



# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

November 2021

Here's your look at engagement opportunities launching this month, past events, and what we've learned from you in recent engagement activities. As the winter season settles in and evenings grow longer, we invite you to spend some time on the online engagement portal [Participate Wood Buffalo](#) to learn about ongoing engagement and how you can participate. While you are there, subscribe to page updates to continue to receive these Public Engagement Updates via email.

## Current & Upcoming Engagements



### Making Business Easier

Are you a resident who has recently applied for a property improvement? Are you an investor who has recently applied for a business license? The Planning and Development Department is looking for feedback on real experiences, and improvement opportunities to enhance the existing permitting application process. Applications can be residential or business related, such as development permits inspections, or business licenses. A confidential online survey is available from November 3-17, 2021. Provide your feedback at [Participate Wood Buffalo](#).



### Draper Projects

There are a number of projects affecting the community of Draper and a webpage page has been set up to keep residents of Draper up to date on what is happening with these different projects. Learn more [here](#), where you can also make inquiries and provide feedback.



### Cultural Infrastructure Needs Assessment (CINA)

While the municipality recognizes that arts and culture are major contributors to reconciliation and quality of life, it is important to hear directly from residents on any gaps in existing spaces and resources currently available. Get involved today to help us identify needs within the region knowing that your input will be included in a final assessment used to guide future endeavours. Watch [Participate Wood Buffalo](#) for opportunities to submit a survey, join a virtual workshop, or set up a one-on-one starting November 8, 2021.



### Heritage Resources Management Plan

The Municipality is working towards a plan to protect heritage resources in the Wood Buffalo region, and we want to hear from you! What is a heritage plan? What heritage resources or heritage sites are here? How should we preserve them? Wood Buffalo residents are invited to join the process of developing a sustainable plan to showcase and safeguard heritage resources in the region. Start now by sharing resources, sites, or landscapes you see in the region by clicking [here](#) and watch for more coming November 2021.

## Recently Completed Engagements

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts on how we can make Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo an even greater place to call home. Here's a quick snapshot of results from recent community engagements.



### Waterfront Park

We asked for your feedback on the concepts that were designed from earlier engagement. We hosted engagement workshops with 19 stakeholders and Indigenous Partners, held virtual and in-person open houses, activated 3 community pop-up engagements, and made online and phone surveys available. The main themes we heard include flood resilience and protection, flood mitigation, parking, and multi-use trails. A detailed *What We Heard Report* with overall themes, participation, and feedback will be posted to [Participate Wood Buffalo](#) in the coming weeks and a final conceptual design for the Waterfront Park will be provided publicly later this fall, with construction expected to start Spring 2022.



### 2021 Construction Season

This year we worked hard on making it easier for you to learn about construction happening in your neighbourhood. At [rmwb.ca/construction](#) you can sign up to have construction updates delivered directly to your inbox!



### It's Time to Talk: Indigenous Speaker Series with Michelle Good

Michelle Good, author of *Five Little Indians* spoke about her book and answered questions from the audience at this online event held on September 30th. Almost 150 people tuned in! Missed it? You can watch a recording of the event [here](#).



### Artist Information Session: Public Art Bench Program

The second-ever Artist Info Session concluded October 21, discussing Public Art Wood Buffalo's latest program: The Public Art Bench Program. This program aims to visually connect urban and rural communities through the creation of an artistic bench made in likeness to the rural community, with a sister bench placed in the urban center. Learn more at [Participate Wood Buffalo](#).



### igNIGHT Artist Spotlight Sessions

Brandon Tyson, Liana Wheeldon, and Rawry & Pohly hosted exciting workshops where the artist and attendees created of an art piece replica, or explored the topic, "The Business of Being an Artist". To see these recorded sessions visit [rmwb.ca/igNIGHT](#).

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