

Here for You

Public Information Session #56

July 12, 2017: 6 to 8 p.m.

Here for You: Holy Trinity Catholic High School

Public Participation: 17 Residents

Internal Participation: Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force (RTF)

External Participation: Canadian Red Cross

Background:

- On June 22, 2017, the RTF held a Here for You session at St. Anne's School in Timberlea for residents in the area to learn about the firebreak rehabilitation and trail restoration projects. Following this event, residents of the northern part of Timberlea requested another session with information about areas near Parsons Creek and Stone Creek.
- This session provided detailed information about all ongoing re-greening projects including hazardous tree removal, firebreak rehabilitation and trail restoration.

Feedback:

- Residents asked questions about the timing of the firebreak rehabilitation and trail restoration projects.
 - Residents were informed the tender for the contract to complete this work is now closed and work will begin this summer. As much work as possible will be completed before October 2017. All remaining work will be completed by August 2018.
- Questions were raised about the plan to rehabilitate the firebreak areas behind homes.
 - To ensure the firebreak areas remain in place to protect homes from a potential future wildfire, the Municipality is seeding grass within the first 30 metres of the firebreak areas. The seed being used is a fire resistant grass that has low growth and holds moisture well.
 - These grassy areas will be added to the Municipal mowing and maintenance program.
 - In the areas beyond the 30 metre firebreak, options are being discussed that are dependent on funding.
 - Residents were also told that the firebreak rehabilitation project is the same for all areas of the community.
- Some residents asked about what areas will be started first once work begins.
 - Priority will be given to high use areas such as the Birchwood Trails and behind homes.
- Residents asked about how their feedback is being used moving forward.
 - Although the plan for firebreak rehabilitation and trail restoration has been finalized, residents were told that future projects involving trail placement and reforestation will benefit from resident feedback.



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- Residents were told to inform the RTF about any drainage concerns so they can be addressed before the firebreak rehabilitation and trail restoration works begins.
- Residents were also told to contact the RTF about any hazardous trees they see in the community by emailing recovery@rmwb.ca or calling PULSE at 780-743-7000.
- Overall feedback from residents was positive. They appreciated both the information that was presented and the opportunity to have their questions answered.

Next Sessions:

Here for You: Urban Market

Wednesday, July 19: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Topic: General Recovery Update

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Wednesday, August 2: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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