

# Here for You

## Public Information Session #62

August 21, 2017: 6 to 8 p.m.

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**Public Participation:** Six Residents

**Internal Participation:** Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force (RTF)

### **Background:**

- Work is now under way to rehabilitate firebreak areas created to support firefighting efforts during the 2016 Horse River Wildfire and to restore all trails that were damaged or destroyed at the time.
- This session provided an update to residents about the work that's expected to be completed in 2017. This includes areas near Walnut and Fireweed Crescents and on the north side of the Birchwood Trails in Eagle Ridge and in Timberlea.

### **Feedback:**

- Some residents asked questions about planting their own trees beyond their property.
  - Residents were told that planting on Municipal property is prohibited. The Municipality is responsible for planting trees on municipal land to ensure the right trees are planted in the right spaces. This is done according to FireSmart principles. Residents should not plant trees beyond their property.
- Some residents asked what is being done with the burnt trees in the communities of Abasand and Beacon Hill.
  - Residents were told plans are underway for a burnt tree harvesting project that is tentatively set to begin in winter 2017.
  - Residents are also being asked to report any potentially hazardous trees near their property or near trails/roads by emailing [recovery@rmwb.ca](mailto:recovery@rmwb.ca) or calling the PULSE Line at 780-743-7000.

### **Next Session:**

Here for You: Casman Centre

Wednesday, August 23: 6 to 8 p.m.

Topic: Firebreak Rehabilitation and Trail Restoration Update – Thickwood and Dickinsfield

Here for You: Syncrude Athletic Park

Thursday, August 24: 6 to 8 p.m.

Topic: Firebreak Rehabilitation and Trail Restoration Update – Timberlea and Eagle Ridge



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