

Phone: 204-437-2284 or
204-437-2060

office@rmofpiney.mb.ca

Hours: Monday – Friday

8:30am – 12:00pm

12:45pm – 4:30pm



Rural Municipality of
PINEY

Need to Contact your Councillor?

Wayne Anderson: 204-527-0569

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December 2024

MONTHLY REMINDERS

Bid Hourly Contractor Forms

2025 Bid Hourly Forms are now available online to all contractors interested in submitting their bids to do any work for the RM in 2025. The form can be found under “Our Services – Roads & Infrastructure” on our website.

Snow Clearing Reminder

A reminder to all landowners, when removing snow from your driveway to please make sure no excess snow is left on municipal roads or road allowances. When this occurs, the ice and snow become traffic hazards and make it difficult for the snowplows to clear properly.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Council Meeting Rescheduled

The Council meeting scheduled for December 24th has been moved to **Thursday, December 19th, 2024 at 6pm.**



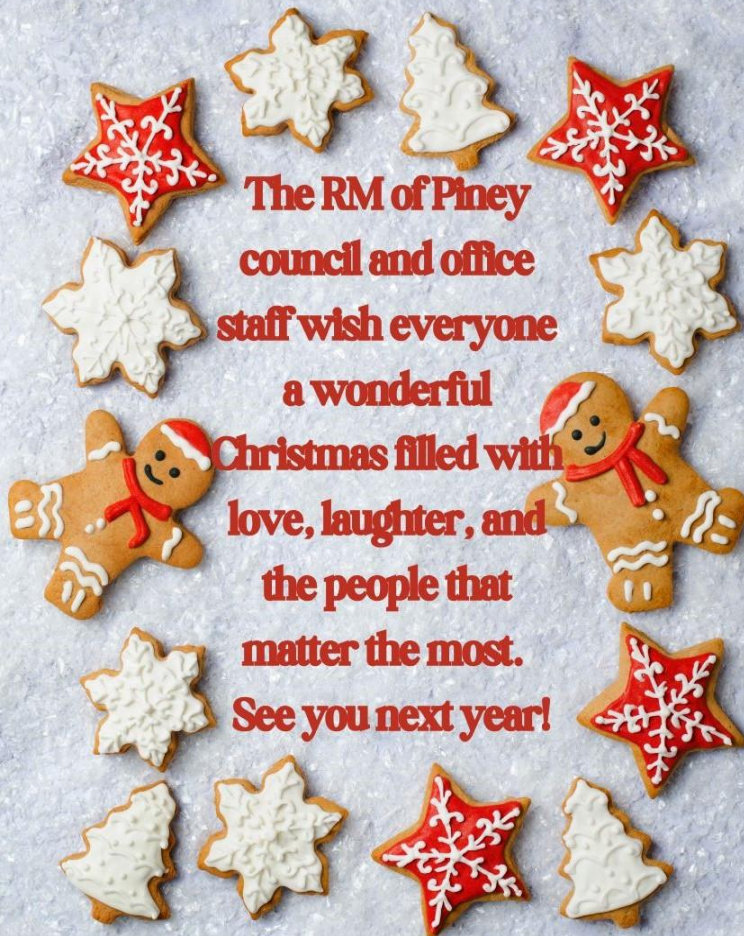
The RM Office will be closed starting Monday, December 23rd until Wednesday, January 1st. The office will re-open to the public on January 2nd, 2025.

Woodridge Transfer Station will be closed on December 25th and January 1st. Woodridge will be open on December 26th, 2024 and January 2nd, 2025.



Recreation Grant Writing Workshop on December 3rd, 2024

If you are part of a community organization and have not yet signed up for our Recreation Grant Writing Workshop. There is still space available! The workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, at 6:30pm at the Vassar Community Centre. To book your spot today, please email carrie@rmofpiney.mb.ca or call 204-437-2284.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business Supports and Resources

With our strategic location, competitive costs, supportive business environment and diverse economic opportunities, coupled with strong community spirit and incredible quality of life, Sunrise Corner has a compelling case for business investment and growth. That's why Sunrise Corner Economic Development was formed: to support businesses, developers and investors in southeast Manitoba. Our free consultation service is open to any business or community group looking to start a new initiative, expand existing product or service offerings, or move a business to the region. We offer the following competitive advantages:

Streamlined regional development processes. Sunrise Corner's two municipal partners, the RMs of Piney and Stuartburn, ensure the inquiry and application processes for development here are straightforward and timely.

Economical development fees. When compared to many neighboring jurisdictions, Sunrise Corner is a cost-effective region to invest and develop property.

Free business development consultation. Anyone interested in setting up a business, project, tourism experience or event in Sunrise Corner is invited to set up a free meeting to discuss and brainstorm ideas.

Business plan development guidance. Sunrise Corner provides templates and feedback to businesses/community groups looking to write a business plan for a new initiative or business.

Financing referral services. Sunrise Corner is able to provide referrals to a variety of options for business financing and other business needs such as training.

As a starting point for investors, business owners/developers interested in learning more about Sunrise Corner, we have posted a variety of publications, reports, services, and resources on our website.

- **Services** – overview of services to help businesses, organizations and community groups
<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/services/>
- **Community Profile** – a snapshot of our region using statistics from Canada's 2021 Census
<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/community-profile/>
- **WorkFinder** – a repository of opportunities for full-time careers, part-time jobs, seasonal work and volunteer positions <https://sunrisecornermb.ca/workfinder/>
- **Business Directory** – a listing of local businesses, non-profit organizations and government agencies
<https://sunrisecornermb.ca/business-directory/>
- **Event Calendar** – a calendar of community events <https://sunrisecornermb.ca/annual-events/event-calendar/>

In the coming months, we'll be sharing details on the six industry sectors we've determined to be an excellent fit within our region, leveraging our natural resources while maintaining our incredible quality of life. We're predicting this information will inspire residents to consider new opportunities. When that spark happens, get in touch to discuss how we can help make your vision a reality in Sunrise Corner.

Monique Chenier
monique@sunrisecornermb.ca

BPP Rent & Ride

Embark on Your Next Adventure

Whether it's a sports trip, medical appointment, recreation, senior outing, visiting family, attending events, or just a jaunt to the city, we've got you covered seven days a week! The BPP Rent & Ride program is open to all community members in the RM of Piney and Buffalo Point First Nation partnership region. It's all about bringing people places and saving the wear and tear on your vehicle with multiple passengers travelling together.

Become an approved user to support the goal of group travel for residents and enhance community connectivity. Once approved, you can reserve a vehicle, authorize your driver, and set off on your next adventure, all while saving on travel costs.



Need more information or a presentation? Ready for an application package? Email admin@bpprentride.ca or call Candace Hiebert, BPP Administrator at 204-437-2284 or 204-905-1768.

The BPP Rent & Ride initiative is a collaborative effort between Buffalo Point First Nation and the RM of Piney. This partnership provides a cost-effective and eco-friendly transportation solution, making every trip an adventure and a smart financial choice.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

Merry Christmas everyone! Hope your winter holidays are shaping up as planned!

This year during hunting season there we received many complains about individuals conducting hunting in an unsafe and unlawful manner. There were several reports of people hunting from the road and discharging firearms from the road while hunting. I want to remind everyone that the laws and sanctions put in place regarding hunting are there for a reason. They are there to keep everyone safe. Shooting a rifle near or on a public road is not safe and can cause people to get hurt. I encourage people to keep reporting incidents like this to us and conservation so that this behavior can be stopped. There are many resources online that detail appropriate hunting locations and proper transport and use of firearms. Hopefully together we can make future hunting seasons safer for everyone!

For all non-emergency matters including Criminal Record Checks, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041. Our admin for Criminal Record Checks work from Wednesday and Thursday 9-5. Should you require immediate Police assistance you can call (204) 437-2222 or 911 in the case of an emergency.

Cst. Mitchell Butler
Sprague RCMP

Don't be a Victim of Theft over the Holiday Season

With the holiday season almost amongst us, theft can become more prevalent, especially in our neck of the woods. A few tips, that may seem basic, but are effective in preventing theft include:

1. Lock all doors/windows and check at bedtime.
2. Use timers for lights when you are not home.
3. Secure parcel and hold mail when going away.
4. Don't advertise gifts or large purchases on social media sites.
5. Install security cameras or doorbell cameras.
6. Be cautious with what information you share with strangers and get to know your neighbors.

Stay safe and enjoy the holidays!

Winter Driving Tips

Every year when the weather conditions change, drivers must adjust to driving on icy and/or snowy roads, and inclement weather requires even more focus and attention while on the road. To keep yourself, other motorists, and pedestrians safe this winter, we recommend that drivers avoid using overdrive or cruise control, practice emergency braking to understand how your vehicle reacts, and never pass snowplows on the right-hand side. Please remember that the MB Highway Traffic Act requires all motorists to slow down and move over for any emergency vehicle or tow truck pulled to the side of the road with its emergency lights flashing.

Winter Driving Tips:

- Remove snow and ice from all vehicle windows, mirrors, lights, and don't forget the hood and roof! Cleaning your vehicle will help prevent ice hazards and blowing snow that can reduce visibility and safety for other drivers.
- Allow others to change lanes ahead of you and practice zipper merging. Letting a fellow driver to merge can help the flow of traffic for everyone on a cold winter day.
- Leave plenty of space between you and the vehicle ahead to give you time to react to any changes in traffic flow, such as unexpected stops/movements.
- Allow extra time to get to destinations safely by planning when poor weather is expected. Reduce your speed to match the conditions. Adjusting your commutes to avoid being rushed will lead to better overall driving behavior.
- Keep a phone charger & emergency kit in your car.
- Give the Manitoba wave! Express gratitude for other acts of courtesy on the road and then pass it forward.

A dead or dying battery can easily leave you stranded at the worst possible time and will sometimes happen with little warning. The average life span of most batteries is about four years, depending on factors like weather and usage. Many drivers also don't realize that a car battery will eventually lose its charge if it isn't used at least once every few weeks. If you know you're not going to be using your vehicle that often in winter, use a trickle charger or battery tender with an automatic shut-off feature to keep it in good condition.

Battery maintenance tips:

- When changing out your summer tires for winter ones, get your battery tested at the same time.
- Keep an eye out for battery corrosion. White/blue powder that appears on battery terminals is corrosion, can prevent a car from starting. Clean away any residue that you find.
- Turn off your accessories. Leaving the heater and radio on can use up the power coming from the vehicle's alternator and prevent the battery from charging.
- Don't disconnect your battery. If your car is going to sit idle for an extended period, don't unplug your battery. Clocks and alarm systems can use power when the car is off.
- Install a Battery Tender. This device has two claws that attach to your battery's terminals & plugs into a standard 120-volt outlet and delivers small amounts of electricity to keep the battery charged during periods of inactivity.
- If your battery is more than 4 years old, have it tested before wintertime to know if you need a replacement.

Information provided to you by:

<https://www.caamanitoba.com/auto/learning/driving-safety-winter>



**Congratulations
to our October
Recycling
Winner..**

**Ticket Number
015114**



Community Christmas Hampers

Community Christmas Hampers are a long-standing tradition of dedicated community members supporting each other in the RM of Piney. The Sprague Community Fellowship is coordinating the assembly and distribution of Christmas Hampers to families and individuals in need within our municipality.

Advanced registration is open now until November 30th.

To register please contact Sharon Stewart by email at: stewartsharon281@gmail.com or by phone at 204-437-4695

Or you may also contact John & Margie Prevost by email at: margieprevost@me.com or prej@premiertech.com or by phone at 204-437-2464.

For those who are interested, there are various ways you can donate financially:

By cheque made out to: Sprague Community Fellowship (designate Christmas hampers)

Mail: P.O.Box 40 Sprague, Mb. R0A1Z0

Or donate online, e-transfer: communitychristmashampers@hotmail.com

Tax deductible receipts will be issued for all donations over \$20.00



2024 Recycling Incentive Program was a Success!

The RM of Piney would like to thank everyone who partook in our Recycling Incentive Program. 2024 was an amazing year for recycling because of you. The Recycling Incentive Program will officially close as of the new year, so please make sure you have dropped off your recycling bags and claimed your tickets by December 31st. Keep checking our newsletters in January and February, as November and December's winners will only be announced at that time.

The RM appreciates everyone's effort in making this program a success, thank you!

Holiday Recycling Guide



MMSM
Multi-Material
Stewardship Manitoba
INDUSTRY FUNDING RECYCLING

Visit the Recyclepedia at SimplyRecycle.ca to learn more!



Accepted Items



Chocolate box



Brown kraft paper



Cardboard



Greeting cards (no foil, glitter or ribbon)



Metal cookie tins (empty)



Paper gift bags (no strings)



Paper gift tags



Plastic trays (clear)



Tape dispenser (empty)



Toy packaging

Unaccepted/Reusable Items



Aluminum foil, pie plates and trays



Bows and ribbon



Bubble wrap



Candy wrappers



Cellophane



Decorations



Foam packaging (Styrofoam)



Food waste (organics)



Disposable plates and cutlery



Wine corks



Wrapping paper (with dyes, glitter and foil)

Depot



Batteries



Christmas trees (real)



Electronics



Plastic bags (retail location)



String lights (Urbanmine)



Community Christmas Program
Sunday, December 1st at 3:00pm
Sprague Baptist Church

Christmas Craft & Bake Sale
Saturday, December 7th from 11am to 3pm
Woodridge Community Centre

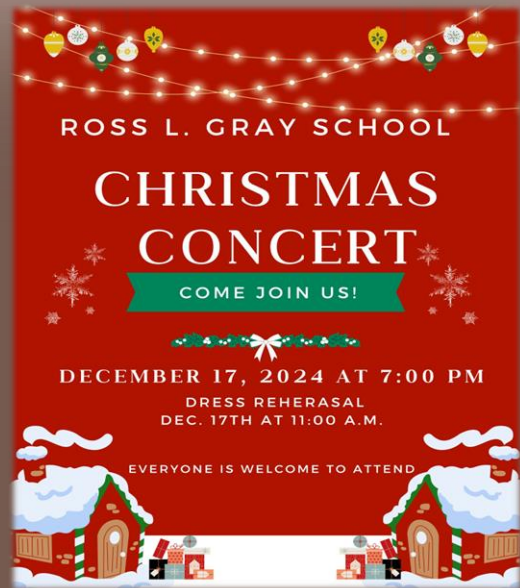
Stay & Play
December 3rd & 10th from 9:30am to 11:30am
Ross L. Gray School in Sprague

Sprague Christmas Bingo
Wednesday, December 11th at 7pm
Sprague Hall

Parent Drop In
Thursday, December 12th from 10 - 11:30am
East Borderland Primary Health Centre in Sprague

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting
December 12th, 2024 at 7 pm
RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar or via Zoom

Christmas Lights "Bulbs That Build" Fundraiser
Donate \$5 per bulb or light up a tree for \$75
Proceeds go towards: EBCH
Drop your donation off at EBCH in Sprague



Exercise for Fun & Health
Mondays & Thursdays at 9:30am
Pine Grove Seniors Club in South Junction

Floor Curling, Pickle Ball, & Archery
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
Piney Community Centre

"Meet Your Neighbours" – Coffee Groups
Mondays at 1pm – Pine Grove Seniors in S.J.
Thursdays at 1pm – Evergreen Seniors in Sprague

CRA In-person Support Clinic & Service Canada
First Tuesday of the Month from 10am – 3pm
East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre, Sprague

Woodridge Wellness Wednesdays
Every Wednesday from 1:00 – 4:00pm
Woodridge Community Club

Moms & Tots
Thursdays from 10am to 2pm
Woodridge Community Hall



East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre

A scheduled appointment to see a provider at East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre is required.
Please call: **204-437-3015** to book an appointment.

OTHER OPTIONS

Quick Care Clinic

380 Stonebridge Crossing, Steinbach
Open Monday-Friday (9 am-9 pm) & Saturday (9 am-5 pm)

T: 204-326-7569 or

book online (scan this code)



Oasis Medical Centre (walk-in)

Hwy 12N, Steinbach (inside Walmart)

T: 204-326-4555

Or access Q-Doc
(scan this code)





Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturdays, December 14 & 21
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center
South Junction, Manitoba

Canteen
50/50 Draw

Register for a chance to
win our Christmas Draw



We invite you to
SHOP LOCAL
Variety of Vendors each week

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

MIDDLEBRO COMMUNITY HALL

BREAKFAST

With Santa

Dec. 7th

Waffle Bar



9am. - 11am

\$5.00 per person 6 & under free

Bring a food hamper donation.



"THINK CHRISTMAS"
GET TOGETHER FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024
VASSAR HALL - 7:00PM

Door Prize, Bingo, Silent Auction, Hamper, Lunch

Special Christmas Draw

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

PROCEEDS: VASSAR CHURCH MAINTENANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER
VASSAR HALL - 11:30AM

BRING A FRIEND!

FOLLOWED BY SANTA'S ARRIVAL
1:30PM



Bags of goodies, donated by the many clubs & businesses,
will be distributed to the Seniors and everyone present.

Many thanks to each and everyone for the support you
have shown to us throughout the Year 2024!

Let's party

JOIN US FOR A 2024 YEAR END BASH WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM

GOOD N DUSTY

VASSAR COMMUNITY CENTER 8PM-1AM
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 28TH

SPONSORED BY THE VCRC
\$15 Entry Fee