

# Lesser Slave River

## Council Meetings

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 23 AND MAY 14 AT 10:00AM

## MD Office Closures for Good Friday & Easter Monday

**Friendly reminder:** MD offices will be closed on **APRIL 18** and **APRIL 21** in observance of Good Friday and Easter Monday. On behalf of the MD, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyful and restful holiday weekend. May it be filled with happiness, good health, countless blessings, and—of course—plenty of delicious chocolate!

## Thinking of Running as a Candidate for MD Council?

Being a member of Council is a challenging and rewarding experience.

Serving as Reeve or Councillor provides an opportunity to have your voice heard and represent the best interests of the residents of Lesser Slave River. **Nominations close** at 12 noon on Monday, **SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**.

If elected as a member of Council, you will have the opportunity to help shape the future of your municipality. Refer to [mdlsr.ca/election](https://mdlsr.ca/election) to learn more about how to begin the nomination process, and the responsibilities. This dedicated section of the MD website also covers voter registration, voting stations, election results, and more.

## Progress Continues on Planning Framework

MD Council recently gave first reading to a newly proposed *Animal Control Bylaw* (ACB).

This bylaw provides the overarching regulations on the keeping of all animals within the municipality, specifying conditions for properties within parcel size and area zoning.

The proposed bylaw includes references to animal management, which have been moved over from the MD's current *Land Use Bylaw* (LUB) document. This shift allows for more clarity and alignment between the MD's planning documents while adhering to existing legislation.

MD landowners and developers are encouraged to visit [mdlsr.ca/livestock-management](https://mdlsr.ca/livestock-management) to review the draft *Animal Control Bylaw* and *Responsible Animal Ownership Policy* documents, as they are referenced throughout the proposed *Land Use Bylaw/Municipal Development Plan/Animal Control Bylaw* amendments.

MD Council and Administration recognize the impact of these statutory documents on our communities. We're prioritizing thorough review, extensive resident input, and rigorous legal scrutiny to ensure the best possible changes are adopted.

This spring, the MD will table the new *Municipal Development Plan* (MDP) and *Land Use Bylaw* (LUB) framework at a public hearing. Please visit [mdlsr.ca/land-use](https://mdlsr.ca/land-use) for hearing details and other developments.

## Streamlining and Clarifying Animal Management

In consideration of public feedback and best practices, the MD has removed references to livestock and animal management from the new MDP and LUB documents. Going forward, all animal-related matters will be addressed in a comprehensive updated *Animal Control Bylaw* (ACB). This shift allows for a clarified and relevant approach to municipal legislation within the new MDP, LUB and ACB documents.

## Great Jobs, Great People – Work with the MD

Considering your next move? Visit [mdlsr.ca/jobs](https://mdlsr.ca/jobs) to explore exciting opportunities where you can make an impact. **Current openings include** Communications Assistant (term), Information Systems Coordinator, Director of Finance, Safety Officer, Landfill Coordinator, and Transportation Labourer.

## Nuisance Property Enforcement Set to Begin

Community standards: a shared responsibility.

In the coming weeks, Peace Officers will begin issuing cleanup orders to individuals in violation of the MD's *Community Standards & Safety Bylaw 2023-03*, specifically targeting properties deemed nuisances.

Residents are required to keep their properties free of litter—including waste or garbage not placed in authorized receptacles—and must refrain from discarding litter on private or public land within the MD.

The term "**litter**" includes solid waste, wood, metal, tires, glass, clothing, paper, food containers, grass clippings, and various other materials, as well as junked vehicles, vehicle parts, household items, appliances, and animal waste.

"**Nuisance**" refers to any property use or activity deemed unsafe, potentially harmful to individuals or nearby properties, or causing unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of neighbouring properties. This includes deteriorated displays on fences or walls, unsightly structures, excavations, or hazardous holes.

Residents are encouraged to visit [mdlsr.ca/bylaws](https://mdlsr.ca/bylaws) to review the updated bylaw, which covers property standards, safety regulations, enforcement, and current penalties.

Thank you to all MD residents for your continued cooperation and commitment to the safety, well-being, and vibrancy of our Rugged-and-Real region. For questions, reach out to our Protective Services team at [peaceofficer@mdlsr.ca](mailto:peaceofficer@mdlsr.ca) or phone 780.849.4888 (toll-free 1.866.449.4888).