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Public Information Session #43

April 28 to 30, 2017
Spring Trade Show

Public Participation: 199 Residents

Internal Participation: Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (Planning & Development, Stakeholder Engagement, Bylaw Services) and Regional Emergency Services

Partner Participation: Fort McMurray Tourism

Background:

- The Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force (RTF) was joined by members of the Municipality's Planning & Development Department, Bylaw Services, Stakeholder Engagement and Regional Emergency Services for the duration of this three-day event.
- Residents were given information and updates about current projects undertaken by the Municipality as well as the proposed direction for future projects.
 - These projects include: FireSmart activities, trail restoration, firebreak rehabilitation, Construction Management Teams and supports for businesses.

Feedback:

- The majority of feedback throughout the event focused on general recovery-related questions such as resolving insurance issues and ensuring public safety in construction areas.
- Some residents asked about what work is planned to fix the firebreak areas that were created in response to the wildfire and about what is planned for the trails that were affected.
 - Residents were given information about the Municipality's plan for the first 30 metres of the firebreak area which includes completing a rough grade and fine grade before laying down top soil and planting grass seed. Residents were also told all trails will be restored to a condition equal to what was lost or damaged. This work will begin this spring/summer.
- Residents asked about volunteer opportunities to plant trees in the community. They were told the Municipality is coordinating volunteers for potential replanting projects and that residents can register now by calling the **PULSE Line at 780-743-7000** or by emailing **recovery@rmwb.ca**.
- Overall feedback about the session was positive. Several residents thanked the RTF for its efforts.

Next Sessions:

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Wednesday, May 10: 5 to 8 p.m.
Topic: Emergency Access Roads