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Five Pillar Recovery Update

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People

People are our most valuable resource.

Activities focus on enhancing the wellbeing of all residents:

- Foster inclusion and acceptance
- Support and guide psychosocial recovery
- Expand community development opportunities
- Engage in meaningful engagement and needs-based analysis

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People

Housing Options

- Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation
 - Social Housing Program
 - Affordable Housing Program
 - 203-10020 Franklin Avenue
 - Hillary@wbhdc.ca 780-743-4140
- List of Property Managers: rmwb.ca/housing
- Hotels offering long-term stay rates

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People

Available Support

Red Cross

- Rent, mortgage payments, security deposits, furniture, storage and repairs
- 1-855-553-5505

NGO's Supporting Uninsured, Underinsured Recovery

- Repairs and rebuild
- nsuurwoodbuffalo@gmail.com

PULSE Line 780.743.7000

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Environment

We are continuing to identify, assess and measure the affects of the wildfire on our environment.

- Phase I testing on air and ash, and Phase II testing on soil has been completed
- Samples were representative of the broader community
- Soil test results were evaluated against Alberta Tier 1 Soil and Groundwater Remediation Guideline for Residential/Parkland
- This is the most stringent standard based on land use and exposure pathways

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Environment

We are confident in the health of our environment.

- Residents can be assured by the science and results of Phase I & II testing
- The process of clean up and demolition is contributing to remediation of soil in the hardest hit areas
- We will continue to monitor the environment with continued Phase III testing in public spaces

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Environment

If residents wish to conduct their own soil testing, they should first do research.

- Seek out a reputable expert
- Ensure your samples are evaluated against the same Alberta Tier 1 Soil and Groundwater Remediation Guideline for Residential/Parkland
- Have a conversation with your insurance provider about covering the costs



Economy

1. Enable businesses (urban, rural and Indigenous) as they return and recover from the consequences of the wildfire.
2. Support oil and gas production within the RMWB by minimizing wildfire impacts on the local work force.
3. Maximize the local economic benefits of recovery operations to the RMWB business community.
4. Reaffirm and enhance our ability to provide regional services and programs.
5. Seize diversification opportunities as part of recovery.

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Economy

- What has been heard?
- What has been done?
- What can we expect in the future?

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Economy

Resources

- Small Business Financial Support
 - www.ymmsmallbizrecovery.ca or 1-855-769-2249
- Back to Business Resource Centre (BBRC)
 - 9816 Hardin Street
 - www.choosewoodbuffalo.ca

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Rebuild

Site Fencing

Site fencing will be required to be installed on all properties that have not been backfilled or there are other hazards on the site that is creating a safety concern. Effective October 31, 2016, backfilling or site fencing has to be in place. The Alberta Building Code identifies that:

- The fence will be strongly constructed 6' Construction Fence placed around all hazards. This fencing will be at the expense of the owner.
- The owner will be responsible to maintain the fencing to ensure it remains in place protecting the public. The fencing could be removed once all the hazards have been eliminated.

Rebuild

Electing not to protect the base of your excavation or foundation will compromise the soils that are supporting your reconstructed home. The Alberta Building Code requires that the soils under your foundation are not compromised. Protection must be provided from the following:

- Water accumulation,
- Over excavation,
- Freezing

Additional costs will be incurred to remediate prior to rebuilding.

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Rebuild

Winter Building

Yes you can build in the winter, however the Alberta Building Code identifies the requirements you must follow to be compliant.

- Concrete must be kept at a temperature of not less than 10°C while being mixed and placed, and maintained at a temperature of not less than 10°C for 72 hours after placing.
- Concrete shall not be placed in mud, standing water or snow, or on, against or above any frozen material.
- No frozen material or ice shall be used in concrete

Mitigate

- Implement mitigation measures with a view to improving resiliency
 1. Fully understand and mitigate any health risks associated with the wildfire
 2. Consider transformative opportunities through land-use planning that better positions the RMWB from both public safety and future growth perspectives
 3. Consider, identify, and pursue opportunities for disaster risk reduction from an all-hazards perspective, effectively mitigating known risks to our community
 4. Examine potential egress/bypass routes with a view to increasing safety, speed, and access during future disaster situations.



Mitigate

- Resilience can be achieved by implementing mitigation measures that reduce the probability of a devastating event and/or provide increased overall safety for residents should an event occur
- Mitigation includes several layers
 - Physical controls (FireSmart)
 - Layers of protection including administrative plans (Emergency Response Plans)
 - Ensuring a safe and secure mechanism for moving the population away from the risk



Mitigate

- Projects Underway
 - Hazardous Tree Removal - underway
 - Re-grading of Fire Break areas - underway
 - Post Wildfire Hazard Assessment - complete
 - FireSmart Phase 1 - complete
 - FireSmart Phase 2B

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QUESTIONS?

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