



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

April 2022

It's time to spring into action with public engagement. The following is a summary of the new, ongoing, and recently completed engagement opportunities for residents across the region.

Your feedback makes a difference. Your comments are reviewed by municipal staff and considered when making decisions that impact our community. Tapping into local insight and knowledge helps the Municipality learn from you, so we can continue to develop a vibrant region – together.

Public engagement is an ongoing process – please continue to join in the conversations that matter to you. Get started today by reading more below and subscribing to [Participate Wood Buffalo](#).

Have questions? Email us at participate@rmwb.ca.

Engaging Stats

25K

ONLINE VISITS

97

NEW REGISTRATIONS

13

VIRTUAL SESSIONS

11K

SURVEYS COMPLETED

New!



Ask a Cop a Question

Have you ever had a question you'd love to ask a cop? Well, here's your chance! The RMWB and Wood Buffalo RCMP are partnering to bring rural communities an opportunity to build positive relationships by encouraging community members to ask a cop a question, which will be answered during community-specific panel discussions. A youth will be selected as a Community Influencer to co-host the live panel discussion for their community and win a police pizza party for their class. Watch for full details at participate.rmwb.ca/community-policing.



Have your say on Winter Maintenance

This winter, the region experienced record snowfall, extremely cold temperatures and freezing rain. This created challenges for both winter maintenance crews and residents. The Municipality would like to thank all crews and residents for their efforts working through these challenges. Now you can have your say on snow plowing and snow removal in Fort McMurray by completing the 2022 end-of-season Winter Maintenance Survey. The survey is open until April 26. Complete the survey or learn more about the WMZ program at rmwb.ca/wmz.



Vehicle for Hire Bylaw Review

It's time to shift gears for the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw (No. 13/001) as we continue public engagement that began in Spring 2019. Following interviews and a public survey, nearly 1,100 respondents shared their thoughts on Vehicle for Hire. This next phase of engagement will help individuals understand and visualize the proposed changes. Please visit participate.rmwb.ca/vfh for more information and to review the proposed changes.

Ongoing Engagements



Community Coffee Chats

This month the Community Coffee Chat will be at the Spring Tradeshaw! Stop by to visit us in Hall C on April 29 - May 1. This month we'll be focusing on why engagement is important to building a vibrant, sustainable community. Did we mention there's free coffee? Find out more at participate.rmwb.ca/community-coffee-chats.



Draper Projects

A series of engagement sessions will begin on April 20 (at the Legion) and April 25 (virtually) to keep residents informed on several important projects taking place in the community of Draper: Land Use Bylaw, Area Structure Plan and Flood Mitigation. Stay tuned for more information about sessions planned for May and June. Ask questions, share your feedback, and keep up to date on what's happening by visiting 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 you're invited to join the conversation. 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 to learn more.



Public Art Bench Program

From February 16 - March 9, residents of Anzac and Sapræe Creek Estates shared their thoughts, ideas, and stories to inspire two local artists to create unique art bench designs for each community. The artists are now reviewing the feedback and creating a selection of design options. Stay tuned for an opportunity vote on your favourite design, which will then be made into public art benches for Anzac and Sapræe Creek Estates. Voting is expected to begin in April.

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. Here are the results of our recently completed engagements.



2022 – 2023 Annual Policing Priorities Survey

Each year, the RMWB partners with Wood Buffalo RCMP to give residents an opportunity to share their thoughts on policing issues and identify what they would like to see prioritized in the coming year. RCMP operates on a fiscal year from April 1 – March 31. The online survey was live from January 17 – February 14 and resulted in 1,177 responses (a big increase from last year's 632 responses). A majority of respondents identified Fort McMurray as their place of residence, although every community in the region is represented within the results. To view a copy of the survey results, visit participate.rmwb.ca/community-policing or click [here](#).



MACOY University Speaker Series

The MACOY (Mayor's Advisory Council on Youth) speaker series wrapped up after six (6) successful sessions. MACOY students who participated built interviewing skills that they can use for future job interviews. Students had insights from all parts of STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering and Mathematics), and received advice from current students on how to make their post-secondary journey easier. You can check out the sessions at rmwb.ca/macoy.

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