Phone: 204-437-2284 or 204-437-2060 office@rmofpiney.mb.ca Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 12:00pm 12:45pm – 4:30pm



**Need to Contact your Councillor?** 

Wayne Anderson: 204-527-0569
Ken Prociw: 204-429-2143
Dale Edbom: 204-423-2089
David Beaudry: 204-437-2528
Mark Bernard: 431-997-5077

**June 2025** 

# **MONTHLY REMINDERS**

### **Meeting Changes**

The Regular meeting scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> has been moved to June 17<sup>th</sup>.

The following Regular meetings have been cancelled:

Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### **Dust Control**

Dust control is now available through the RM. The product is Magnesium Chloride, but we do not guarantee the dust control product being used. For safety reasons, maintenance of RM roads takes priority over any dust control application.

Requests for dust control are to be made by pre-payments of \$325 plus GST no later than Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Applications consist of 5 meters of road width x 100 meter strip. The area to be serviced must be staked out prior to application. The RM is not responsible for replacing dust control applications.

# MUNICIPAL ROAD WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS WILL BE LIFTED AS OF: JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>,2025

### **Holiday Office Closure**

The RM Office is Closed for Canada Day on Tuesday, July 1st, 2025.





#### Be Aware of All Burn/Travel Bans

A Complete Fire Ban is in effect for ALL FIRES in the RM of Piney. The burn ban will remain in effect until further notice. Updates will be posted on our Facebook page and website, in our Newsletters, and on our info line at 204-437-2845.

#### **Provincial Level 3 Travel and Fire Restriction**

Please be aware that the Manitoba Wildfire Service has issued Level 3 Travel and Fire Restrictions for the RM of Piney.

- No fires permitted, full fire ban in effect;
- All backcountry travel or remote cottage access requires a travel permit. Conditions may apply. Hiking trails are closed in provincial parks;
- Camping is restricted to supervised campgrounds;
- Outfitters no access except for staff necessary to protect property under the authority of a travel permit;
- Aircraft no aircraft landings permitted unless approved by a permit issued under the discretion of the local Conservation Officer considering the situation and fire hazard conditions:
- All existing Provincial Burning Permits are CANCELLED and new permits will not be issued until fire danger conditions improve.
- Burning exception for Industry and Agriculture purposes may be made with inspection from an officer.

https://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation\_fire/Restrictions/index.html

To Report a Wildfire: 911 or 1-800-782-0076 (toll-free)

# **Know Your Location When You Call 911**

In rural areas, 911 dispatchers may not have precise location information for callers using cell phones or internet phones, as these devices don't provide exact addresses like landlines do. Therefore, it's crucial for callers to provide as much detail as possible about their location, including any landmarks or specific addresses, to help first responders find them quickly.

The green 911 civic address sign provides a location reference for all emergency services such as police, ambulance and fire which results in faster response time.



### PROTECTIVE SERVICES



### **Sprague RCMP**

Happy June everyone!

For those of you who have recently interacted with one of us, you may have noticed a new little device attached to the front of our police

vests. These new devices are body worn camera's, or BWC's for short.

The BWC's offer many advantages for both the police and the public. By recording interactions between the public and the police, there is an increase in transparency and accountably in law enforcement. The BWC's also offer another tool for the police to gather evidence, such as capturing the behavior and speech of an intoxicated driver, or capturing video while processing a crime scene.

The direction us RCMP members have received from management, is "seatbelt off, body camera on". We will be recording in any public place that we get called to and any traffic stop on the roadway. We will also be recording anytime we get called to attend a call for service at someone's home, or to follow up with an investigation where evidence is being gathered. You should know that we do have some policies in place that allow us to stop recording. Such as talking about sensitive topics, or being in sensitive environments such as a hospital. If we are in your home and you don't want to be recorded, you can ask if we can stop recording. We will consider stopping the recording dependent on the situation.

There are also certain tools at our disposal that we can use such as muting audio, and blurring faces and other objects. The captured video gets uploaded to a secure website that requires us to log into it with encrypted credentials. Also, only the police officer, and their supervisor has access to any video they capture unless it is shared with another officer. Only after they have looked through it to ensure anything sensitive has been vetted.

We have also received direction to try and notify people when they are being recorded. With that being said, this is all relatively new to us too, we are human so we may forget from time to time. Don't be afraid to ask us if we are recording. When the light on the BWC is showing red, it means we are recording. If the light is green, we are not recording.

I am of the opinion that advancements in technology and in particular the police wearing body worn cameras is a positive step in the right direction.

For all non-emergency matters, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041. Should you require immediate Police assistance you can call (204) 437-2222 or 911 in the case of an emergency. For Criminal Record checks, our office hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Cpl. Kevin Bruce Sprague RCMP

# **RM of Piney Fire Service**

#### **Wildfire Training Opportunity**

Wildfires are a growing threat to our communities, and preparedness is key to protecting lives and property. By equipping our fire fighters with advanced training, we enhance our ability to respond swiftly and effectively when disaster strikes.

The Rural Municipality of Piney together with Buffalo Point First Nation was successful in securing funding for the "BPP Wildfire Preparedness Training Project" under the Fighting and Managing Wildfires in a Changing Climate – 2023 Wildfire Training Fund through Natural Resources Canada with additional support from Manitoba's Wildfire Service.

This two-year project will offer vital wildfire training and protective gear to members of all four fire departments in both the RM of Piney and Buffalo Point First Nation.

Investing in fire fighter training is one of the most effective ways to strengthen our Municipality's wildfire preparedness. With proper training, fire fighters can respond more efficiently, protect lives, and minimize damage in high-risk areas.

Session 1 – Type 3 Wildland Fire Fighter Training provided by the Manitoba Wildfire Service took place May 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Buffalo Point Resort Centre with a total of 24 fire fighters from the RM of Piney and Buffalo Point fire departments.



Session 2 – Coming in 2026!

Through this funding project, additional training opportunities will be available to fire fighters from all four fire departments.

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



# Small Business & Remote Worker Opportunities

In Sunrise Corner, we continue to see growing opportunities to leverage our cost-competitive location and warm quality of life, Manitoba's carbon-neutral electricity, and the increasing flexibility in corporate work arrangements to attract new residents.

Why is Sunrise Corner an incredible place to start or grow a small business or relocate here as a remote worker?

**Strong Entrepreneurial Culture.** The rate of entrepreneurship in Sunrise Corner is more than double the provincial rate. This region provides ample opportunity for entrepreneurs with a supportive business climate and diverse range of industries. We foster a warm and prosperous business environment and understand the importance of working together to achieve our business objectives.

**Fibre Optic Network.** Building on a \$588 million dollar investment with the Canada Infrastructure Bank and DIF Capital Partners, Valley Fiber has been actively installing over 5,000 kilometres of mainline fibre-optic cabling all across communities in southern Manitoba. With fibre-optic availability starting in Sunrise Corner in 2024, there are new opportunities for local entrepreneurs to offer their products and services to a much wider market via online sales and for employees of city-based companies to seamlessly work remotely.

Remote Workplaces. There has been a cultural shift in many industries to remote or hybrid workplaces allowing employees to work from home partially or full time. Improved digital infrastructure is providing new opportunities for rural-based consultants and service providers as well as giving creative makers the ability to sell their products worldwide. Combined with Sunrise Corner's affordable housing options, supportive business climate, and recreational and cultural opportunities, the region is the perfect fit for those looking to enjoy an incredible rural lifestyle while still being able to fully contribute to their current or new roles with local or global companies.

Ready to start your next business opportunity in Sunrise Corner? Whether you're interested in engineering & environmental consulting, online enterprise support services, trades & technology businesses, artist & artisan businesses, landscaping services, or finance & accounting, we'd love to hear from you.

We invite you to book a one-on-one meeting to discuss how we can support your business objectives in Sunrise Corner. We can show you how to take advantage of our streamlined and low-cost development environment, business development services and available incentives in the Small Business & Remote Workers sector.

Monique Chenier monique@sunrisecornermb.ca



## **Private Well Water Testing**

June 24th

The Seine Rat Roseau Watershed will be assisting residents with private well water testing for the presence of *E. coli* and coliform bacteria. The provincially subsidized cost of private well water testing is \$17.67, including tax.

Each legal location is eligible for one sample per well per year; you must be the owner of the well; and this sample must be first sample since April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2025.

# Payment may be submitted by cash (rounded to \$17.65) or cheques made payable to Duracan Ltd.

Water sample bottles & application forms can be picked up in advance at the RM office. Water samples must be taken on the same day as the drop-off. Drop your water sample off at the RM office **prior to 10:00 am**, along with your completed Chain of Custody form on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Only samples that are accompanied by correct payment and completed forms will be accepted.

Contact SRRWD for more information: 204-326-1030 administrator@srrwd.ca / www.srrwd.ca

### **RM of Piney Forest Tours**

Saturday, June 28th, 2025 from 1:00 – 3:30pm BECOMING FIRESMART

This tour will examine the role of fire in forest ecology. We will visit several recent burn sites and look at how forests can regenerate. Participants will come away with information about keeping their property in such a way to prevent ignition sources and to minimize risk in the event of a wildfire. We will also learn how to calculate the fire risk on any given day without having to refer to the nearest Fire Weather Hazard sign. We will also look at some equipment used by the Firetak crew when they are called into service. An informative booklet on being "Firesmart" will be made available to all.

Tours will be provided rain or shine and we ask that you come dressed for the weather. This is an interactive immersive event so be prepared for some light hiking.

Participants meet at the RM office in Vassar.

Transportation will be provided from the RM office.

For Ages 12 & Up (only 15 spots available)

Contact Candace to register by June 23<sup>rd</sup>:

204-437-2284 or email: candace@rmofpiney.mb.ca

This is a Free Event!

## Inaugural Youth Entrepreneur Challenge Showcases Future Business Leaders

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce (PRCC) is proud to announce the success of its **first-ever Youth Entrepreneur Challenge**, held on **May 15**, **2025**. This dynamic "Dragon's Den"-style event invited students from across the region to pitch their innovative business ideas for a chance to win cash prizes and gain valuable entrepreneurial experience.

Hosted in collaboration with local municipalities, schools, and economic development partners, the event highlighted the creativity and drive of five student entrepreneurs. "Each one of the participants did an incredible job," said John Prevost, president of the PRCC. "They are all winners and I look forward to watching them enter the workforce with ideas and businesses of their own."

Each participant had four minutes to present their business to a panel of PRCC-member judges, followed by a five-minute Q&A session. "As their business coach for this event, I was proud of how these students stepped forward to present their businesses," added Mark Bernard, local business owner and RM of Piney Councillor. "They showed real leadership and enthusiasm – it's inspiring to see."

#### **Congratulations to the Prize Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Miguel Bouchard, Grandma's Garage** (\$500 cash sponsored by the RM of Stuartburn and Smith Neufeld Jodoin Law Offices)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Alexis Gobeil, Gobeil's Gifts** (\$100 Co-op gift card sponsored by Clearview Co-op, Vita location)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Tony Zacharias, Zacharias Lawn Care** (\$50 Co-op gift card sponsored by North 49 Land Management Services)

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Place: **Janessa Ginter, Cluck Houses** and **Carlos Zacharias, Farm Fresh Rabbit** (\$50 cash each sponsored by Prevost Perennials)

John Prevost (PRCC President) and Mark Bernard (Business Coach) present prizes to the winners!



1st Place: Miguel Bouchard



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alexis Gobeil



3rd Place: Tony Zacharias



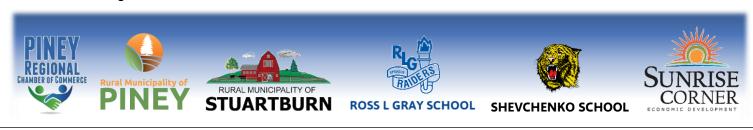
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Janessa Ginter and Carlos Zacharias

All participants also received gift bags, thanks to generous support of: Sunrise Corner Economic Development, Shevchenko School, RM of Piney, Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce, Manitoba Crime Stoppers, Konrad Narth MLA for La Verendrye, Delta Real Estate, and Access Credit Union.

Just like the Green Career Symposium held in April 2024, this event was made possible through a team effort of the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce, RM of Piney, RM of Stuartburn, Ross L. Gray School, Shevchenko School and Sunrise Corner Economic Development.

The Chamber extends heartfelt thanks to the local Chamber members who volunteered as judges: Dylan Gurman (RM of Stuartburn Councillor and local beef producer), Konrad Narth (MLA and local business owner), Chris Loeppky (recently retired from Access Credit Union), Connie Gamble (Special Projects, RM of Piney) and Jonathon Prevost (Owner, Upper Hand Technologies).

The PRCC would also like to thank the Steinbach Chamber of Commerce for sharing resources from their successful Chamber Challenge, which served as a model for this event.





Start your spring cleaning and dust off those treasures! Join us at the Woodridge Community Club for our 2nd Annual Flea Market. This year there will be limited indoor spots for those with items that can't fare the weather. All other sellers are to bring their own table, trailer or tailgate to set up outside.

#### JUNE 7, 2025 11AM- 2 PM

To book a spot email woodridge.events@gmail.com or call 204-429-2344 and leave a message for a call back.

There is no registration fee however any donations received will go to the many projects that the Woodridge Community Club does for our town.



Hot dog lunch available for purchase from 12pm-2pm





# VASSAR POOL SUMMER SCHEDULE 2025

#### Session 1

#### JULY 7TH - 18TH Swim Patrol 4:30-10:15 Swimmer 6 11:30-12:15 10:30-11:15 Swimmer 5 12:30-1:15 Swimmer 4 Swimmer 3 12:15-12:45 Swimmer 2 10:45-11:15 11:30-12:00 Swimmer 1

AUGUST 4TH - 15TH

Swim Patrol 10:00-10:45

Swimmer 5/6 12:30-1:15

Parent & Tot 11:00-11:30

10:00-10:30

1.00 - 1.45

10:45-11:15

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Parent & Tot

Swimmer 4

Swimmer 3

Swimmer 2

Swimmer 1

#### Session 2

JULY 21ST - AUG 1ST	
Swim Patrol	4:30-10:15
Swimmer 5/6	10:45-11:30
Swimmer 4	10:00-10:45
Swimmer 3	11:45-12:15
Swimmer 2	11:15-11:45
Swimmer 1	12:15-12:45
Parent & Tot	10:30-11:00

# Session 3

#### BRONZE JULY 21ST-25TH

10:00-2:00 Additional fees for required books/materials may apply

#### Pricing

Parent+Tot	Swimmer 1,2,3
\$65	\$70
Swimmer 4,5,6	Swim Patrol
\$75	\$80
Bronze Star	Bronze Med
\$110	\$150
Bronze Cross	Bronze Books
\$150	\$50

ALL Times/dates subject to change. Payment must be completed within I week of registration to remain enrolled. A \$15 fee will be charged to those who cancel less than 3 business days in advance. No fees will be reimbursed for those who do not cancel and do not show up.

#### https://www.picktime.com/vassarpool

Email: vassarpool.rmpiney@gmail.com Phone: 204-807-2159



JOIN US FOR OUR

# **ANNUAL YEARLY PICNIC**

LOCATED AT THE

SPRAGUE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**SUNDAY, JUNE 08, 2025** 

STARTING AT 12:30 P.M.

The Museum includes information and artifacts from all the villages and districts in the RM of Piney. NEW ARTIFACTS: INDIGENOUS BUILDING & much more

> CELEBRATE WITH US. **ENJOY GREAT LOCAL MUSIC**

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CAMERA

FREE ADMISSION HOTDOGS, COFFEE, JUICE & DAINTIES SERVED DONATIONS ACCEPTED

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR AND IF INCLEMENT WEATHER LUNCH WILL BE SERVED INDOORS. We are wheelchair accessible.





<u>July 1st 2025 @ 8:30PM</u>

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING: CROSSLI

FREE COFFEE, JUICE, CANADA DAY COOKIES, MINI FLAGS, PINS, ETC.

HOT DOGS FOR SALE IN CANTEEN

10:30 PM (APPROXIMATELY) - SINGING OF O CANADA FOLLOWED BY FIREWORKS

50/50 DRAW AT 10:15 PM

### GROUNDS FOGGED FOR MOSQUITOES

Free

THE R.M. OF PINEY. OTHER DONATIONS TO HELP FUND THIS EVENT CAN BE MADE ON JULY 1<sup>5T</sup> AT THE SOUTH JUNCTION C.C. GROUNDS





Sandilands Spring Home, Yard & Garden Swap 10:00am – 4:00pm May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Sandilands Park

Southeast Farmer's Market
Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 10:00am – 2:00pm
Pine Grove Seniors in South Junction

Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00pm RM Piney Council Chambers in Vassar Members & Non-members welcome

Outdoor Game Night (NEW DATE)
Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Ross L Gray School in Sprague

EBCH Booksale

June 18<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 7:00pm

June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Sprague Community Hall



Ross L Gray Graduation Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 2:00pm Ross L Gray Gymnasium in Sprague

St. Labre 200 Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Day 1 Build Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Day 2 Race St. Labre

> Grit & Glory Games Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Middlebro Park

Moms & Tots
Thursdays from 10:00am – 12:00pm
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025
July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025
Woodridge Community Hall

Service Canada

First Tuesday of the Month from 10:00am – 3:00pm

East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre, Sprague

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

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

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

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

# Piney Kite Carnival

Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 11:30am – 1:30pm Curling Rink Field in Piney





#### WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY CLUB MAY 11, 2025

Woodridge Community Club invites applicants for the position of GROUNDS KEEPER.

Summer Student Position

(June, July, August)

Qualification: Must be a student between 16 and 29 years old and returning to school in the fall school year.

Must have a valid Social Insurance Number (SIN) or in the process of getting one.

Must be able to work unsupervised for short periods of time.

TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Cutting and trimming grass with power tools.

Painting in the Community Club and grounds.

General clean up on grounds, picking up branches in wooded areas, picking up litter, washing windows and doors in the picnic area.

The expected hours of work are 8 hours per day and up to 3 days a week.

Please forward your resume to <u>siletkeman@hotmail.com</u> or call 204-392-0300 if you have any questions.

Deadline for resumes is Friday, June 13th, 2025.

### **EA057 Wildfire Update**

A wildfire started between Carrick and Badger on Crown Land, along the railway tracks on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Manitoba Wildfire Service (MWS) along with the RM of Piney Fire Service worked together throughout the weekend as the fire continued to grow.

**Monday, May 12**th: MWS had contacted the RM with their concern on the intensity of the fire and the threat it was posing to the surrounding communities. At 6:30 pm Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> the RM of Piney declared a State of Local Emergency (SOLE). By 8:45 pm the RM had issued a cautionary evacuation order for the south side of Whitemouth Lake Road, near the townsite of Florze including the area that runs from Road 65E to Road 68E.

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**: By Tuesday morning the fire was 1km east of Carrick. Heavy smoke and poor driving conditions resulted in the closure of PR 203 from Badger to Carrick. Around 11:20 am the RM issued an evacuation order for the townsite of Carrick and by 2:30 pm an evacuation order for the townsite of St. Labre had also been established. A Reception Centre had been set up at the Woodridge Community Club for all evacuees. MWS along with the Woodridge and Piney Fire Departments continued working non-stop focussing on the hot spots and installed sprinkler systems near St. Labre. The RM received confirmation that one structure had been lost near St. Labre.

**Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>:** The RM was notified the fire had grown substantially and reached up to 7,000 hectares. Crews continued working fireguards along the perimeter to prevent further growth. MWS had several dozers and helicopters in the area. Municipal fire crews focused on setting up sprinklers on properties that were being threatened by the fire. At this time two structures had been confirmed lost. Evacuation orders for the south side of Whitemouth Lake Road from Rd 65E to Rd 68E, along with St. Labre and Carrick, remained in effect. At 4:30 pm the RM issued an evacuation order for the townsite of Badger, with Woodridge to follow around 7:20 pm, at which time to Reception Centre was moved to the Piney Community Center and PR 210 was closed to any incoming traffic. The fire reached an intensity Class 5-6 and despite the rain we received Wednesday evening the evacuation orders remained in effect overnight.

**Thursday, May 15**<sup>th</sup>: The reception center in Piney remained open for anyone who needed a place to spend the day and to provide help with lodging. The fire had reached 7,886 hectares in size and was 3.5 kilometers away from the townsite of Woodridge and the intensity had decreased to a Class 1-2. The fire was also 1.3 kilometers away from the townsite of Badger. Heavy machinery and helicopter buckets were working non-stop building fire guards in the areas MWS felt were necessary. At approximately 6:20 pm the fire was holding at Fireguard 10A, 3.2 kilometers east of Woodridge with a few hot spots near the Woodridge Transfer Station.

**Friday, May 16**<sup>th</sup>: MWS had confirmed that they had 6 dozers and 2 helicopters and their fire crews, who were working with the RM of Piney Fire Service and multiple fire departments from other municipalities, who have come out to support fighting this fire. The fire was still 'Out of Control' and the evacuation order would not be lifted until the status of the fire is moved to 'Being Held'. The 15mm of rain received in the Woodridge area was a huge relief for the wildfire that crews were still fighting. By 6:20 pm Manitoba Wildfire Service had updated the fire size to 8,904.7 hectares and was 50% contained. Crews focused on hot spots on Fireguard 14 and confirmed a third structure lost.

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**: MWS had still listed the fire as 'Out of Control'. More resources arrived on Saturday with the objective of securing the perimeter of the fire area. Weather conditions were favorable and had reduced the fire threat substantially. Crews were able to put out 20 hot spots along the perimeter throughout the day and achieve about 50% containment. Evacuations would continue to remain in place until the fire status would change to 'Being Held'.

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**: MWS confirmed the fire was still about 50% contained and crews were still working to secure the perimeter of the fire area. By the end of Sunday they would meet their goal of 70% containment.

Monday, May 19th: MWS did not predict much fire behavior even though the winds were not in our favour. They had confirmed that there were no concerns with the fire along the perimeter and would have no issue changing the status of the fire by the end of Monday to 'Being Held'. By 4:30 pm the RM was able to lift the evacuation order for all locations and evacuees now return home.

The current wildfire status is still 'Being Held' as MWS continues to put out hot spots within the perimeter.

The RM has not lifted the State of Local Emergency.



Where the fire started along the railway



Northwest of Badger

# Dear Residents, Volunteers, and Emergency Responders,

In a time of urgency and uncertainty, your swift response and unwavering dedication ensured the safety of so many. To the residents who acted quickly and calmly, to the volunteers who stepped up without hesitation, and to the emergency responders who worked tirelessly to guide us through the evacuation and put their lives on the line to protect us all—Thank You!

When the wildfire threatened our communities, each of you stepped up—whether by swiftly evacuating, tirelessly fighting the flames, offering shelter and resources, or lending a helping hand to those in need—your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

To the firefighters who put themselves in harm's way to protect lives and homes, to the volunteers who gave their time and energy without hesitation, and to the residents who navigated the evacuation with resilience—thank you! Your ability to come together during an uncertain situation, to protect and support one another, speaks volumes about the strength of our communities. Your courage, efficiency, and kindness turned a moment of fear into one of hope and resilience.

Your bravery and kindness remind us that, even in the most difficult moments, our community stands together. Words cannot fully express the depth of our gratitude, but please know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed. From the bottom of our hearts, we are deeply grateful for each of you. Thank you for making safety a priority and for being a shining example of compassion in action.



# EA057 Wildfire Meeting

Due to our recent wildfire situation near St. Labre, Florze, Badger, Carrick, and Woodridge; the RM of Piney is inviting residents affected by the EA057 Wildfire to join council for a community debrief and question period.

Joined by:

Konrad Narth, MLA for La Vérendrye

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Woodridge Community Club
69 Denis St, Woodridge

We hope to see you there!