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August 2022

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Holiday Office Closure

The RM office is closed August 1st, 2022.



Added / Reduction Taxes

Any added and/or reduction tax bills for 2021 and/or 2022 will be mailed early this month. This means if you receive an added/reduction tax bill from us, please read the cover letter supplied with it as it will state your new total amount owing which will be due on October 31st, 2022.

Council Meeting Cancellation

The RM has cancelled the regular council meeting scheduled for **Tuesday**, **August 23**rd, **2022**.

Fall Hunting Lease

By-Law No. 123/2017

As of August 15th, you can purchase a Fall Hunting Lease that will allow you to hunt on RM land from **September 1st to November 30th, 2022**. Leases are for hunting purposes only, recreational use will not be allowed. No permanent structures may be erected on municipal land; only temporary structures will be allowed and must be removed before the end of the lease. No trees are to be removed and no trails are to be made on RM land. Vehicles are only permitted on land during the retrieval of harvested game.

The **cost of a Fall Hunting Lease is \$500.00** for one (1) permit that allows up to five (5) individuals permission to access one parcel of RM land during one regular season.

Community Club Grant Reminder

2023 community organization grant application deadlines: Recreation Grant – Due by September 30th, 2022 Large Grant – Due by October 31st, 2022 Cultural & Identity Grant – Due by October 31st, 2022 Events Grant – Due by January 10th, 2023

Burn Ban / Travel Ban Reminder

For all updates, visit <u>www.rmofpiney.mb.ca</u>, 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 for any travel/fire restrictions in place at this time: <u>www.gov.mb.ca/wildfire/burn_conditions.html</u>

Reminder to all: The public must follow the more restrictive ban in place at said time. If either the RM of Piney or MB Conservation and Climates ban is more restrictive than the other, the more restrictive ban MUST be followed at that time.

There are currently no burn bans/restrictions in place.



Board of Revision

September 20th, 2022

If you have any discrepancies with your 2023 assessments, please put your request in writing to meet with MB Assessment at the upcoming **Board of Revision on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022**. Requests must be submitted by letter or email to the RM office no later than 4:30pm on September 6th, 2022.

New Landowners 2021/2022 Property Taxes

The RM of Piney property tax bills are printed in April by the Province and mailed out during the month of June. Depending when you purchased your property, you may not receive a tax bill that same year, but could have added taxes which is mailed out early August.

Please note it is the landowner's responsibility to contact the RM to confirm whether taxes are owing for that year, even if a tax bill has not been received.

2022 Property Taxes are due by 4:30pm on October 31st, 2022 and are subject to a 1.25% penalty on the first of each month, following the due date, until they are paid in full.

Please contact the RM office with any questions you may have: 204-437-2284





Economic Development

Step 7: What's in a business name?

Every business needs a name and there are many things to consider when choosing a name. It should be memorable and easy to spell and pronounce. Quirky spelling might be unique but can make it difficult for a customer to find your business online. The name should be representative of your business and resonate with your customers. Here are a few scenarios to consider.

New Business Name: If you're starting a new business, the sky's the limit. If you're a well-respected tradesperson working for someone else and go out on your own, you might use your own name like Jane Doe Carpentry. If you're adding a new business to your current operation, you could use a variation of the existing name such as Whispering Aspen Greenhouse and Whispering Aspen Bed & Breakfast. Or you could come up with something personal like your grandmothers' names combined to form the Majella Irene Preserve Company using their traditional recipes.

Maintaining Existing Name: If you're buying an existing business, there may be significant value in maintaining the name. For example, if everyone in your community knows that Rolling Hills Landscaping does excellent work and they've been around forever, it may make sense to maintain the name. Just make sure you keep up the tradition of excellent work!

Changing Existing Name: If the existing business you bought doesn't have a positive reputation, consider changing the name to reinvent the business. For example, if you bought a local tourism attraction that went into bankruptcy, it might be wise to reinvent the business with an entirely new name and image.

Next step is completing a Request for Name Reservation with the Manitoba Companies Office. Before you get your heart set on a name, check out their guidelines. The name can't be the same or really close to another registered company in Manitoba. It also can't be misleading as to the location or type of business. For example, you can't name your company Calgary Automotive if you're opening a bakery in Sundown. There are also requirements based on the business structure e.g. use of Limited, Ltd., Incorporated or Inc. if you're incorporated. Once you've confirmed the business name, the final step is to complete the Business Name Registration with the Companies Office, which makes the business name all yours. https://companiesoffice.gov.mb.ca/

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.

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Do you live on an acreage?

Would you like to contribute to improving our environment and protecting our watersheds?

Much of our hope in the battle for climate resiliency and the preservation of our natural environment is laid at the feet of governments, corporations and farmers. However, as owners of acreages and smaller parcels of land, you can make a significant difference in protecting our waterways, native habitat and battling climate change and at the same time feeling good and having some fun in what you are doing.

The Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District (SRRWD) has information, expertise and in some cases funding to make positive changes. The SRRWD works with landowners in erosion protection, water retention, preservation of wetlands and returning marginal land into land that will support natural environment.

If you realize cutting lawn is not environmentally friendly, you would like to see more trees and wildlife or you are just unhappy about how your acres are being used, SRRWD may be able to help. Check out our website at srrwd.ca or give us a call at 204-326-1030 or 204-425-7877.



PUBLIC AWARENESS

HEAT EXPOSURE

Heat events or "heat waves" occur when weather conditions combine to create higher than normal temperature and/or humidity levels over a period of several days.

Heat affects the body's ability to regulate its temperature and it can become overworked if exposed to heat for too long. This can lead to dehydration, heat exhaustion, other serious illnesses or even death. While the health risks related to heat are higher for certain groups, such as older adults, young children, people taking certain medications and people with chronic conditions, everyone is potentially at risk.

Fortunately, most heat-related illnesses can be prevented or treated if you are aware of the risks and symptoms. The following information can help you to plan ahead, and take action to protect yourself and your family:

All heat illnesses can be prevented by following these simple steps:

• Stay aware and be prepared:

- Know daytime and night-time temperatures-both outdoors and indoorsby checking your local weather forecasts and the thermostat in your home.
- Stay up to date on weather alerts so you know when to take extra care.
- If you have an air-conditioner, make sure it's working properly before the hot weather starts.

• Stay hydrated:

- Drink plenty of water (that's the best liquid) before you feel thirsty.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages, as they can increase the amount of water lost by the body.
- Stay cool and keep out of the sun:
 - Plan outdoor activities for cooler parts of the day, but remember to wear insect repellant since mosquitoes are out too.
 - If you are outdoors during the hottest part of the day, shade yourself from the sun with an umbrella or a widebrimmed hat with lots of ventilation, wear loose-fitting, breathable, light-coloured clothing, and remember to wear sunscreen to limit ultra-violet (UV) ray exposure.
 - Take a cool bath or shower or go for a swim to cool off.
 - Avoid using your oven or other appliances that could heat your home more.
 - Limit physical activities during the hotter parts of the day or exercise in an air-conditioned place.
- Take care of yourself and others:
 - Check on family members, neighbours and friends-especially older adults and those with chronic conditions. Visiting is best because it is easier to identify signs of heat illness that could be missed over the phone.
 - Never leave people or pets in your care alone in closed vehicles or direct sunlight.

All this information and more, is available at: www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/environmentalhealth/heat.html



Dehydration and **heat exhaustion** can happen quickly. If you or someone you know is suffering from headaches, dizziness, rapid breathing or heart rate, or generally feeling unwell, get out of the sun and into a cool spot.

If symptoms get worse, call 911 right away.



PUBLIC AWARENESS

Tick-borne Diseases (TBD)

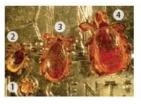
In Manitoba, blacklegged ticks are the most common carrier of tick-borne diseases

such as Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis and Lyme disease. Other disease causing agents such as *Borrelia miyamotoi* and Powassan virus have also been detected in recent years.

General symptoms of tick-borne diseases can include rash, fever, chills, headache, malaise, arthritis, and other symptoms. Simultaneous infection with two or more tick-borne diseases is possible. For this reason, it is important to be aware of the presence of blacklegged ticks in Manitoba, to conduct tick checks and to monitor for signs of illness associated with a tick bite. Tick-borne diseases are best treated in the early stages of infection. See your health care provider promptly if you experience symptoms following a tick bite.

For more information about tick-borne diseases and symptoms visit: www.manitoba.ca/tickborne

Larva (1), nymph (2), male (3) and female (4) blacklegged ticks on a Canadian dime



Tick Bite Prevention

Prevention is the first line of defense against tick-borne diseases. Blacklegged ticks are present throughout southern Manitoba and are active in the environment from snow melt to snow fall. The prompt detection and proper removal of ticks will reduce the likelihood of becoming infected with a tickborne disease. Reduce your chances of encountering a tick by:

- using trails and staying in the centre of the path to avoid brushing against vegetation
- wearing closed-toed shoes, long-sleeved shirts and pants
- tucking your pants into your socks or boots
- wearing light-coloured clothing; this will allow ticks to be more easily seen and removed
- using an appropriate tick repellent (containing DEET or Icaridin) on clothing and exposed skin according to label directions

After spending time outdoors, inspect yourself, your children and your pets for ticks and remove any ticks found as soon as possible.





Tick Checks

Ticks can be small and hard to see, so a thorough tick check is important to detect and remove ticks.

- Be sure to carefully check the hair line, armpits, groin, belly button, behind the knees and between the toes.
- Showering within two hours of being outdoors will help detect ticks. Note that an attached tick will NOT wash off in the shower or bath.
- Washing clothing worn outdoors will kill ticks if hot water is used. Drying unsoiled clothing (before washing) on high heat will effectively kill ticks within 10 minutes.
- Inspect all outerwear, backpacks, towels etc. that may have come into contact with vegetation for ticks.
- Be sure to speak to your veterinarian about
- tick prevention measures for your pets.

Be sure to maintain tick check vigilance. Ticks can be tiny and may be missed on the initial check.



Tick Removal

If a tick has become attached, it is important to remove the tick as soon as possible.

- Use fine tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible.
- · Pull up with steady, even pressure. Do not crush or twist.
- Clean the bite site with soap and water
- Don't use petroleum jelly, nail polish, or a hot match to remove the tick.

Mark the date of the tick bite on a calendar. For identification, please visit the Manitoba Tick Checker website (https://forms.gov.mb.ca/tickSubmission/) and submit requested details and image. Instructions for saving specimens are provided on the site.



PROTECTIVE SERVICES

JOB OPPORTUNITY



Sprague RCMP

On average, as many as 25 people are killed on Manitoba roadways every year due to Impaired Driving. Did you know that a Police Officer can make a demand to any person operating a motor vehicle, which has been lawfully stopped, to provide a sample of their breath? The punishment for refusing a lawful demand carries the same penalties as blowing over the legal limit, which is a large fine and a substantial suspension of your driver's license. Sprague RCMP are committed to reducing the amount of impaired drivers on our roadways, and as a result, you'll see us conducting impaired driving check stops through out the summer months. If you witness an impaired driver, please report them to Sprague RCMP through our emergency line at (204) 437-2222 or by calling 911. Let's work together to stop impaired driving fatalities. Get a ride home, call a friend to pick you up, or just stay the night. There is no excuse for driving impaired, and there will be no "Warnings" from us. Enjoy your summer folks, and like I say to my kids all the time "Make Good Choices".

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

Assistant Weed Supervisor

Piney Stuartburn Weed Control District

is seeking an Assistant Weed Supervisor to assist with the Pesticide Spraying Program within the municipalities of Piney and Stuartburn The position will run from early May to end of September each year

Job Requirements

- Hold a valid Driver's License
- Must be willing to take the Pesticide Applicator course in winter 2023
- · Be self-motivated, conscientious and have good organizational skills
- Technical knowledge of agriculture and weed control is beneficial
- Work well in a team environment with a safety conscious attitude
- Be able to operate ATV's
- Ability to diagnose and repair equipment is beneficial
- Strong decision making and problem solving skills

This is an excellent opportunity for someone who is looking for work during the summer for 5 or 6 months of the year. Wages will be dependent upon qualifications.

Please mail resume to:

Piney Stuartburn Weed Control District Box 58 Vita, MB R0A 2K0

Or email resume to: supervisor@psweedbuilding.ca We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Application deadline 4:00 p.m., Friday August 19, 2022



Hybrid Meeting

attend in person at RM office in Vassar or via Zoom

www.pineyregionalchamber.com



PINEY ANNUAL FALL ATV DERBY



Saturday, September 24, 2022 Registration 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. At the Piney Community Hall

PRIZE MONEY 20% - 15% - 10% - 5% OF TOTAL HANDS Quick pick – Piney Hall Food will be available on the trail ALL HANDS \$5.00 EACH FOOD & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AT THE PINEY HALL

> FOR INFO CONTACT: Wally 431-205-1248 or Terry 204-795-8591 or Nancy 204-408-0874



SPRAGUE FEST

SATURDAY AUGUST 13

EVENTS FOR THE DAY (FREE entry for day events)

Pancake Breakfast(free will donation) 8-10am 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament: Starts 9:30am 3 games, outdoor court, cash prize payback registration \$40 per team. Call Melissa 204-437-3290 to register your team Parade Registration: 10am Parade Starts 10:30am Rainbow Auction: Open all day ,draws held at the Social Concession Stand : Open all day FRFF Farmers Market : 10 am- 3pm BOUNCERS 11-4pm Wood Carving Demonstration: 11am FACE PAINTING & Beer Gardens: Noon **BALLOONS 1-3PM** Consignment Auction: Noon Horse Shoes registration: Tom 204-437-2334 Bingo (License 426): Cash & Prize Drawings 4pm Sprague Fest Social: Universal DJ Music 8pm - 1am Tickets at the door \$10.00 Proceeds from this annual event helps support your community center. Thank you!! ASSAR BALL August 19th, URNAMENT 20th. 21st Weekend camping. FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE! \$20/Tent/RV Live Music! -\$10 SATURDAY OPEN AIR **Gate Fee-\$5 12 and under FREE** DANCEL - \$10 Saturday Slo-pitch. 7 MEN, 3 WOMEN. \$250/Team **Competitive Division- 1st place** \$1000 with 16 teams. **Rec Division- \$ per win** Sunday Fastball. \$200/Team. Must have 6 teams registerd by August 6th to continue. **To register contact Jeremy Culleton** culleyjj@gmail.com or 204-437-3168 *NEW*Sundav **Sunday Breakfast** Cornhole Silent Auction **Tournament! Outdoor Pool** \$20 per team. CANTEEN AVAILABLE. **Ouestions!?** Contact No hot turkeys. us on Facebook! Made with PosterMvWall.com