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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



April 2022

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Financial Plan Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at 6:00pm

The RM of Piney intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2022 at a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers. To ensure that everyone is able to participate, we are offering for you to attend either by Zoom, teleconference, or in person.

If you wish to attend, please contact Martin Van Osch to request your meeting link: martin@rmofpiney.mb.ca

Council will hear any person who has questions, make a representation, or register any objections to the financial plan. Copies of the financial plan are available for review during our regular office hours.

Holiday Office Closure

Friday, April 15th and Monday, April 18th

The RM office will be closed for Easter and will re-open Tuesday, April 19th, 2022.



Road Weight Restrictions

Now in Effect!

WEIGHT
RESTRICTION
65%
OF NORMAL
AXLE LOADS

The RM of Piney has imposed a 65% weight restriction of normal loading as per Resolution No. 87 as of March 28th, 2022. For more details, visit our website:

<https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/category/news-notices/office-admin/>.

Restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.



Happy Earth Day

A good planet is
hard to find!
Let's take care of
the one we have!



Your opinion matters!

The RM is conducting a small survey to see if this Newsletter is reaching our residents.

Something missing? Do you want to see more?

We want to hear from you!

Please take a moment to complete our survey, attached to this newsletter, or you can complete the survey online: <https://4eyes.io/s/6rac/>

Vassar & Sandilands Dump Hours

Please check our Facebook page and website for dates.

Household garbage, recycling, or any non-burnable debris will not be accepted at these dump sites.

WE ARE MOVING TO A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!



Don't forget to follow our new page! FOLLOW



Economic Development

Step 3: Determine Your Business Structure

Determining the legal structure is an important part of starting a business. There are a number of options from simple to more complex. Whether it's a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or co-operative, the structure determines personal, tax and legal liabilities, so it's critical to understand the pros and cons for each option. This article provides a high-level overview only, so speaking with a lawyer and accountant to help make the decision that's best for you is strongly advised. Visit the Manitoba Companies Office for more details. <https://companiesoffice.gov.mb.ca/>

Sole Proprietorship. If you want to make your own decisions as an owner/operator and a simple, low-cost business set up with minimal administration, a sole proprietorship may be for you. Keep in mind, you as the owner are personally liable for all business debts. That means creditors may be able to recover debts against your personal assets like your home or car.

Partnership. If you are planning to go into business with one or more people, a partnership may be the right structure. Setup and administrative costs are relatively low. Decisions must be made jointly and each partner is legally responsible for the actions of the other partner(s). Partnerships must be registered with the Manitoba Companies Office.

Corporation. If you want your business to be a legal entity that is separate and distinct from you as its owner, incorporating may be the way to go. There are tax advantages and limited exposure for your personal assets but it is more expensive and complex for set up and ongoing reporting. All corporations based in Manitoba must be registered with the Manitoba Companies Office. If you want to do business outside Manitoba, you may have to register your business federally and in other provinces and comply with additional reporting requirements.

Co-operative. The co-operative model allows entrepreneurs to set up a business or organization to work with like-minded people towards a common goal. As a corporate legal structure, the model is highly versatile and found in every sector of the economy. Check out the wealth of free resources available at Co-operatives First, a non-profit organization that supports rural and Indigenous co-op entrepreneurs across western Canada. <https://cooperativesfirst.com/>

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

PS. Planning a community event? All local community clubs and organizations are encouraged to email dates and details about upcoming events so Sunrise Corner can start promoting them.

Building Permit Applications

Updated March 22nd, 2022

The Building Permit Application 'Schedule A' and Development Permit Application 'Schedule B' are newly updated as of March 22nd. Permits can be downloaded from our website or by emailing: office@rmofpiney.mb.ca.

<https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/our-services/building-inspections/>

New PDF format allows you to personalize electronically.

SAMPLE **Building Permit Application**

Permit No. Office use only Roll No. Date:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Owner/Applicant Mailing Address Phone

Just click and enter your information, then print or save and submit back to the office.

Any permit applications received using the old format, will be transferred on to the new format and fees updated accordingly.



Connecting through Critical Linkages for Effective Communication

Critical Linkages is a New Horizon pilot project with eight of the 94 Age Friendly Manitoba rural and urban communities.

You're invited to participate to discuss how effective communication can connect people with their community to reduce social isolation and improve access to programs and services.

Sprague Evergreen Seniors Centre

Monday, May 2nd, 2022

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Woodridge Community Centre

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Those wanting to attend via zoom, can on Tuesday May 3rd.

For more information and to register please contact
Melanie Parent, Resource Coordinator
Email: lgdseniors@gmail.com or Phone: (204) 437-2604



PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Spring has arrived in the RM of Piney! The weather was particularly brutal this winter, so it's nice to feel the sunshine, and finally have some nice clear roads to drive on. As the weather warms up, the ice on the water ways is disappearing quickly. This is a reminder to be aware of changing ice conditions, and make sure if you are trying to get a few more ice fishing sessions in, that you know how much ice is still on the lakes. Be safe out there folks.

Now that it's income tax season, Sprague RCMP is fielding more calls about possible telephone frauds. If you get a suspicious phone call, before doing anything, call Police. We have heard them all, and will let you know if the phone call you received was legitimate, or fraudulent! A huge clue, especially if they are asking for money, is how much urgency they are placing on their requests. If they are in a rush to get you to pay them, there is a reason for that! They don't want you talking to others, or the Police to find out it's a scam. Just hang up on these people and don't allow yourself to fall for some story!

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

April is here at last; the snow is melting and it is beginning to look like Spring!

Time for your Spring Cleaning Safety Checklist:



For other ideas on how to keep your home and property safe, visit the Firesmart Website at <http://firesmartcanada.ca>.

Burning Permits

Burning Permits are required from April 1st until November 15th under authority of The Wildfires Act. No open fires are allowed without a permit except in an approved fire pit.

Burning Permits can only be obtained from your local Manitoba Conservation office.

Sprague: 204-437-2348 / Steinbach: 204-346-6110

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



Municipal Emergency Coordinator

April usually brings us lots of snow melting, plenty of puddles and running surface water to contend with. It also allows us to spend so much more time outside. Traditionally, to do yard work, home renovations, or perhaps use the BBQ.

Often a spring yard cleanup could involve gasoline powered equipment such as: power rakes, mowers, trimmers, and wood chippers. I would like to remind you to please be careful with the fuels required for many of these tools. Things can get out of hand very quickly when it comes to mishandling combustible liquids. Ensure that fuel is stored in a proper sealed container designed specifically for the fuel being stored. The fuel container should also be stored away from direct sunlight or any heat sources.

Spring cleanup may also involve burn piles for yard waste. Please observe all fire regulations and be sure to get a burn permit.

Let's try to ensure there will be no accidental fires in the RM of Piney for 2022.

Richard Gamble
Municipal Emergency Coordinator

Manitoba For Ukraine

Looking for ways to help and stay informed?

Stay informed with latest news.

Helpful Links:

<https://manitoba4ukraine.ca/>

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html>

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/?archive=&item=53537>



Southeast Farmer's Market

EASTER Market – 3 to 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2022

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

**Indoor Market
Easter Egg Hunt
50/50 Draw
Canteen**



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!**



**You're Invited
PRCC Monthly Meeting**

April 14, 2022 at 7 pm

Hybrid Meeting

attend in person at RM office in Vassar or via Zoom

www.pineyregionalchamber.com



BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION

Student Services

120 9th Street NW Altona MB R0G 0B1

Phone: 204-324-6491

Website: www.blstd.ca



BLSD Monthly Newsletter – April 2022

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

Spring is here! Let's get outside and learn.

You can help kids notice those changes using
open-ended questions

What does
that remind
you of?

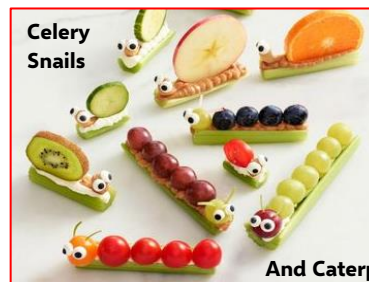
I wonder
why...

How do you
know that?

How do you
know that?

- Mr. Jamie Felsh, Roseau Valley School

Some Spring Snack Ideas...



And Caterpillars



Mini Picnic!



Apple Caterpillar



Vassar and Area Minor Baseball

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR BASEBALL

Registration Is Open Until April 4th

Register at vassarbaseball@hotmail.com

- Questions and register at vassarbaseball@hotmail.com.
- There is a level for everyone age 4 - 18!!
- It is very important that players register by this date to confirm the number of players and teams we have.
- New this year – Slo-Pitch for Grade 7 – 12.





2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

Mission Statement

The mission/objective of the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce shall be to promote an environment which fosters economic development, works in partnership with our civic agencies, and provides value to our members through education, networking and cultural interests thereby enhancing our region for work, play, raising families and doing business.

We are grateful to be part of this community with all the volunteers who partner with us from:

- The RMs of Piney and Stuartburn
- Sunrise Corner
- Borderland School Division
- East Borderland Community Housing

And many others who contribute to the success of the activities we are a part of!

Fourth Annual Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Year in Review.

The year 2021, despite all of its struggles and challenges, was a very busy year for the PRCC.

Our focus this year continued building on the theme of “Supporting Local”, as we looked for opportunities to highlight Local Businesses and meet the needs of the business community, and community in general.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome those new members who have joined in the past year!

Apart from our membership fees and sign rentals for income, the PRCC relies on the cooperation and support of our many partners as we pursue grant applications to fund many of the projects that we are involved in. Support from the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce and New Horizons grant applications have been key to the success of a number of our initiatives.

As we had experienced in the previous year, various levels of meeting restrictions were put in place by the Province of Manitoba, so the PRCC went virtual for most of 2021.

With restrictions trending in the right direction, we really look forward to

gathering together again as soon as it is safe to do so. We also look forward to experiencing community through all the incredible Local events and activities our area is known for.

At this time, we would like to thank two specific members, and acknowledge the support from the organizations they represent, the RM of Piney, and Sunrise Corner.

Martin Van Osch and Monique Chenier continue to promote the vision of the PRCC through their hard work and dedication, putting in many extra hours to make our Chamber as successful as it has been. We would like to say Thank You!

Of course, they are not alone. Our region is filled with so many incredible businesses and individuals just like them.

We need to build on the skills and gifts of all of our members, and if you think you would like to contribute by participating in any of the initiatives that we are involved in, please let us know.

Or, if you know of a business who is not yet part of the PRCC, invite them to consider becoming a part of our Vision.



2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Summer Student:

The PRCC was successful in applying to hire a student through the Canada Summer Jobs Grant.

Arabella Rookley was hired to fill the role, and she quickly found herself immersed in PRCC projects. Her dedication was a large part of the successes that we experienced in the 2021 projects.

Youth Initiative:

A plan was developed and adopted along with the necessary changes to by-laws in order to reach out to young people who will be our future PRCC leaders.

We welcome our youth to join us in guiding our business community!

Beyond The Pandemic Video Series:

The PRCC received a grant through Manitoba Chamber of Commerce to fund the development of a series of three videos.

The videos will be used to both shine a spotlight on Local Businesses, as well as highlight the challenges and successes of navigating a two year long pandemic.

Website Updates:

The PRCC website committee did an incredible job as they worked hard to build and add content to the website which had been launched in the previous year.

Member profiles were developed and shared through social media as they were added to the site.

Hello Neighbour:

The Hello Neighbour program has continued development partnering with the Woodridge Community program to be able to welcome new residents to all of our communities.

A full launch of that program is expected in the coming weeks.

Library of Things:

The Library of Things project was funded entirely by grant funding and has continued to progress over the past year, but has been difficult due to the pandemic.

As we finalize equipment purchases, we look forward to launching the program in 2022 with an event to showcase the program to our community!

Career Symposium:

The annual career symposium has been the flagship event of the PRCC and supporting partners. The event is used as a way to connect students and residents with local opportunities. A number of PRCC members worked diligently with Sunrise Corner in planning the creation of a soon to be released Virtual Career Symposium, showcasing potential Career paths in the region.

Christmas Initiatives:

Local Businesses, Organizations, and residents stepped up to do a record number of food hampers (56), through the PRCC Christmas Hamper Program.

A grant through Manitoba Chambers of Commerce was received to facilitate a Shop Local Gift Card initiative, with more local businesses coming on board and raising funds for the Piney Area Food Bank.

Housing Initiatives:

South East Community Services Coop has continued to have representation from the PRCC board in the direction and progress of the planned housing project. The project continues to inch forward with a tentative plan to be operational in 2025.

Visioneering Committee:

Our Visioneering Committee continues to meet monthly to seek out and evaluate the potential for new opportunities for the PRCC and its members. Keep an eye out for some new initiatives being reviewed for 2022!





SURVEY

RM of Piney Monthly Printed Newsletters

We are conducting a small survey to see if the monthly printed RM Newsletters are reaching our residents and if they are providing sufficient information to its readers. Please take a moment to complete our survey!

1. Do you read the monthly printed RM Newsletter?

Yes No I don't receive your printed Newsletter.

2. Do you find the printed Newsletter informative and/or useful?

Yes No

3. Would you like to see more in the printed Newsletter?

Yes No

If you chose "Yes", what would you like to see more of in the monthly printed Newsletter?

Thank you!

Please return this survey to:
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