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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



January 2023

MONTHLY REMINDERS

2021/2022 Overdue Taxes

Tax Sale Processing Deadline: Friday, March 31st

RM taxes for 2022 were due on October 31st. If you happened to miss the deadline and also have 2021 taxes still owing on your property, your property will incur tax sale costs if not paid by March 31st, 2023.

For all rate payers who have 2021 and 2022 taxes owing, a letter will be issued to you later this month stating what you owe for 2021, including arrears and penalties. This amount is due by Friday, March 31st, 2023. The letter will not state the amount due for 2022 taxes since only 2021 needs to be paid in order for the property to not incur additional tax sale costs. Commencing April 1st, 2023, tax sale costs will be added to your property as well as monthly penalties.

January Council Meetings

COTW - January 4th, 2023

Regular Meeting - January 10th, 2023

Regular Meeting - January 24th, 2023

2023 Council Meeting Schedule is available on our website.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Coffee with Council

Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Evergreen Seniors Centre in Sprague

Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Woodridge Community Centre in Woodridge

Thursday, February 23rd, 2023

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Over 40 Club in Piney



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

We hope to see you there!

2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TAKE THE
SURVEY

RM of PINEY
RECREATION
Plan

The RM of Piney is undertaking a comprehensive **Recreation Plan**. Although recreation is vibrant in our communities, the municipality lacks a comprehensive plan that assesses current infrastructure and projected recreational needs to guide future programming decisions and capital improvement planning. The RM of Piney Recreation Plan will create a roadmap for the region to establish goals and priorities for the next twenty years.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Complete the online survey for your chance to win one of three \$50 CO-OP gift cards!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RMofPineyRecSurvey>

OR see the survey link on the home page at:

<http://www.rmofpiney.mb.ca>

Transit Survey

We have been waiting and now funding is available to assist with starting affordable transit services in the RM of Piney, but we **need your support**. Please find the survey attached to this newsletter.

This survey is part of a Southeast Regional Transportation Initiative which will inform next steps both for the RM of Piney and Southeast Manitoba.

Once completed, please drop off at one of the following locations (as noted on the back of the survey): Woodridge (Vintage Corner Store), Sprague (Carl & Kay's), or at the RM of Piney office in Vassar.

For more information on the initiative and/or to complete the survey online, please visit our website:

<https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/transit-plan/>

Your input is important, thank you!

take our
survey



Economic Development

Attracting the Right Kind of Development

Since creating a formal, staffed economic development partnership in 2019, the RMs of Piney and Stuartburn have consistently heard from residents that they know development is needed in the region, but they don't want the negative impacts that can come with development.

That's why the focus of Sunrise Corner Economic Development has always been on the balance between building sustainable communities and maintaining the wonderful quality of life we all love. We are doing that by working towards attracting the right kind of development.

One of the major projects we started in late 2022 that will continue throughout 2023 is an investment readiness assessment and business attraction strategy. This project will determine our region's capacity to be "investment ready" and develop a strategy to explore, attract, respond and successfully secure business investment best suited to our location. The project goals are to fully understand our region's strengths to be able to attract business investment to sustainably develop our region while maintaining our exceptional rural quality of life.

Our initial findings have determined six key sectors that we will focus on attracting investment in opportunities such as:

- **Outdoor Recreation and Tourism:** experiential tourism, agri-tourism, nature-based accommodations, water-based recreation, hospitality and destination development
- **Forestry:** pulp and paper production, timber processing, small-scale woodworking
- **Manufacturing:** peat moss production and application, pre-fabrication and modular construction, furniture product manufacturing
- **Agriculture, Food & Beverage:** specialty crops, plant-based proteins and microgreen production, craft beverages and distillers
- **Technology-based Small Business:** digital marketing, photography, videography, environmental technology consulting, online enterprise support, data centre hosting
- **Residential Development:** seniors housing, duplex/townhouse development, temporary accommodations (hotels, inns, bed and breakfast), seasonal accommodations

To truly understand which opportunities we should be promoting, we will be engaging community members, industry and local experts to help us refine our opportunity profiles. Early in the new year, we'll be posting an online survey and conducting roundtable discussions with targeted groups for each of our six key sectors. If you'd like to be involved in one or more of our sector focus groups, please let me know. Look forward to working with you to sustainably develop our region to reach its full potential.

Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Happy New Year! 2023 has arrived, and so has the snow! If you're the owner, or operator of a snowmobile, you have to be happy with the amount of snow we've received to date. If you don't own a snowblower... you're probably not as happy about the snow! While we're talking about snowmobiles, let's make sure that we're making good choices when using them. That means not drinking and driving, travelling at a safe speed, and making sure your machine is properly registered and insured. Stay off private property, and stick to designated routes or trails. If you're using a groomed trail, make sure you have a snowpass! Those trails don't groom themselves. As always, make sure you have emergency gear with you, and let someone know where you're going to be riding for the day. If you have a break down or an emergency situation, we'd sure like to have a starting point to come and find you!

Phone scammers are very active this time of year! Be aware that unsolicited phone calls from people asking for personal information, are very likely scammers. Never provide personal information, and if you're not sure if the call is legitimate or not, call the Sprague RCMP! It costs you nothing, and one phone call to us could save you a lot of time, frustration, and money.

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

Slow Down, Move Over, It's The Law!

In 2011 the Slow Down, Move Over law was created under section 109.1 of Manitoba's Highway Traffic Act (HTA). The law requires drivers to slow down and move over when they see a vehicle pulled over at the side of the road with their emergency lights flashing. These include emergency vehicles, tow trucks, and construction/maintenance vehicles.



If the posted speed limit is less than 80 km/h motorists are required to slow down to 40 km/h.

If the posted speed limit is 80 km/h or higher motorists are required to slow down to 60 km/h.

For more details refer to Manitoba Laws – The Highway Traffic Act: <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/h060e.php>

Unsung Heroes of Piney RM

The RM of Piney has so many wonderful residents and volunteers. They not only live and work in the RM of Piney, but they contribute their time to a vast array of charitable, social, and recreational pursuits. These exceptional men and women do this for a wide range of reasons. Some feel a sense of duty or obligation to their community. Others want to feel like they are an integral part of the community and want to give back. They may be new and want to meet people, or feel a sense of purpose. All of them have brilliant ideas and are willing to contribute their time, talents and abilities to their community. Many have had a huge impact. All of them are extraordinary in their own way. However, they are often quiet contributors, who may not have been given the praise and recognition that they deserve. Often, they do not even realize that they have gone above and beyond to serve their communities.

For the next year, we will recognize just a few of these incredible people here in the RM of Piney. Every month we will showcase one of these special people. We will recognize their talents and contributions. Many have made the RM of Piney a safer, more caring and inviting place to live. Let's get to know them better and applaud their amazing contributions.

Our "unsung hero" for January is *Corporal Richard Graham*. Richard is currently Detachment Commander with the RCMP detachment in Sprague. He is a third-generation police officer, and has been a Mountie for 26 years. Richard hails from Morris, Manitoba and enjoys small town policing. He has been with Sprague for over 5 years. He could have been content to just be the outgoing, genuine, friendly, hardworking officer he is, but he chose to get involved. It is refreshing to see an RCMP officer giving so much of his free time to the community and to building lasting connections.

Richard has been very active at the Sprague Community Center. He regularly volunteered to deliver meals in the Sprague Seniors Meal program. It was his special version of "Sprague Skip the Dishes". He enjoyed meeting and surprising Seniors when he delivered their meals in his Service Vehicle, in full uniform. Bingo players appreciated his great voice, sense of humor and wit, when he called Bingo. He consistently added a bit of fun and a light touch. In addition, he willingly participated in the Sprague Fest parade. He even sweat it out in the RCMP mascot suit while he walked the route.

Communicating with residents and building trust in the police is always foremost with Richard. He created a monthly article for the RM of Piney Newsletter. His articles were not only informative, but occasionally his ability to not take everything too seriously shone through. Although he was not an official school liaison officer, he made a point of being personally involved with Ross L. Gray School. He readily volunteered to talk to the students. He participated in School Remembrance Day services and gave speeches when asked to do so. He often informally popped into the school, just so he could get to know the kids and they could get to know him. In addition, School Principal Jared Baines, acknowledged that he was always impressed with Richard's prompt, professional replies to requests or concerns from the school.

Richard promotes the RM of Piney and its residents to everyone he meets. He helps everyone see policing in a positive light. He has enjoyed the outdoor opportunities and unique challenges that the RM has provided.

Unfortunately, Richard is leaving the RM of Piney. He has accepted a fly-in position to Pukatawagan. This will allow him to see more of his family and spend time with the special people in his life. His dedication, friendliness, involvement, and desire to participate in the community will be greatly missed. We know that his new community will surely appreciate him as much as the RM of Piney does.

Sharon Bernard

Be Prepared This Winter!

When winter arrives, we can have a difficult time changing our driving habits to suit the conditions of snow and sleet. Inappropriate speed, reduced visibility, following too closely, sudden acceleration or braking, and poor vehicle maintenance are all reasons why Manitobans report more crashes in winter months.

Slow Down

Slowing down will maintain traction and decrease your total stopping distance.

Posted speed limits are the maximum recommended speed for ideal conditions only.



Severe Conditions

Conditions on Manitoba highways during winter can quickly turn dangerous. Planning ahead may save your life. Check for weather forecasts and road condition alerts by visiting Manitoba511.ca for road information. Fill up on gas, anti-freeze and windshield washer fluid and travel with a fully-charged phone if you have one.

Emergency Supplies

Keep a cold-weather survival kit in your vehicle.



If Stranded

If you are stranded, call for help, turn on the vehicle's four-way flashers, and remain in your vehicle until help arrives. Ensure that your tail-pipe is not getting covered or blocked with snow to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

For more winter driving tips, please visit: <https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/winter-driving.aspx>

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 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 spring 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 dependant 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. January 9th, 2023

Come and Visit... and Stay to Play!!

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS

From January 10th – March 23rd

RLG, BLSD, and Southern Health are hosting a free stay and play for families and their caregivers in the area.

- ❖ The children will come and explore and participate in various activities that will strengthen their social skills and help promote independence.
- ❖ Parents will be directly involved in the activities and be exposed to techniques that will enhance their children's skills.
- ❖ This is an opportunity for parents to learn with their children, children to interact and make new friends, and for everyone to meet other families in the community.

Where: Ross L. Gray Library

When: FROM 9:30-11:30

Who: Babies and children up to age 5 and their parents/caregivers.

PLEASE REGISTER SO OUR COORDINATOR CAN PLAN APPROPRIATELY.

To register please leave your name and child(ren) name and age.

To register please contact:

Courtney Rozsa at rozsagirl.6@gmail.com

Or Carly Chubaty or Adriane Culletone at 204-437-2175

chubatyc@blsd.ca or culletone@blsd.ca

BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION
Student Services
120 9th Street NW Altona MB R0G 0B1
Phone: 204-324-6491 Website: www.blsd.ca

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

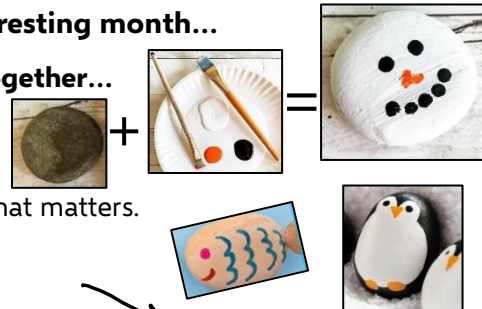
BLSD Monthly Newsletter – January 2023

January is an interesting month...

Have Some Fun Together...

Remember,
Fun can be simple.

It's spending time that matters.



Get Some Sleep!

Sleep is important for all of us.

Interestingly, if adults get enough sleep, they will notice the same benefits for themselves as they see in their children.

How much sleep?

Getting enough sleep

isn't only about total hours of sleep. It's also important to get good-quality sleep on a regular schedule so you feel rested when you wake up.

Of course, everyone's sleep needs vary a lot, but in general, recommendations are:

< 1 year = 12-16 hours/day	1-2 years = 11-14 hours/day
3-5 years = 10-13 hours/day	6-12 years = 9-12 hours/day
13-18 years = 8-10 hours	18+ = 7 or more



Annual General Meeting

**Join us at the RM office in Vassar
January 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm**

If you're interested in getting involved as a board member - we're accepting nominations.

Bring along your significant other as we celebrate the year's successes over a potluck dinner.

www.pineyregionalchamber.com

**SOUTHEAST MANITOBA TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE
TRANSPORTATION NEEDS SURVEY (RM OF PINEY & ECO-WEST CANADA)**

Everyone travels to get somewhere, we've simply forgotten why public transportation is essential until we really need it! *Some may want options to travel to sporting or entertainment events, or enjoy a social outing, some may need it to get to services not available locally, others just need to get to work.*

- * It could be for events, commuting, work, shopping, medical appointments....
- * It could reduce stress of finding a ride, driving or parking.
- * It could reduce vehicle expenses. It could be green. It could be unique.

Results of this survey will provide valuable information towards identifying the need for potential regional transportation solutions to connect nearby communities in southeast Manitoba for short and longer travel distances. Many municipalities have Handi Van services, some do not, some have taxis and some do not. There is a wide disparity as to what transportation services are available and how they are used.

To assist in analyzing data collected, please identify your age group and your community
(the more specific information we collect the better we can align your needs)

1. Age group 17 & under 18-30 31-60 61-75 75 yrs & better

2. Community RM of Piney Other: please list _____

Home Town _____

Civic Address _____ (ie 123 Main Str or 5555 Road 5N)

LIST BELOW YOUR TOP 3 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IN SE MANITOBA. Include destination town or place (such as Health Sciences Center or Winnipeg Arena) how often, and the main purpose of a trip.

3. Where is your most important destination (town or location)? _____

4. How often do you go to the 1st destination and why? (event, social, medical)
(events could include sporting events or entertainment; social could include visiting family/friends)

	events	social	medical	shopping	services	education	work	other	
daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2/week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2/month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

5. Where is your second destination (town or location)? _____

6. How often do you go to the 2nd destination and why?

	events	social	medical	shopping	services	education	work	other	
daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

7. Where is your third destination (town or location)? _____

8. How often do you go to the 3rd destination and why?

	events	social	medical	shopping	services	education	work	other	_____
daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2/week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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9. How do you travel now? *check all that apply*

My Own Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Handi Van	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friend/Relative Driver	<input type="checkbox"/>	Taxi	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Vehicle for Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	_____

10. Are you satisfied with your current transportation options? Yes No

11. What are the main features or expectations of transportation services to be successful? *check all that apply*

Mobility Friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	_____
Physical Assistance to Load/Unload	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	_____
Ease of Booking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	_____
Flexibility of Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	_____
On-demand Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	_____
Pre-scheduled Pickup Places & Routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	_____

12. If you currently travel in your own vehicle, what benefits would other transportation options need to provide rather than using your own vehicle?

13. Other Comments on transportation needs Or filling out this survey

Please drop off your paper survey at the RM office in Vassar or Carl's & Kay's Fine Foods in Sprague or Woodridge Vintage Corner Store or complete online at <https://rmofpiney.mb.ca/transit-plan/>



THANKS FOR YOUR TIME AND INTEREST!

