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## JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER – TAX NOTICE INSERT

### STAY CONNECTED

#### **New E-subscriber service for all M.D. of Fairview Property Owners & Residents**

Sign up for email notifications! Be the first to know- As an M.D. of Fairview e-subscriber, you will receive emails with important information and deadlines.

Please subscribe by email, phone or drop by our office.

### POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS & PARENTS

Post-secondary students from the MD of Fairview #136 please be aware of the following scholarship offerings:

#### **FAIRVIEW & DISTRICT FARMERS SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship, established by Fairview District Farmers, is designed to encourage and support local rural students to pursue further education by providing funding assistance.

Two awards may be granted annually to eligible graduates of St. Thomas More and Fairview High School. Application deadline is September 1, 2019. For full eligibility information and application procedure, please visit our website @ [www.mdfairview.com](http://www.mdfairview.com).

#### **RMA – RURAL MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBERTA (formerly AAMDC)**

RMA established this scholarship in 1995 designed to encourage young rural Albertans to pursue further education, recognizing the importance of an educated population to the future well-being of our rural communities.

A scholarship of \$1000 is presented to one successful applicant from each of the five RMA districts in Alberta. Application deadline is August 31, 2019. For full details and application process, please visit the RMA website at [www.rmalberta.com](http://www.rmalberta.com)

### PROVINCIAL EDUCATION TAXES

The municipality acts as tax collector for the Provincial Government Education Taxes. We are required to collect from our tax payers an amount set by the province and we then pass those funds directly to the Provincial Government Treasurer.

The municipality is normally notified in April each year of the amount we are to collect and pay to the province. As announced by the Provincial Government following the recent election, their budget for the April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 fiscal year will not be tabled until later this fall. Since

**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019- Canada Day  
Celebration at Waterhole Rodeo  
Grounds  
Fireworks- Midnight June 30<sup>th</sup>  
Live Entertainment- Big Guitar  
10pm-2am**

### North Peace Regional Landfill

#### Summer Hours of Operation:

June 1 to Sept 30, 2019

**Tuesday-Saturday 9am-5pm  
Sunday & Monday CLOSED**

**REMINDER:** There is **NO CHARGE**  
**for residential refuse** disposal for  
residents that live in the Town of  
Fairview, M.D. of Fairview, Hines  
Creek or Clear Hills County.

### FIRE BAN CLARIFICATION

With the recent placement of municipal and Provincial fire and OHV bans, the need to clarify the differences has become evident.

The Provincial ban has been ordered by the Province for areas identified as Forest Protection Area under the Forest Protection Act of Alberta.

The municipal fire ban, put in place as per Bylaw #841, is in effect for the entire area of the MD of Fairview #136.

Enforcement of this bylaw lies with municipal staff and/or the Fairview Fire Dept. Contraventions can result in fines and penalties as well as any fire suppression costs being charged to the landowner. As Cummings Lake is within the MD boundaries, the municipal fire ban is in effect in all areas of Cummings Lake. Crownland within our MD is operated and managed by the Province as the landowner. As such, they have the authority to regulate any and all uses and prohibited uses. This includes Pratt's Landing and the Sand Lake area. Provincial authorities have been patrolling the lands under their ownership and have full authority to enforce the use on their land. If anyone has further questions, please call the MD office .



all Alberta municipalities are unaware of the amount of Provincial Education Tax to collect from our property owners, the MD of Fairview #136 has opted to collect the provincial tax using the rates from 2018. As we are still required to make payment to the province throughout 2019 based on the 2018 payments, when the provincial budget is passed later this year and municipalities are told the amount they should have collected and paid to the province, any shortfall or overpayment may be adjusted to tax payers. The decision regarding any adjustment is the authority of the provincial government. If the decision to require an adjustment is made by the province, it will be reflected on your 2020 Property Tax Notice.

## CHANGES TO CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OPTION

With the steady increase in credit card service fees paid by the municipality, the MD of Fairview #136 has recently changed its credit card payment policy. All service fees for credit card payments made either in person or now available on our website, are the responsibility of the cardholder, not the municipality. The fees are calculated automatically and added to the amount you are paying to the municipality. The service fee portion will appear on your credit card statement as a payment to "OptionPay" (the third-party entity charging you the fee), separate from the amount you paid for the municipal amount due.

All payment options for amounts owing to the MD of Fairview are as follows:

- Online:** ATB Financial, Servus Credit Union, RBC Financial, CIBC, TD Canada Trust, and Scotia Bank. (Use your tax roll number, utility account number, or accounts receivable customer number as the account number when setting up a payee in online banking).
- By Mail:** Please make cheques payable to *Municipal District of Fairview No. 136* and mail to PO Box 189 Fairview, AB T0H 1L0.
- In Person:** Visit our office at 10957 – 91 Avenue in Fairview (Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. – we are closed Noon to 1:00 P.M. and closed on Statutory holidays).
- Credit Card:** In person or online through the MD website ([www.mdfairview.com](http://www.mdfairview.com) and click the OptionPay link). Visa and Mastercard payments only may be made through OptionPay. OptionPay is a payment card system with a tiered fee schedule.

## REMINDER:

Please make sure your house address or rural address signs are clearly visible. If emergency response is required, Emergency Responders want to be able to find you!



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## DRONE REGULATIONS

Before operating a drone please read and become familiar with the new legal requirements that became effective June 1, 2019. To view all drone regulations please visit: <https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/services/aviation/drone-safety/flying-drone-safely-legally.html>

## WATER DIVERSION

Any landowner wanting to divert water on their property or make changes to any water body must contact AEP to obtain approval first.

This includes any changes to the purpose of a diversion, the installation of tile drainage, infilling, and the creation of dugouts, ditches, berms, and water crossings.

AEP will examine aquatic effects and possible impacts to other users before issuing an approval. For more information on *Water Act* approvals, please call AEP toll free at 310-3773.

## PRIVATE DRIVEWAY SNOWPLOWING SERVICE - DISCONTINUED

The private driveway snowplowing service has been discontinued effective April 18, 2019. For a full explanation of this difficult decision made by Council of the MD of Fairview #136, please visit our website.

## 2019 Property Tax Rates

No change to the Municipal Mill Rate.  
Decrease in North Peace Housing Foundation Requisition  
No change in Provincial Education Tax Rate.

**Any increase in your taxes compared to 2018 is due to an increase in the assessed value of your property.**