



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

May 2022

It's already May and there have been plenty of opportunities to engage in the projects that shape our region. Did you visit us at the Spring Trade Show? If you did, you would have learned more about Community Coffee Chats, Pulse, Heritage Resources Management Plan, and more.

You might have tried some of the Participate coffee or shared your feedback on the best ways to get municipal information to you. We also heard about some of the qualities that make your communities special.

Thank you for your feedback. It makes a difference, and we look forward to more conversations with you.

The following is a summary of the new, ongoing, and recently completed engagement opportunities across the region. Get involved today by reading more below and subscribing to [Participate Wood Buffalo](#).

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

Engaging Stats



New!



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 2019. Following interviews and a public survey, respondents shared their thoughts on Vehicle for Hire services and suggested improvements to the bylaw. This next phase of engagement will help individuals understand and visualize the proposed changes. Please visit participate.rmwb.ca/vfh to complete the review by May 20.



Social Procurement: May 10, 2022 at 3 PM

In this next round of engagement we would like your input about the community benefits of the Social Procurement Program. Please join this virtual engagement session if you would like to provide input or learn more by registering [here](#).



It's Time to Talk: Indigenous Speaker Series with Waneek Horn-Miller: May 12, 2022 at 7 PM

At the age of 14, Waneek Horn-Miller was stabbed in the chest by a Canadian soldier while protesting a condo development on traditional Mohawk lands. She would go on to reach the pinnacle of athletic success, despite that near-death experience. Through stories from her life's journey, she will speak to reconciliation as a practice, not a destination. Register [here](#) to join the event.



Anzac Church Memorial and Garden Boxes

Engagement with the Anzac community will ensure the Willow Lake Church memorial honours the memories of the residents through a survey. Until May 16, provide your input at participate.rmwb.ca/anzac-church-memorial.



Abasand Dog Park Feasibility Study: Coming Soon

Would you like to see a new off-leash dog park in Abasand? Where would it be located? What would it include? These are just some of the questions you can help answer as part of the Abasand dog park feasibility study. Stay tuned for your chance to paw-ticipate in an online survey and in-person engagement. Your feedback will help inform decision makers to see if a dog park is feasible in Abasand. Engagement opportunities will be posted soon at participate.rmwb.ca.

Ongoing Engagements



Ask a Cop a Question

Have you ever had a question you'd love to ask a cop? Here's your chance! The RMWB and Wood Buffalo RCMP are partnering to bring rural communities an opportunity to build positive relationships by encouraging residents 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. Submit your questions to participate.rmwb.ca/community-policing.



Community Coffee Chats

Over the next few months the Community Coffee Chat will be popping up at locations around Fort McMurray and across the region. These chats will be focusing on why engagement is important to building a vibrant, sustainable community. Stop by for a chat and let us know what is great about your neighbourhood. Did we mention there's free coffee? For the full schedule and to find out more visit participate.rmwb.ca/community-coffee-chats.



Draper Projects

The next in the series of engagement sessions will continue on May 26 (at the Legion) and May 31 (virtually) to discuss several important projects taking place in the community of Draper such as the Municipal Development Plan and Flood Mitigation. Stay tuned for meeting agendas and further engagements this 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. While the first phase of engagement focused on experiences and an exploration of the region's potential assets, the second phase of engagement invites participants to share what their vision and values are for a Heritage Resources Management Plan. Visit participate.rmwb.ca/hrmp to find out how you can get involved.

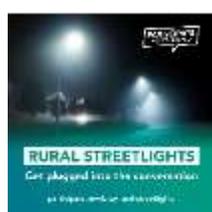
Recently Completed

Thank you for 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:



Public Art Bench Program

After speaking with people in Anzac and Sapræ Creek Estates, the bench artists created a series of design options based on residents' feedback. From April 19 – May 2, residents submitted 244 votes for their preferred options: "Design 4" by Kritsana Naowakhun for the Anzac bench, and "Call of the Wild" by Amy Keller-Rempp for the Sapræ Creek Estates bench. We're now working with the artists to build the benches. We'll be sharing a detailed *What We Heard* report at participate.rmwb.ca/public-art-connection.



Rural Streetlights

From March 14 – 28, we asked residents in Gregoire Lake Estates about the proposed new streetlights for the community. Overall, there were 204 visitors to the project page and 16 surveys completed. 69% of respondents agreed that the lighting plan meets the needs of the community, while 56% of respondents provided additional comments on how to improve the lighting plan. A *What We Heard* report is available [here](#) to show key findings, overall themes, and participation.

This information is current at time of publication.

