

Lesser Slave River

Upcoming Council Meetings

AUGUST 14 & AUGUST 27, AT 10:00AM

Ready to Lead? How to Run for MD Council.

Being a member of Council offers a unique opportunity—both challenging *and* rewarding. 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. Learn the steps required to run for Council, including eligibility, campaign planning, reporting at mdlsr.ca/election. Nominations close at 12 noon on **SEPTEMBER 22**.

Register Early. Make Voting Easy.

Registering in advance for the MD of Lesser Slave River's Permanent Electors Register helps make your voting experience faster and easier!

To be added to the **Permanent Electors Register**, voters must register through **Elections Alberta's Voterlink** by **AUGUST 15**, 2025. Voters who are not registered by this date will need to complete registration at the voting station before receiving a ballot. Sign up today at voterlink.ab.ca. Need help? Phone us at 780.427.7191.

Be BearSmart

Be BearSmart: play safely in bear country.

As human activity in bear territory grows, habitats become increasingly fragmented, raising the likelihood of bear-human encounters.

Bears will consume any available food, regardless of its location in human-use areas or whether it is a natural part of their diet. When bears learn to link humans and human-use areas with easily accessible, high-calorie meals, they become food-conditioned. Preventing these bears from seeking out human food sources in the future is challenging.

Every hiker, camper, angler, or cyclist in bear country plays a vital role in preventing bears from becoming food-conditioned. Practice BearSmart habits: store your food and garbage in bear-proof containers. Visit mdlsr.ca/news.

Land Use Legislation Passes Second Reading

The MD continues to make steady progress in updating and aligning its legacy land-use legislation framework. At the July 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council gave second reading to the proposed amendments to the *Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw, and Animal Control Bylaw*, along with the supporting documents.

To review the draft documents as of July 9, 2025, visit mdlsr.ca/land-use. Please note that existing legislation will remain in effect and continue to guide development and land use throughout the amendment process.

Ranch Road Closed in Smith

Motorists are reminded that the east portion of Ranch Road, between Fish Creek Road and Highway 2, will be closed from **JULY 14 TO AUGUST 14**, for a bridge culvert replacement. Detours will be available via Fish Creek Road and Forestview Road.

Cleaner, Safer Communities Start Here

MD Community Peace Officers are issuing cleanup orders for properties deemed nuisances under the MD's *Bylaw 2023-03*. This enforcement is an important part of keeping our region safe, healthy, and welcoming for residents and visitors alike.

Peace Officers take these actions to help prevent health hazards, reduce fire risks, deter pests and wildlife, and protect property values—ensuring residents can enjoy their homes without undue disruption from neighbours.

What Counts as Litter or a Nuisance?

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

"Nuisance" refers to any property use or activity that is unsafe, potentially harmful to people or nearby properties, or unreasonably interferes with the use and enjoyment of neighbouring properties. Some examples include deteriorated displays on fences or walls, unsightly structures, excavations, or hazardous holes.

Learn more at mdlsr.ca/news and mdlsr.ca/bylaws.

Let's Work Together

We know that keeping properties clean and safe can be challenging at times. That's why we ask **everyone** to do their part, show consideration, and work together to maintain these standards. Your cooperation helps create a healthier, safer, and more welcoming community for all.



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