

February 2025

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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

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MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Hours:

Monday to Friday
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Regional Municipality of
Wood Buffalo
PO Box 370
Fort Chipewyan, AB
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Ph: (780) 697-3600

Fax: (780) 697-3881

Pulse Line:
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ARCHIE SIMPSON ARENA &

FITNESS ROOM

Office Hours:

8:30am - 4:30pm

Fitness Room Hours:

Monday to Sunday
9:00am—10:00pm
Stat Holidays: CLOSED

Regional Municipality of Wood
Buffalo
PO Box 343
Fort Chipewyan, AB
TOP 1B0

Facility Bookings—780-697-3600

Youth Centre Hours

Monday to Friday:

3:00-10:00pm

Saturday :

2:00—10:00pm

Sunday & Stat Holidays

CLOSED

Ph: (780) 697-3829

Aquatic Centre Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday-Saturday:

1:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday:

9:00am-4:00pm

Stat Holidays: CLOSED

Ph: 780-697-0196



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Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!





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**Fort Chipewyan
Winter Carnival**
*Community Dinner
& Awards*

Sunday, February 23rd

5:00PM

Mamawi Hall

Please join us for a delicious meal
catered by Northern Fuel as we
announce winners of the weekend
festivities!

Awards for the following will be
presented:

King & Queen Competition

Skidoo/Quad Races

Other Event Winners





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2025 Fort Chipewyan Winter Carnival

Youth Glow Party

Friday, February 21st
6:00PM Fort Chip Youth
Centre

Games - Prizes - Fun

Under 8 years must be accompanied by a parent or
guardian





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2025 WINTER CARNIVAL KIDS EVENTS

TRADITIONAL DRESS | JIGGING | MOOSE CALLING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND - FORT CHIP YOUTH CENTRE GYM

**DOORS OPEN@ 1130AM - EVENT STARTS AT
12NOON**

Age Groups:

0-3 years

4-6 years

7-9 years

10-12 years





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2025 King & Queen of the North Competition

**Indoor Events - February 21st - Mamawi Hall
@ 6:00pm**

**Outdoor Events - February 23rd - Lakefront
@ 10:00am**

Compete in 6 events, 3 indoor, 3 outdoor

**3 Age Categories Male & Female
Ages 13-17 - Junior King & Queen
Ages 18-54 - King & queen
Ages 55+ - Senior King & Queen**

Indoor Events - Feb 21st

**Trap Setting
Jigging
Traditional Dress**

Outdoor Events - Feb 23rd

**Snow Snake
Tea Boiling
Log Sawing**

Winner of each event will receive cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as well as points for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The overall winners with the most points in each age category will be declared the 2025 King & Queen of the North and will be presented with a trophy at the community dinner on Sunday evening. Everyone Welcome!





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WINTER CARNIVAL **POOL** PARTY

20
FEB

6-7:30pm
Doors Open @ 5:30
PIZZA . GAMES . MUSIC

FREE ADMISSION

Caregivers aged 16 & over must be in the pool with all children under 7. Limit 3 children per caregiver and must be within arms reach at all times.





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February 20, 2025

**Doors Open @
6PM
Mamawi Hall**

**Fort Chipewyan Winter Carnival
TALENT SHOW**

Male 18+	Female 18+	Youth 13-17
1st Place - \$800	1st Place - \$800	1st Place - \$600
2nd Place - \$500	2nd Place - \$500	2nd Place - \$400
3rd Place - \$300	3rd Place - \$300	3rd Place - \$200

Entertainment by "Runnin River"

Sign Ups will be accepted in advance - text name & song to
780-788-0705

* All contestants must sing with the band, no exceptions*



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Fort Chipewyan Winter Market

Sunday, February 23rd
9am-3pm
Mamawi Hall

Interested in being a vendor? Please
email tamera.ellingson@rmwb.ca



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...



**AJHL Oil Barons
are coming to town
and you're invited!**

Proudly presented by



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Missing any hockey equipment?

We've got you covered with sponsorship by Wahkohtowin Sports Circle



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THIS & THAT...



WOOD BUFFALO
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

What is it?

- A voluntary program that offers a safe, respectful way to promote healing after harm has occurred.
- Allows offenders to take responsibility for their actions and allows the community to see its role in contributing to reconciliation.
- Provides an opportunity for everyone involved to have a voice and determine actions and outcomes to ensure accountability.

Learn more:

Restorative Justice Contact Information:

- Phone: 780-788-4253
- Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250
- Email: restorative.justice@rmwb.ca

Get involved.

We need committed volunteers to help! Please contact us.



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THIS & THAT...



Join Us!
Suncor Career
Exploration
Days

Suncor, in collaboration with the Fort Chipewyan Communities and Therese Tuccaro Secondary School, are hosting information sessions!

March 3, 2025
Suncor Info Session
Mamawi Community Hall
1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner included

March 4, 2025
Info Session
Therese Tuccaro Secondary
School Foyer
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Learn about:

- Working at Suncor and employment
- Indigenous Program opportunities
- Hiring requirements and processes

Indigenous Workforce Development at Suncor





THIS & THAT...

Peer Coaching for Healthy Living

Reach your best health with the help of a coach



People need support when taking care of long-term health concerns. There are trained peer coaches who will talk with you over the phone about ways to take care of your own health conditions.

What Will a Peer Coach Do?

- Talk about how to solve problems, set action plans, and achieve goals
- Help you stay on track and check in with you on your goals, and help make decisions towards healthy habits
- Help find services and programs in your community
- Provide social and emotional support
- Talk with you for 30 minutes every week for 3 months
- Connect with adults in the Edmonton and Northern Alberta areas who cannot use online options

To register:

North Zone: 1-877-349-5711

Edmonton Zone: 825-404-7460 (press 3)



Who are the Peer Coaches?

They are trained AHS volunteers who may be living with similar health issues. They are not health professionals and cannot provide medical advice.


How Do I Get a Peer Coach?

It is FREE to be paired with a coach, and each person is matched to the coach who will offer the best support. Scan the QR code or call the number listed.



YOUTH CENTRE...

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>3:00-5:00pm Programming for 6-11 yr olds 6:00-9:30pm Programming for 12-17 yr olds Saturdays—All ages are welcome</p>						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	3-5 Wii Time/Free Gym Play 6-9:30pm Free Time	3-5pm Winter Painting 6-9:30pm Random Crafts	3-5pm Scratch Art 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool 8-9:30—Free Time	3-5pm Youth Choice Craft 6-9:30 pm Floor Hockey	3-5pm Movie & Popcorn 6-9:30pm Movie & Popcorn	2-10pm Free Time (all ages)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	3-5 Wii Time/Free Gym Play 6-9:30pm Free Time	3-5pm Gym Play 6-9:30pm Dream Catchers	3-5pm Modeling Clay Fun 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool 8-9:30—Free Time	Family Movie Night @ Hall 6-9PM	3-5pm Movie & Popcorn 6-9:30pm Movie & Popcorn	2-10pm Free Time (all ages)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	FAMILY DAY CENTRE CLOSED	3-5pm Soccer Base-ball 6-9:30pm Teen Paint Night	3-5pm Free Gym Play 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool 8-9:30 Free Time	Pool Party @ Aquatic Centre	6-9PM Glow Party @ Youth Centre	2-10pm Free Time (all ages)
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	3-5 Wii Time/Free Gym Play 6-9:30pm Free Time	3-5pm Gym Play 6-9:30pm Lanyards	3-5pm Traditional Craft 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool	3-5pm Youth Choice Craft/Play Doh 6-9:30pm Floor Hockey	3-5pm Movie & Popcorn 6-9:30pm Movie & Popcorn	



AQUATIC CENTRE...

SFAC

We Are All About Families and Healthier Families Start Here

Sonny Flett Aquatic Centre

Admission Category	Drop In	Punch Cards	Monthly Pass
Youth & Teens (under 17 yrs)	\$1	\$4 (12 swims)	\$10
Elders	\$1	\$4 (12 swims)	\$10
Adults	\$2	\$9 (15 swims)	\$16
Family (2 Adults & 3 Youths)	\$5	\$18 (12 swims)	\$22
Flexible Family*	\$2	\$18 (12 swims)	\$22
Pay It Forward Swim Passes: Financial Assistance Opportunities**	\$1	\$12 (12 swims)	\$12
Aqua Fit Swim Pass	\$2	\$15 (12 swims)	n/a
Aquatics Training***			

Drop In: Enjoy the amenities this beautiful facility has too offer: Zero entry pool, access to tools for those with mobility issues, lazy river, large swim area with a designated swim lane, waterslide, hot tub and dry sauna.

Punch Cards: Do not expire. They have no cash value and are non-refundable or transferable

Monthly Pass: Expires on last day of each month. No cash value and are non-refundable or transferable.

***Flexible Family:** Many community elders are actively involved with their grandchildren, whether it be acting as a custodial parent or living in a multi-generational household. This admission category was made specially in mind for elder's special circumstances and fixed budgets.

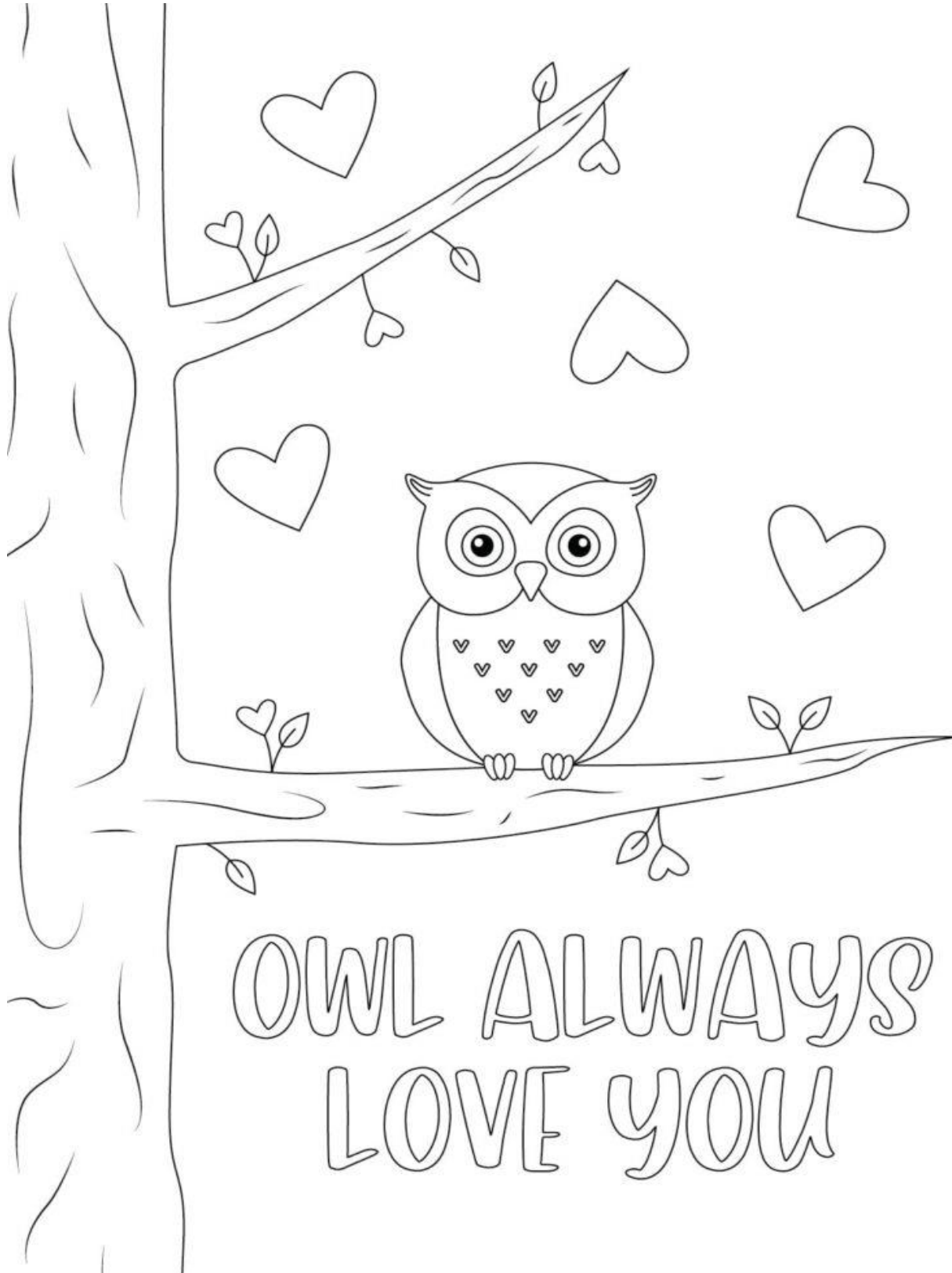
****Financial Assistance Opportunities:** Part of our mission is to keep this facility accessible to everyone in our community - no one should be denied access due to financial hardships. This is made possible through community donations and single or bulk purchases of Pay It Forward Swim Passes that are provided those who need a helping hand.

*****Aquatics Training:** Aquatics training is offered free of charge courtesy of Syncrude. Please come to our facility and we will provide you with a registration form and training schedule.

HOURS	
Public Swim	
Wednesday - Friday	1:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday	1:00pm – 8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am – 4:00pm
Swimming Lessons	
Saturday	More info to come
School Lessons	More info to come
Aqua Fit	
Wednesday & Friday	More info to come
Aquatic Training	
Wednesday - Saturday	7:00pm – 8:00pm
CLOSED	Monday & Tuesday



COLOURING FUN...





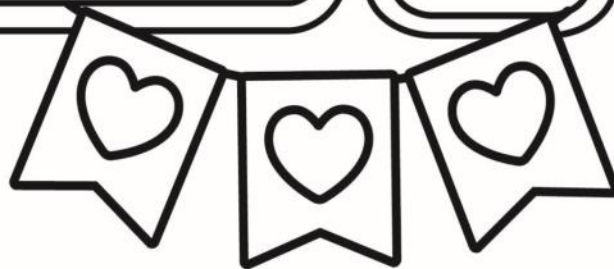
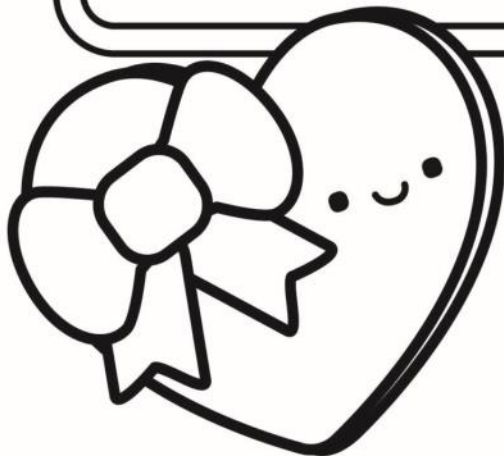
WORD SEARCH FUN...

VALENTINE'S DAY

WORD SEARCH



- CANDY
- CARD
- CUPID
- FRIEND
- GIFT
- HEART
- HUG
- LOVE
- ROSE
- SWEET





FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Throwback Movie Night	14 Youth Valentines Party	15
16	17 Family Day CLOSED	18	19	20 Fort Chipewyan Winter Carnival Begins	21	22 Oil Barons Skills Camp
23 Fort Chipewyan Winter Carnival Ends	24	25	26	27	28	

HAVE CHIP CHAT NEWS? CONTACT INFO...
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