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Hours: Monday – Friday  
8:30am – 12:00pm  
12:45pm – 4:30pm



**Need to Contact your Councillor?**

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**November 2026**

## MONTHLY REMINDERS

### New Transfer Station Hours

Due to Manitoba making the permanent move to daylight-saving time, the RM of Piney has decided to change the hours of all three Transfer Stations.

**Sprague: Sundays and Thursdays**

**Woodridge: Sundays and Wednesdays**

**Pine/Menisino: Tuesdays and Saturdays**

**As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**Hours will be: 9:30am – 5:30pm**

## 2026 Election Results

The RM of Piney would like to show our appreciation to everyone who voted at this year's Municipal Election.

The RM of Piney would like to congratulate these elected individuals:

Mark Bernard – Reeve

Sherri Kuhl – Ward 2

David Beaudry – Ward 3

Charlene Hovorka – Ward 4

(in by acclamation):

Ken Prociw – Ward 1

**Welcome 2026-2030 RM Council!**

## Thank You to All Municipal Election Candidates

With the municipal election now complete, it is important to recognize and thank every individual who put their name forward as a candidate.

Democracy depends on people being willing to step forward and serve their community. Every candidate contributed to that process and provided residents with meaningful choices about the future of the RM of Piney.

Running for municipal office requires commitment, time, and a genuine desire to make a difference. It is not a position sought for significant financial reward. Municipal indemnities are modest, while the responsibilities are substantial. Candidates willingly placed themselves before the public, shared their ideas, and offered their vision for the future of our municipality.

Local issues are often more complex than they appear. Balancing community expectations, infrastructure needs, financial realities, and long-term priorities requires thoughtful leadership and difficult decisions. The candidates who participated in this election accepted that challenge because they care about their community and want to see it succeed.

On behalf of the RM of Piney, thank you to every candidate who stepped forward. Regardless of the election outcome, your participation strengthened local democracy, encouraged community discussion, and demonstrated a commitment to the future of our municipality. Your willingness to serve is appreciated, respected, and valued. Together, you helped shape the conversation about the future of the Rural Municipality of Piney.



THE RM OFFICE AND WOODRIDGE  
TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED FOR:

# REMEMBRANCE DAY

**11 NOVEMBER**

*In remembrance of those who served and sacrificed.*

The RM office and Woodridge Transfer Station will re-open to the public on Thursday, November 12.

## 2026 Tax Deadline

All 2026 RM of Piney taxes were due on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. If you missed the deadline, your RM account will incur interest charges of 1.25% on the first day of each month following the deadline. Payments can be made online (through Credit Union or Caisse), with credit card (with 2% fee), by mailing in a cheque, or in the office by debit/credit, cash, or cheque.

# UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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**Committee of the Whole**  
10am in the council chambers

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**Regular Council Meeting**  
10am in the council chambers

NOV  
TBD

**Regular Council Meeting**  
10am in the council chambers

DEC  
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**Committee of the Whole**  
10am in the council chambers

For agendas and minutes of each meeting,  
visit our website: [www.rmofpiney.mb.ca](http://www.rmofpiney.mb.ca)

Council meetings are open to the public. If you wish to voice concerns or speak to council, one can do so by putting a request in writing to attend as a delegate, where you will be given 15 minutes to speak. All requests are to be submitted to the RM office at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Requests can be emailed to: [office@rmofpiney.mb.ca](mailto:office@rmofpiney.mb.ca).

All council agendas and minutes are posted on our website and on our Facebook Page: The Rural Municipality of Piney.



## RECYCLING PROGRAM



## Respectful Workplace at our Transfer Stations

It has been brought to the RM's attention about the poor behaviour from some of our rate payers towards the attendants at our three transfer stations. The attendant's job is to provide daily tracking and guidance for proper use of the transfer stations. There is no tolerance for them to be shown abusive or aggressive behavior from our ratepayers while doing their job.

All attendants have the right to take reasonable steps to ensure their own and their colleagues safety. Attendants can refuse to deal with anyone who assaults staff or continues to be abusive or aggressive when asked to behave reasonably. No verbal abuse, threats of harm, or assault will be tolerated. In extreme situations, the RCMP will be contacted if the situation escalates.

*Thank you for your understanding and don't forget to be kind to one another.*

## 2027 Community Grants

A reminder to all Community Organizations that the **2027 grant application deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2027**. All 2026 grant submissions must be received to the RM no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 in order to be eligible to receive 2027 grant funding.

Community Grant Funding available is as follows:

**Recreation Grant** - \$17,500 per each District

**Large Grant** – only one organization is picked yearly

**Cultural & Community Identity Grant**

**Event Grants** – community events that are open to the public at no cost



## RM Office Holiday Closure

The RM of Piney office will be closed from **Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> until Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**. The office will re-open to the public on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## RM of Piney Transfer Stations

All three transfer stations will be open during their regular scheduled business hours during the holiday season.

# PROTECTIVE SERVICES

## RM of Piney Fire Service

### BPP Wildfire Preparedness Training Project

As wildfire seasons continue to present growing challenges across Manitoba, investing in training and preparedness remains one of the most effective ways to protect our communities. Through the BPP Wildfire Preparedness Training Project, fire fighters from the RM of Piney, Buffalo Point First Nation, and the Eastman Mutual Aid District have strengthened their skills and readiness to respond to wildland fire emergencies.

The third and final Type 3 Wildland Fire Fighter Training session was held September 25-27 at the Marchand Fire Base, marking the successful completion of the project. Delivered by the Manitoba Wildfire Service, the training brought together fire fighters from the RM of Piney and Mutual Aid partner departments.

Participants received standardized instruction in wildfire behaviour, fire suppression, equipment operations, and safety procedures. The hands-on training strengthened practical skills, increased regional response capacity, and enhanced coordination among neighbouring departments by establishing consistent procedures and communication practices essential during wildfire emergencies.

The completion of the BPP Wildfire Preparedness Training Project represents an important investment in community safety and resilience. Thanks to the dedication of participating fire fighters and the support of partner organizations, our region is better equipped to protect residents, property, infrastructure, and natural resources from future wildfire threats.

The RM of Piney and Buffalo Point First Nation extend their appreciation to the Manitoba Wildfire Service, participating fire departments, Mutual Aid partners, and all fire fighters who contributed to the success of this initiative. Together, we have strengthened our collective ability to meet future wildfire seasons with confidence and preparedness.



### Sprague RCMP

As November arrives, residents of the RM of Piney can expect colder temperatures, shorter days, and increasingly unpredictable road conditions. With winter just around the corner, the Sprague RCMP would like to remind everyone to take a few simple precautions to keep themselves and their families safe.

One of our biggest concerns this time of year is road safety. Snow, freezing rain, and black ice can make even familiar roads dangerous, particularly on rural highways and gravel roads. Drivers are encouraged to slow down, allow extra travel time, and ensure their vehicles are properly equipped for winter. Keeping an emergency kit in your vehicle, including warm clothing, blankets, and a flashlight, is also a good idea.

November also brings an increased risk of wildlife collisions, particularly with deer. Drivers should remain alert, especially around dawn and dusk when wildlife is most active. If you see one deer near the roadway, be prepared for others to follow.

With daylight hours getting shorter, we also encourage residents to keep their properties well lit, lock vehicles and outbuildings, and report suspicious activity. Small precautions can go a long way toward preventing thefts and other property crimes.

As always, the Sprague RCMP encourages everyone to look out for their neighbours, particularly seniors and those living in more isolated areas of our municipality.

**For all non-emergency matters, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041. Until further notice, we will not be completing Criminal Record Checks. Please contact the Steinbach RCMP or your closest RCMP detachment to have them completed. Should you require immediate Police assistance you can call (204) 437-2222 or 911 in the case of an emergency.**

Cpl. Kevin Reimer  
Sprague RCMP

### RM of Piney Fire Service Joint Training Night

Members of the RM of Piney Fire Service recently participated in a joint training exercise focused on a mock up motor vehicle collision response and performed vehicle extrication.

Joint training exercises strengthen teamwork, improve communication, and ensure all fire fighters remain prepared to respond effectively and safely when real emergencies occur anywhere within our boundaries.



## **Investing in Piney's Future: Why a Full-Time Economic Development Officer Makes Sense**

The RM of Piney's 2026 Strategic Plan, now available online at [www.rmofpiney.mb.ca](http://www.rmofpiney.mb.ca), sets a clear direction for our future: build a resilient local economy, strengthen communities, encourage responsible development, and protect the rural quality of life we value. Turning those goals into meaningful results requires more than good intentions. It takes dedicated people, strong partnerships and consistent action. That's why investing in a full-time Economic Development Officer (EDO) makes sense.

### **Supporting Business Growth and Investment**

Economic sustainability is a key priority in Piney's strategic plan. Through Sunrise Corner Economic Development, the EDO works with businesses, entrepreneurs, developers and potential investors to identify opportunities, overcome challenges and access resources. From supporting business expansion and succession planning to attracting new housing and tourism investment, these efforts help create jobs, strengthen local services and diversify our economy.

### **Securing Funding and Building Partnerships**

Another strategic priority is actively pursuing grants and alternative funding sources to reduce pressure on municipal taxpayers. Funding programs are increasingly competitive, requiring research, strong applications and ongoing coordination. A dedicated EDO helps position Piney to secure provincial, federal and private-sector funding while building relationships that make ambitious projects possible.

### **Strengthening Communities and Recreation**

Healthy, inclusive communities are central to Piney's vision. Our volunteers work tirelessly to maintain community halls, recreation facilities, trails and events that bring people together. The EDO supports these efforts through assisting with grant applications and project planning, marketing and partnerships. Helping volunteer organizations succeed strengthens community connections and makes Piney more attractive to families, visitors and future residents.

### **Promoting Piney's Competitive Advantages**

Our strategic plan identifies investment readiness for business, residential and tourism opportunities as a top priority. Through the Simply Better approach, Sunrise Corner promotes Piney's unique combination of affordable land, natural beauty, entrepreneurial opportunities and welcoming communities. Consistent marketing helps attract people and investment that complement our rural values.

### **Turning Plans into Progress**

Importantly, Piney isn't starting from scratch. Years of Sunrise Corner experience have established valuable relationships, expertise and promotional resources. A full-time EDO builds on that foundation, providing continuity and the capacity to pursue opportunities proactively rather than simply reacting to challenges.

Economic development isn't about adopting a "big city" approach. It's about creating a sustainable future while preserving what makes rural living special. By investing in dedicated economic development capacity, Piney is investing in its strategic priorities, its communities and its future. That's how we Live, Experience, Build & Grow Simply Better.



Monique Chenier  
Economic Development Officer  
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## **NOVEMBER IS RADON AWARENESS MONTH!**



### **What is radon?**

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is released into the air during the breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. Radon is invisible, tasteless, and has no smell. There is no known safe level of radon exposure but reducing levels in our home below the guideline of 200 Becquerels per cubic metre (Bq/m<sup>3</sup>) decreases your risk of lung cancer.

### **How can you test for radon in your home?**

Radon can be found in new buildings and old buildings. It can enter a building through cracks in the foundation floors and walls, through gaps around pipes, floor drains, windows, sumps, or through cavities inside the walls. Radon levels are usually highest in the basement or lowest levels of the building. Levels are usually higher in the winter because windows stay closed and a vacuum effect pulls more radon into homes.

About 24% of Manitobans may be living in homes with radon levels higher than the national guideline. The only way to know if your home has high levels of radon is to test for it, preferably during the winter. Radon should be tested in the lowest floor of your home where you spend more than four hours a day, like the basement or the main floor of your home.

### **Radon Monitor Lending Program**

Radon Monitor Lending Programs are helping to educate Canadians & increase their understanding of the actions they can take to reduce their risk.

**The RM of Piney will have radon screening devices available for short-term loan, that will provide households with an accessible way to test indoor radon levels and make informed decisions about mitigation. Contact the RM for details on how to sign-out a radon screening device for your home. Devices will be lent out for a 30-day period.**



#### Access Government Services

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30am – 3:30pm**

East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre, Sprague

#### Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce Meeting

**November 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm**

RM of Piney Council Chambers in Vassar

#### Woodridge Christmas Craft Sale

**December 5<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm**

Woodridge Community Hall

#### Southeast Farmer's Market

**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm**

Pine Grove Seniors Center in South Junction

#### Exercises at Vassar Hall

**Monday-Friday 9-9:30am Weights/6:30-7pm Cardio**

Vassar Community Recreation Centre

#### "Meet Your Neighbours" – Coffee Groups

**Mondays at 1pm – Pine Grove Seniors in S.J.**

**Thursdays at 1pm – Evergreen Seniors in Sprague**

#### Piney Indoor Activities

**Mon: Ballet 5pm / Tues: Floor Curling 6:30pm /**

**Wed: Pickleball 1pm & 6:30pm / Thurs: Archery 7pm**

Piney Community Hall

#### Stay to Play at RLG School

**Every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30am until December 8<sup>th</sup>**

For parents/caregivers with babies & children up to age 5

Ross L Gray School Library in Sprague

#### Moms & Tots

**Every Thursday from 10am - 12pm**

Woodridge Community Club



Piney Community Centre

## Fall Supper

**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> | 4-8 PM**

Adult meal – \$25

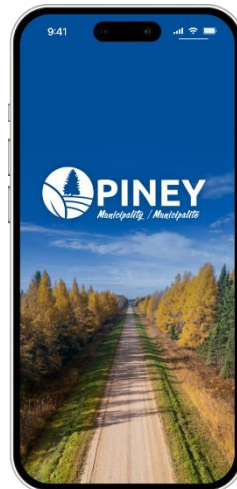
Kids 12 and under - \$15

## RM of Piney App Launch Coming in Early December

The RM of Piney is excited to introduce the new RM of Piney App, planned for launch in early December 2026. Currently in development, this new service will provide residents with quick access to municipal news, events, documents, forms, employment opportunities, and more.

The app will also deliver critical alerts and emergency push notifications directly to your smartphone, helping keep residents informed when it matters most.

This investment for the RM reflects our commitment to providing services that are Simply Better. More information, including download instructions, will be shared as we approach launch day. Stay tuned!



***Keep your eyes and  
ears open for details  
next month!***

## FOOD HANDLER TRAINING?

As an extension of the cooking classes and health sessions offered through the New Horizons grant in the RM of Piney, we're hosting a Food Handler Certification training session.

#### Who should attend?

- Community & non-profit volunteers
- Entrepreneurs & business owners
- People who have a certificate but need to renew (valid for 5 years from date of issue)

#### What will it cost?

- Course fees will be covered by the grant for RM of Piney residents.
- If you don't live in the RM of Piney but would like to attend, please email or call to get more information.

#### When & where will it be held?

**November 17, 2026**  
**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
(bring your own lunch)  
**Vassar Community Rec**



#### What are next steps?

- RM of Piney residents: Register with Connie by email or phone  
**Email [connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca](mailto:connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca) or call 204-905-3740**
- Non-residents: Email or call for more information.
- This is an in-person event. If you just want to challenge the exam, you must register and attend in person in the afternoon.

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**Canada**

Ready for a healthy adventure?  
Come cook, learn wellness tips and catch up with  
old friends or meet new community members.  
Pre-registration required to secure your spot  
with Lorie McLean (RP)!

**Health info sessions:**

October 27th 2pm  
Woodridge  
Nutrition As We Age  
October 29th 5pm  
South Junction  
Diabetes, Ozempic  
November 18th 5pm  
Middlebro  
Digestive Health  
December 1st 6pm  
South Junction - Nutrition  
& Mental Health

refreshments available

**Hands-on cooking classes \$5/class:**

October 27th 5:30pm Woodridge  
Mediterranean  
November 10th 5:30pm Woodridge  
Wild Meat & Wild Rice  
November 24th 11am  
South Junction High Tea Prep  
November 26th 5:30pm  
Sprague - Mandarin  
November 30th 5pm  
Middlebro - French

**NOVEMBER 24TH 2PM** South Junction HIGH TEA  
Community invite - tea, coffee, sandwiches & dainties  
(register so we can accomodate everyone interested)

Time to dust off your finest hat and look fabulous!  
Feel free to dress up with us, or just come as you are.

Transportation through BPP Rent & Ride may be available for anyone who may  
have difficulty getting to the event. Reach out when you register at least a  
week in advance to arrange a ride for you to join us.  
Register by emailing [connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca](mailto:connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca) or call ph 204 905 3740.

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## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026  
10 am to 3 pm  
PINEY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
PINEY, MB

TABLE RENTAL  
CRAFT, BAKING, BUSINESS,  
and MISC TABLES  
Contact – 204-380-1593

CANTEEN  
Lunch and coffee will be available

VCRC PRESENTS

## KARAOKE &

## MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 14TH  
DOORS OPEN AT 8:00

MUSIC - FOOD - DRINKS

VASSAR RECREATION CENTRE  
VASSAR. MB

ADMISSION \$10.00

MORE INFO EMAIL  
[VASSARRECCENTRE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VASSARRECCENTRE@GMAIL.COM)

### UPCOMING VCRC EVENTS

YEAR END BASH - POSTPONED FOR THIS YEAR  
ONE STOP DERBY - FEBRUARY 13, 2027



### 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 December 1st.**

**To register** please contact Corinne & Murray Machej by email at:  
[corinnemachej@gmail.com](mailto:corinnemachej@gmail.com)  
or by phone at 204-437-2176

Or you may also contact Teresa Milne by email at:  
[t\\_peters05026@hotmail.com](mailto:t_peters05026@hotmail.com)

**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](mailto:communitychristmashampers@hotmail.com)

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