

# 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.

Tired of the white-knuckled drives along Highway 2 and Highway 88? Let's make our voices heard! We've launched a letter-writing campaign to Alberta's Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, and we need your help. The more resident letters we can stack up, the greater impact we can have at the Legislature. To join in, just visit [mdlsr.ca/sendamessage](http://mdlsr.ca/sendamessage) to endorse one of the MD's form letters or submit a message of your own!

## Reeve Kerik Voices Concerns Over Provincial Budget

Deficit budget earmarks urban perks; neglects regional infrastructure.

Reeve Murray Kerik has formally submitted a letter to Alberta Premier Danielle Smith on behalf of MD Council, criticizing the Province's recently-unveiled draft budget for what Council perceives as a clear urban bias, and a severe neglect of rural infrastructure.

Reeve Kerik's letter, which has been widely circulated among rural municipalities and media channels, alleges that the budget's allocation of funds disproportionately favours major urban centers, leaving rural communities to grapple with crumbling infrastructure and dwindling resources. His message echoes the sentiments of **Lesser Slave Lake MLA Scott Sinclair**, who denounced the draft provincial budget in his March 1 Facebook post.

*"This budget signals a disturbing trend. While urban centers receive substantial investments in recreation, transportation and schools, our municipality is left to contend with roads that are in desperate need of repair, and bridges teetering on the verge of failure. It bears mention that these crumbling corridors are heavily—and increasingly—relied upon by the forestry and energy sectors. Last year, our heavy industry players contributed more than \$1.6 billion to the Province's GDP."* Key points of contention outlined Reeve Kerik's letter include:

### Disparity in Infrastructure Funding

The budget's focus on large-scale urban projects comes at the expense of essential rural infrastructure maintenance and upgrades. The letter highlights the critical role of rural

infrastructure in supporting the province's forestry and energy sectors, which are vital to the overall economy.

### Economic Impact

The neglect of rural infrastructure will have significant economic consequences, hindering the growth of heavy industry and discouraging investment.

### Fairness and Equity

The letter calls on the Province to prioritize a policy framework that better aligns a given region's infrastructure needs with its contributions to Alberta's GDP. In his closing remarks, Reeve Kerik states to Premier Smith that *"this is not merely the opinion of one local government; this is also the stance of our municipal neighbours, and the sentiment of rural Albertans at large."* Read the full letter at [mdlsr.ca/news](http://mdlsr.ca/news).

## New Road Ban in Effect

Please be advised that **ROAD BAN ORDER NO. 2025-111** took effect at 8:00am on **Friday, March 7, 2025**. For further information, visit [mdlsr.ca/road-bans](http://mdlsr.ca/road-bans). This Order rescinds all previous Road Ban Orders and shall remain in effect until further notice. If you have questions, call 780.849.4888.

## Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 (MD) will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Council Chambers at the MD Administration Office located east of Slave Lake, Alberta, on Highway 2, on Thursday, **MARCH 27, 2025**, at 10:00am, the following lands:

ROLL NUMBER	LOT	BLOCK	PLAN	LOCATION	C OF T
296591	--	--	--	SE-18-73-8-5	972 260 190
296592	--	--	--	SW-18-73-8-5	972 260 188

**Conditions:** Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing Certificate of Title. No bid will be accepted, where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. The land is being offered for sale on an "as is, where is" basis and the MD makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever, as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the purchaser.

The MD may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction. Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale. No terms and conditions will be considered, other than those specified by the MD. Failure to pay deposit on day of sale will result in disqualification.

**Terms of Sale:** The successful bidder must, at the time of sale, make a ten percent (10%) deposit in cash or certified cheque payable to the municipality with the remaining balance due within 30 days of the Public Auction. GST and Land Title Registration Fees will apply on lands sold at the Public Auction. For further information, call 780.849.4888.