

Lesser Slave River

Upcoming Council Meetings

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: OCTOBER 28 AT 9:00AM

Temporary Speed Limit Reduction for Highway 2

Following a recent order issued under the *Traffic Safety Act*, new temporary speed limits are now in effect along a section of Highway 2.

Alberta Transportation has implemented a **temporary speed limit** along a section of Highway 2 in response to escalating concerns from municipal leaders, community members and industry operators regarding a stalled culvert replacement project and resultant embankment erosion.

All vehicles travelling over Hwy 2:46 between KM 37.00 and KM 38.00 **must comply with posted maximum speed limits**, where signs are erected and displayed indicating such speed.

On September 11, 2025, MD Chief Administrative Officer Barry Kolenosky drafted a letter to Regional Director of Transportation and Economic Corridors Michael Botros, **advocating for increased safety measures along a rapidly deteriorating stretch of provincial highway**. Kolenosky noted that the Wilson Creek culvert replacement project, 22 kilometres east of Slave Lake, has been at a standstill for months, creating what he described as unsafe conditions.

"The roadway itself is starting to cave in on the north side, and yet two-lane traffic is still permitted. No attempts have been made to slow traffic down or identify the hazards with signage, lights or barricades." —Barry Kolenosky, CAO.

Kolenosky underscored the urgency of the situation as winter approaches and daylight hours decrease. He highlighted that the stretch of highway sees **nearly 3,000 vehicles per day**, a large portion of which is heavy traffic.

"It's not a question of if something bad will happen, but when." —Barry Kolenosky, CAO.

The Wilson Creek project, described as a **"trenchless culvert installation and slide repair,"** is slated for completion by November 30, 2025. At that time, the MD anticipates that

Alberta Transportation will lift the temporary speed limit restrictions accordingly. Any further speed limit changes or updates will be posted to the MD website and social media.

Show Us Your Best Shot— Submit to This Year's MD Moments Photo Contest

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

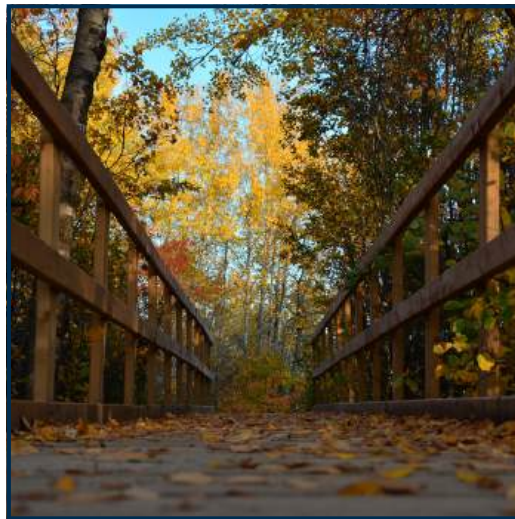
Show off your celebratory side by taking part in this year's MD Moments Photo Contest! From weddings, birthdays and family reunions to the end of the school year, we have many reasons to celebrate in Lesser Slave River.

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 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!**



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RCMP Crime Map: Know Your Neighbourhood

Crime prevention begins with awareness, and the MD is committed to promoting neighbourhood safety through proactive community policing.

In support of this goal, the RCMP has developed a crime map offering a detailed overview of reported incidents in the Lesser Slave River region. Stay informed by visiting mdlsr.ca/crime-map to see where incidents like break and enters, motor vehicle thefts, and mischief to property are occurring in our communities.

Understanding the complete picture is the first step toward making a positive change. Residents are encouraged to **stay alert** and act as an extra set of eyes and ears in our region. **Report suspicious activity to the RCMP—call 310-RCMP (7267) for non-emergencies, and always dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.**