

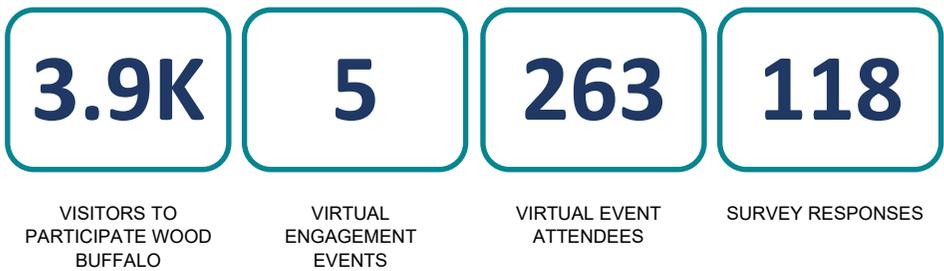


# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

JUNE 2021

Welcome to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Public Engagement Update. Here's your look at engagement opportunities launching this month, as well as ongoing campaigns and what we've learned from you in recent engagement activities.

## Engaging Stats



## Current Engagements



### National Indigenous History Month

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, in collaboration with local Indigenous community partners, will honour National Indigenous History Month in virtual ways this June. Indigenous history is a shared history, and National Indigenous History Month provides an important opportunity to recognize the historic contributions and challenges First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples have experienced in the development of Canada.

Throughout the month, the Municipality's social media channels will feature content by Indigenous community members that raise awareness and understanding about the Indigenous history, cultures, and traditions in the Region. Each week, new content will be shared in collaboration with Indigenous communities with the general themes: Mother Earth Mondays, Wisdom Wednesdays, and Fact Fridays.

People may also join online discussions and participate in a weekly contest for a chance to win a hand-made birchbark basket filled with special items purchased from local Indigenous artisans and companies.

Residents can find out more at [rmwb.ca/NIHM](http://rmwb.ca/NIHM).



### Census

Make it count and enumerate your dwelling. There are three ways to complete your census:

- o Online at [rmwb.ca/census](http://rmwb.ca/census)
- o Over the phone by contacting the PULSE Line at 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663
- o Door hanger dropped off by enumerator

Complete your census in June and you'll get a chance to win a \$100 grocery store gift card!

[Click here for more information.](#)



### 2021 Construction Season

The Municipality is ready for another busy construction season! Curious about scheduled improvements in your neighbourhood? Subscribe to neighbourhood-specific updates for up-to-date notifications about how these construction projects might impact you.

[Sign up here.](#)



### Annual Policing Priorities 2021 – 2022

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) is partnering with Wood Buffalo RCMP to host a discussion on the policing priorities in the region. Did you miss the town hall on May 13<sup>th</sup>? You can review the recording on the link below as well.

[Click here to participate.](#)



### Waterfront Park

As part of the Waterfront Park Revitalization Project the Waterfront Park is being developed covering 6km of waterfront from the Athabasca Bridge to Horse Pasture Park in Waterways. Residents will be able to provide their feedback on concept designs from June 14-30.

[Click here to participate.](#)

## Upcoming Engagements



### Transit Master Plan

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) is working on a Transit Master Plan that will guide transit for the next 10 years. We want to learn about your vision. Where do you think we should go with transit? Details about engagement events will be available in June!

[Get involved here.](#)



### Election Information Sessions

Are you interested in serving on the next municipal council—or know someone who would make a great candidate? Do you have questions about how to get your name on the ballot or the rules around campaigning? The next municipal election will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021, and we're getting ready by hosting virtual information sessions to provide everything you need to know and to answer your questions.

Schedule of upcoming virtual sessions:

- June 16 at 6:30 p.m. (Topic: Nominations)
- June 23 at 6:30 p.m. (Topic: Campaigning)

For more information visit [rmwb.ca/elections](http://rmwb.ca/elections). While you are there remember to click the button to receive election-specific updates.

## 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.



### Winter Maintenance Zone (WMZ) Annual Survey

The WMZ survey (March 29 - April 23) received 768 responses. The most talked about topics include a desire for more sidewalk clearing; the expectation of work being completed when zones/subzones are active and continuing the work on windrow removal.



### MACOY 2021 Initiatives

The Regional Planning Committee hosted the Youth Needs Assessment Survey, which received 207 responses. The top 3 things youth feel they need more of are youth spaces, volunteer opportunities, and more clubs/teams. Other highlights include:

- 97% of respondents are 11-19 years old
- 98% are from Fort McMurray
- 54.6% love Wood Buffalo the most for its nature (trails, climate, outdoor recreation)
- 32% would like to see more stores in Wood Buffalo
- 49% feel that downtown Wood Buffalo needs the most redevelopment





*This information is current at time of publication.*

