

Lesser Slave River

Upcoming Council Meetings

REGULAR: OCTOBER 8 AND 22 AT 10:00AM

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: OCTOBER 22 AT 9:00AM

MD Launches 4th Annual Photo Contest!

You're invited to share your special moments of celebration by taking part in the fourth annual MD Moments Photo Contest!

Show off your celebratory side by taking part in this year's MD Moments Photo Contest! From weddings, birthdays and family reunions to the end of the school year, we have many reasons to celebrate in Lesser Slave River.

Submit *up to five* of your best photos. The top 13 entrants will **win \$100** each, and their photos will be featured in the MD's 2026 wall calendar! Submissions will be accepted until **Tuesday, OCTOBER 28** at midnight. You can submit up to five entries, but only one prize will be awarded per entrant. For details, check out mdlsr.ca/moments.

All eligible entries will be added to the MD website in early November, where *the public can view all submissions and vote for their favourites!*

This Year's Theme is Celebration

Here's your chance to show off how and where—you like to celebrate in Lesser Slave River. From grand festivities and cultural traditions to small, personal victories and quiet moments of contentment, celebration is a universal language.

Whether it's a birthday party filled with laughter, the quiet triumph of a personal milestone, a special gathering at a community complex, or the simple joy of a shared meal, *let's show the world how we celebrate!*

Get Involved: Seeking Members-at-Large

Board and Committee members offer *invaluable guidance and expertise* on key policy areas, playing a vital role in shaping municipal decisions. Their contributions, together with public participation, ensure diverse perspectives are represented, strengthening community services.

Each October, Council conducts an **Organizational Meeting** to appoint Council members and Members-at-Large to represent the MD on various regional organizations. This process ensures that our community remains well-represented and actively engaged in key regional matters.

Openings for **new Members-at-Large** include positions on the *Agricultural Act Appeal Panel, Agricultural Service Board, Lesser Slave Lake Regional Housing Authority, Municipal Planning Commission, Slave Lake Regional Library Board*, and on the *Subdivision & Development Appeal Board*. Apply by **Wednesday, OCTOBER 15** at mdlsr.ca/board-committees.

Explore Convenient Payment Options With the MD

The MD encourages residents to use **electronic billing for municipal services**. Utility bills and accounts receivable invoices can be delivered directly to your email, helping to avoid disruptions caused by postal delays, especially if you are currently paying by cheque.

Be mindful of payment deadlines

Please note that ratepayers are responsible for ensuring payments are received by the due date; postal strikes will *not justify* penalty waivers.

The MD encourages residents to explore the alternative payment methods available for utility bills, taxes, and accounts receivables to ensure timely and convenient transactions.

These options include: Using the MD's *newly implemented My MD Payment Portal*, a new online platform for accessing key municipal services; **Online banking** (using "MD Lesser Slave River #124" or "Lesser Slave River #124" as a Payee, along with your Utility Account number in the Payee setup).

In-person payments at your financial institution; **Telephone banking** with your financial institution; In-person payments at the MD's main admin office located in Slave Lake (3000 15 Avenue SE) or the sub-office in Flatbush (660061 Range Road 20), with **drop boxes** available at both locations; **EFT** information is also available from our Accounts Receivable Administrator.

If you would like to *switch to paperless billing* for your Utility Account or utilize an alternative payment method, please contact the MD at 1.866.449.4888 or email billing@mdlsr.ca.

Fire Permits Still Required

Fire permits are required for all outdoor burning—except campfires—within the Forest Protection Area. This legal requirement is in place **until OCTOBER 31**. Fire permits are **free** and **easy to obtain** online at firepermits.alberta.ca, or by calling your local Forestry Office in Slave Lake at 780.849.7377 or Lac La Biche at 780.623.5388.



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