



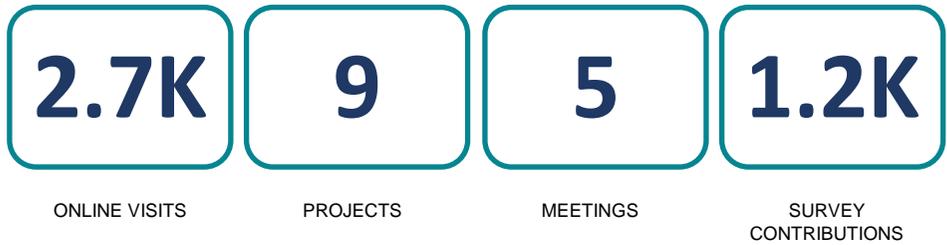
# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

February 2022

Public Engagement is an ongoing process, and there are plenty of opportunities for you to join in the conversation (hint, hint). Further below, you'll see some engagement opportunities launching this month and what we've learned from you recently.

Not sure how to Participate? It's easy. Visit the municipal online engagement portal, [Participate Wood Buffalo](https://participate.rmwb.ca), to jump into the conversations that are important to you. Or contact us at [participate@rmwb.ca](mailto:participate@rmwb.ca) for any questions. Subscribe to page updates to receive Public Engagement Updates straight to your email.

## Engaging Stats



## New!



### It's Time to Read Book Club

We are excited to announce our next *It's Time to Read* book club read for April: *The Strangers* by Katherena Vermette, a Métis writer from Winnipeg. *The Strangers* is a staggering intergenerational saga that explores how connected we are, even when we're no longer together – even when we're forced apart. Vermette brings readers into the dynamic world of the Stranger family, the strength of their bond, the shared pain in their past, and the light that beckons from the horizon. This is a searing exploration of race, class, inherited trauma, and the matrilineal bonds that – despite everything – refuse to be broken. Join the book club at [participate.rmwb.ca/it-s-time-to-read](https://participate.rmwb.ca/it-s-time-to-read).



### It's Time to Talk: Indigenous Speaker Series with Carol Anne Hilton: February 16, 2022

Carol Anne Hilton, author of *Indigenomics: Taking a Seat at the Economic Table*, will be discussing her book and answering your questions. Her book calls for a new model of development, one that advances Indigenous self-determination, collective well-being, and reconciliation. Email [participate@rmwb.ca](mailto:participate@rmwb.ca) to register for this virtual session.



### MACOY University Speaker Series: Law and Business: February 12 and 13

Join the MACOY Engagement and Outreach committee this February as they interview university students pursuing law and business. This series began in December and will continue until March. For previous session recordings and more information visit [rmwb.ca/macoy](https://rmwb.ca/macoy).



### Municipal Development Plan: January 31 -March 13

After on-going engagements, the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) draft is available for viewing. The MDP is a blueprint on how the region will evolve, thrive, and expand for the next 20 years. Help us plan where we're going and provide your final feedback. Visit [rmwb.ca/mdp](https://rmwb.ca/mdp).

## Ongoing Engagements



### 2022 – 2023 Annual Policing Priorities Survey

Which policing priorities are most important to you? The RMWB is partnering with Wood Buffalo RCMP, and they'd like to hear your thoughts on current policing issues through a brief survey. Each year, the RCMP establishes priorities – in addition to responding to service calls – to ensure that officers focus on what the community has identified as important. The survey will be open from Jan. 17 – Feb. 14, 2022. Learn more by visiting [participate.rmwb.ca/community-policing](https://participate.rmwb.ca/community-policing).



### Community Coffee Chats

Have you been to one of the Community Coffee Chats yet? We have hosted two events so far and we plan on hosting them every month. February's chat will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> as a virtual event. Speak with real people about any of the municipal topics that matter to you. Did we mention there's free coffee? Find out more at [participate.rmwb.ca/community-coffee-chats](https://participate.rmwb.ca/community-coffee-chats).



### Draper Projects

A number of important projects are happening in the community of Draper: Land Use Bylaw, Area Structure Plan and Flood Mitigation. Some of these projects can be quite complex. We invite you to ask questions, share your feedback, and keep up to date on what's happening by visiting [participate.rmwb.ca/draper](https://participate.rmwb.ca/draper).



### Heritage Resources Management Plan

The municipality is working towards a plan to identify, evaluate and manage heritage resources throughout the region, and we want you to join in! What is a heritage plan? What are our heritage resources or heritage sites? How should we preserve them? Residents recently took part in virtual discussions and an online survey to share their thoughts. Stay tuned for more opportunities to get involved as the project moves into the second phase of engagement! Visit [participate.rmwb.ca/hrmp](https://participate.rmwb.ca/hrmp) to learn more.

## Recently Completed

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. Stay tuned for the results of our recently completed engagements.

*This information is current at time of publication.*

