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Public Information Session #8

September 21, 2016

Abraham's Land RV Campground // 4 - 7 p.m.

Public Participation: 73 residents

Internal Participation: RMWB Municipal Operations, Planning and Development, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force

Partner Participation: Government of Alberta, Red Cross, Insurance Bureau of Canada, Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation

Summary from Residents:

- **Housing:** a 'Housing Needs' flow chart was made available to residents, which presented 3-4 and 1-2 bedroom housing options and included the follow housing alternatives: Interim Housing, Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation (Social & Affordable programs) and a Property Management Company listing; financial/support assistance information including the Red Cross and NSUUR was also available; some residents have already found alternate accommodations or are leaving the region; timing of making alternative housing options available was identified as an issue.
- **Financial Assistance and Donations:** residents felt that interim housing units were too expensive and required assistance; Red Cross was onsite to explain available financial assistance; some residents cited financial constraints around children's school fees, and recreation and equipment fees; expressed appreciation for schools lowering fees; residents were overwhelmed with the generosity of individuals and community groups across Canada who donated quilts, knitted hats, handmade pillowcases and "Circle of Angels" ornaments.
- **RV Storage:** residents want a location to store RVs after Abraham's Land Campground closes, they want to know how much it will cost and whether financial support will be available to offset any cost.

Summary from Internal Participants:

- Residents expressed their appreciation for bringing this event to their neighbourhood.
- Playing music through loudspeakers was effective in drawing attention to and setting the tone for the event.
- Participants felt it was good idea to have targeted, localized session.

Next Sessions:

September 22, 2016

Shell Place at MacDonald Island Park // 4 - 8 p.m.

Topic: Recovery for Uninsured and Underinsured