

Lesser Slave River

Council Meetings

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 12 AND 26, 10:00AM

Send a Message to Minister Dreeshen

Help underscore the importance of safe provincial highways to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors.

While we understand that comprehensive, long-term repairs have been scheduled and/or contemplated by the Province, **immediate interim repairs** are essential to mitigate the current dangers and inconvenience.

Through this letter writing campaign, the MD is urging Alberta Transportation to: **prioritize immediate interim repairs** to severely degraded areas along Highway 88 and Highway 2; **thoroughly assess** the damage to these highways to determine the most effective and efficient interim repair methods; **implement interim repairs as quickly as possible**, focusing on addressing the most critical safety hazards; provide a **clear timeline** for the commencement and completion of these interim repairs; maintain **clear and visible signage** to warn drivers of hazardous road conditions during and after repairs; **communicate regularly** with the public regarding the progress of repairs and any potential road closures or detours; and provide a **plan and timeline** for permanent repairs of the highways in question.

What's the Big Idea?

The MD is lobbying the Province to make **immediate repairs** to severely degraded sections of **Highway 88** and **Highway 2**. We've already received numerous letters in support of our initiative from local industry leaders, and we're now asking residents to submit letters of their own.

Ministers need to understand how their decisions impact the people they represent, and letters from affected stakeholders offer valuable insights in this regard. Please consider adding to the momentum of our letter writing campaign to the Province.

There are Two Ways Residents Can Participate

Endorse one of the MD's form letters: For the convenience of residents, we've drafted three different letter options

urging Alberta's Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors to undertake immediate repairs to severely degraded parts of Highway 88 and Highway 2. If you agree with the content of one of the letters, simply complete the **"Send a Message to Minister Dreeshen"** form online at mdlsr.ca/SendaMessage and click "Submit."

Submit a letter in your own words: Our **"Send a Message to Minister Dreeshen"** form at mdlsr.ca/SendaMessage enables you to write your own message regarding the deficiencies along our provincially-managed highways, and how these issues have impacted your life.

Fire Permits Now Mandatory

Report a wildfire in Alberta by calling 310-FIRE.

March 1 marks the start of Alberta's Wildfire Season. Fire permits are now required for all outdoor burning activities—*except campfires*—within the Forest Protection Area. This mandatory permit requirement is in effect until October 31.

Fire permits are **free** and can be easily obtained online at firepermits.alberta.ca. Alternatively, you can request a permit by contacting your local Forestry Office: Slave Lake (780.849.7377) or Lac La Biche (780.623.5388). Visit albertafirebans.ca regularly for fire restriction updates.



RUGGED AND REAL ADVENTURES.

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Applications Now Open for Rugged & Real Scholarship

Each year, the MD proudly offers the Rugged & Real Scholarship to empower the next generation of local leaders in their academic pursuits. This **\$1,000 scholarship** may be awarded to up to three exceptional students within our boundaries who are preparing to attend post-secondary institutions.

Council evaluates applications based on merit, encouraging both recent graduates and mature students to apply. Seasonal MD staff residing outside Lesser Slave River are also eligible. Entries for the 2025-26 Rugged & Real Scholarship must be received by **Friday, June 27**. Learn more at mdlsr.ca/scholarships.

Latest MD Seasonal Gigs

Are you looking for a rewarding and exciting seasonal opportunity this year? The MD is hiring motivated, team-oriented individuals for various positions from May to September, including **Transportation Labourer, Equipment Operator, Landscape Technicians, Beautification Technicians, and Weed/Pest Technicians**.

These roles provide an excellent opportunity to develop new skills, gain hands-on experience, and contribute to the beautification of the MD. Learn about the responsibilities, qualifications, and salary details at mdlsr.ca/jobs.

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