am - 11:00am
Sprague Fire Hall

Piney
12:00pm – 1:30pm
Piney Fire Hall

Woodridge
2:30pm - 3:00pm
Woodridge Fire Hall

Appointments are on a first come-first serve basis. During warmer temperatures please bring drinking water for you and your pet(s).

Cat & Dog vaccines available
Heartworm medication and Heartworm/Lyme testing
Canine and Feline de-wormers and tick preventatives

Canine/Feline Rabies only: \$35
Canine Distemper only: \$35
Canine Distemper and Rabies: \$55
Feline 4-way (indoor cat) only: \$35
Feline 4-way (indoor cat) and Rabies: \$55
Feline 4-way/Leukemia (outdoor cat) only: \$45
Feline 4-way w/Leukemia (outdoor cat) and Rabies: \$60
Heartworm/Lyme Tests: \$40

ALL PRICES INCLUDE AN EXAM AND DO NOT INCLUDE TAXES,
TAXES EXTRA