

August 2025

# CHIP CHAT

YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

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## MUNICIPAL OFFICE

### Hours:

#### **Monday to Friday**

8:30am -4:30pm

### Closed:

Saturday/Sunday & Stat  
Holidays

Regional Municipality of  
Wood Buffalo  
PO Box 370  
Fort Chipewyan, AB  
TOP 1B0

**Ph:** (780) 697-3600

**Fax:** (780) 697-3881

**Pulse Line:**

(780)743-7000

## ARCHIE SIMPSON ARENA &

### FITNESS ROOM

### Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

### Closed:

Saturday/Sunday & Stat  
Holidays

### 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

## Youth Centre Hours

Monday to Friday

9:00am-4:00pm

(Summer Fun Program)

Saturday 1:00 –9:00pm

CLOSED Sunday & Stat Holidays

**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

Facility Bookings — 780-697-3600



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*Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!*







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**RMWB...**

## **RMWB2025 Elections**

# **ARE YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR COUNCIL IN 2025?**

**You can learn more about what's involved in becoming an  
elected official, ask questions and connect with election  
staff who are here to support you through the process**

### **RURAL RESIDENTS CAN:**

- Book a virtual or phone conversation by emailing **[elections@rmwb.ca](mailto:elections@rmwb.ca)** or calling **780-743-7001**
- Stop by your local municipal office for info and materials

***Learn more about running for Council at [rmwb.ca/candidate](https://rmwb.ca/candidate)***



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## RMWB...

### The new Roads and Transportation Bylaw was passed on July 8, 2025

The [Roads and Transportation Bylaw No. 25/020](#) will enhance community safety and is aligned with current Provincial legislation and enforcement standards. This provides the Municipality with updated enforcement, education, and compliance tools.

While e-scooter use has previously been prohibited in public spaces in the region, the new bylaw clarifies these laws and addresses the increase of public safety concerns related to e-scooters.

The new bylaw also provides clarity on the fines and penalties for illegal use. E-scooter use is illegal in public spaces, which includes:

- Sidewalks
- Paths
- Trails
- Roads

After an education-focused period, a \$500 fine may be issued for illegal use, or possible impoundment. Any enforcement action is intended to ensure the safety of everyone who uses our sidewalks, pathways, and trails in Wood Buffalo.



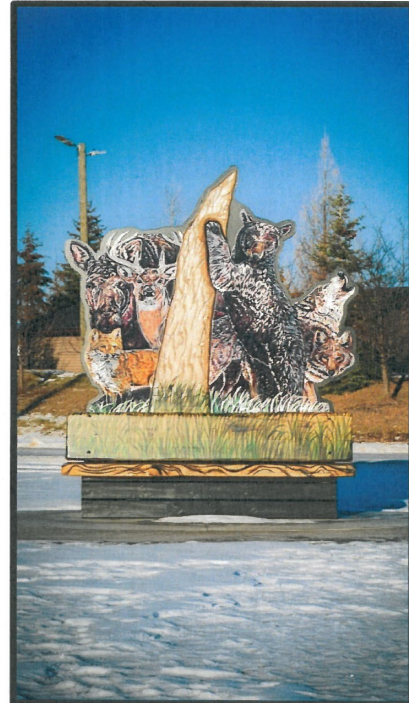
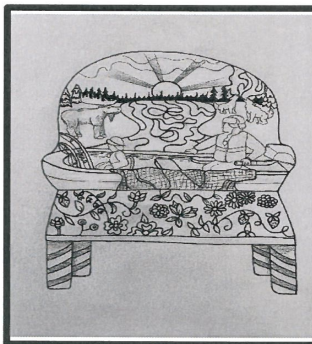
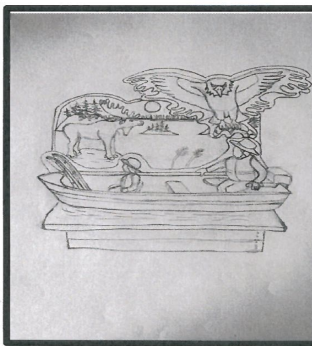
More information at [rmwb.ca/goodneighbour](https://rmwb.ca/goodneighbour)





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### **Vote for your favourite Public Art Bench design!**

Inspired by ideas from Fort Chipewyan residents, local artist team Emma Voyageur and Jessica V. powder have created four design concepts to choose from.

The design that receives the most votes between Aug. 1-31 will be selected and the completed bench will be installed in the community for all to enjoy!

Submit your vote at [participate.rmwb.ca/PublicArtBench](https://participate.rmwb.ca/PublicArtBench).



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**Victim** Wood  
services Buffalo

Wood Buffalo Victim Services provides victims of crime and trauma with support, information and referrals based on their needs. The intent is to ease the crisis and help them return to stability.

#### **Why should victims of crime and trauma contact us?**

Our support workers are empathetic listeners. They will give you information to help you make decisions that are best for you and your circumstances. Part of our role is to make sure you are treated fairly. You have rights under the *Alberta Victims of Crime Act*.

Please call or email to speak to a support worker. We can arrange to meet in your community.

#### **Community visit dates for March**

Victim Services and Restorative Justice

- **Fort Chipewyan** - Aug. 7
- **Fort McKay** - Aug. 7 and Aug. 21
- **Conklin** - Aug. 11 and Aug. 25
- **Janvier** - Aug. 13 and Aug. 27
- **Anzac/FMFN 468** - Aug. 14 and Aug. 28

#### **Wood Buffalo Victim Services**

**Phone: 780-788-4250**

**Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250**

**Email: [victim.services@rmwb.ca](mailto:victim.services@rmwb.ca)**





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## **Need Animal Control or Bylaw Services?**

Do you want to report a problem?

Do you have bylaw-related questions?

Call Pulse at **780-743-7000** (or toll free **1-800-973-9663**) and someone will help you.



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# Save time in October. Register to te today.

## **Save time at the polls and register to vote before Aug. 15**

Register online in advance of the municipal election on Oct. 20 at [voterlink.ab.ca](http://voterlink.ab.ca)

Save time at the polls and register to vote in advance of the upcoming municipal election on Oct. 20.

All voters in Alberta need to be registered to vote in the upcoming municipal elections. Residents should check if they are already registered – or still need to register – at Election Alberta's Voterlink website at [voterlink.ab.ca](http://voterlink.ab.ca).

Those who are not already registered when it is time to vote will need to complete the full registration process at the polls.

### **Register to vote before Aug. 15**

All voters wishing to register online in advance must do so before Aug. 15, which is when the RMWB must send voter data to the Province. If you are an eligible voter and you do not register online before Aug. 15, you will still be able to vote after you fill out the registration forms at the polls.

### **Register of voters now required by Province**

In line with recent changes from the Province, the Local Authorities Elections Act now requires municipalities to create a permanent register of local voters.

This means that to vote in the upcoming general election on Oct. 20, you must be listed on the Register of Electors and show valid ID at the voting station. Election officials will use the register and your ID to confirm your eligibility to vote.

Do you have questions about the RMWB election on Oct. 20? Find more information at [rmwb.ca/election](http://rmwb.ca/election) or contact Pulse at 780-743-7000.





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**RMWB...**

# WHERE ARE SUPPORTS NEEDED?

Your feedback is shaping a 10-year strategy to strengthen safety and social well-being, identifying community priorities in supports for seniors and Elders, programs for youth and children, transportation, and cultural services.

## Stay involved and informed

- Participate online at [rmwb.ca/socialwellbeing](https://rmwb.ca/socialwellbeing)
- Complete a paper survey or quick poll at your local municipal office
- Chat at an upcoming rural community open house



Feedback will help show where supports are strong, where gaps exist, and how to improve access and connection.

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## THIS & THAT...



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DAY 1: TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

TIME	EVENT
2:00pm	Opening Remarks and Prayer
2:30pm	Cultural Crafts
2:30pm	Culture Camp with Alice Marten
3:00pm	Hand Games Tournament
3:00pm	Cultural Demonstration
4:00pm	Cultural Walk
4:00pm	Bannock on a Stick
5:00pm	Elders Supper Service
5:30pm	Community Supper
6:30pm	Horseshoe Tournament
6:30pm	Crib Tournament
7:00pm	Cultural Demonstration
9:00pm	Round Dance





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## **THIS & THAT...**

# **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

## **DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH**

TIME	EVENT
10:00am	Elders Breakfast Service
10:30am	Community Breakfast
11:00am	Cultural Crafts
11:00am	Hand Games Tournament Continued
11:00am	Culture Camp with Alice Marten
12:30pm	Elders Lunch Service
1:00pm	Community Lunch
1:30pm	Fun Bingo
2:30pm	Elders Games
3:30pm	Elders Balloon Pop/ Group Picture
4:00pm	Cultural Crafts Continued
4:00pm	Bannock on a Stick
5:00pm	Elders Supper Service
5:30pm	Community Supper
6:00pm-10:00pm	Evening Entertainment



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## THIS & THAT...



**ACFN**  
DENE LANDS AND RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT (DLRM)

# *K'ai Tailé Dene Days Agenda*

**AUGUST 21 & 22, 2025**

### DAY 1 – AUGUST 21

8:30AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
10:00AM	OPENING CEREMONY
11:00AM	BEADING/CRAFTS
12:00PM	LUNCH
1:00PM	HAND GAMES BEGIN
2:00PM	BANNOCK ON A STICK
3:00PM	DRY MEAT/FISH MAKING
4:00PM	DENE LANGUAGE CHALLENGE
5:00PM	DINNER
6:00PM	HAND GAMES CONTINUED

### DAY 2 – AUGUST 22

8:30AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:30AM	HAND GAMES CONTINUED
10:00AM	BEADING/CRAFTS
11:00AM	DENE BINGO (CASH PRIZES)
12:00PM	LUNCH
1:00PM	CLOSING REMARKS AND DRUM DANCE

BOAT RIDES, CULTURE CAMP, AND TRADITIONAL KITCHEN WILL TAKE PLACE ON BOTH DAYS.  
SIGN UP FOR BOAT RIDES BEGINNING AT 10AM AT THE REGISTRATION BOOTH.

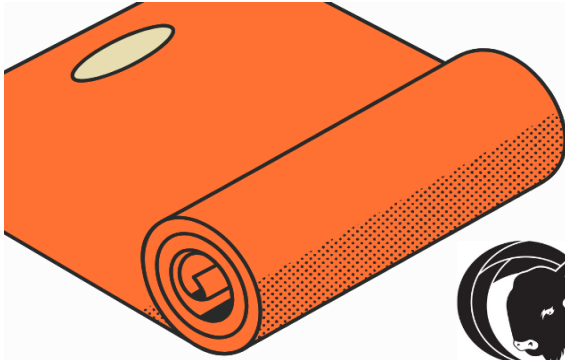
*Beadwork by Suzan Marie*



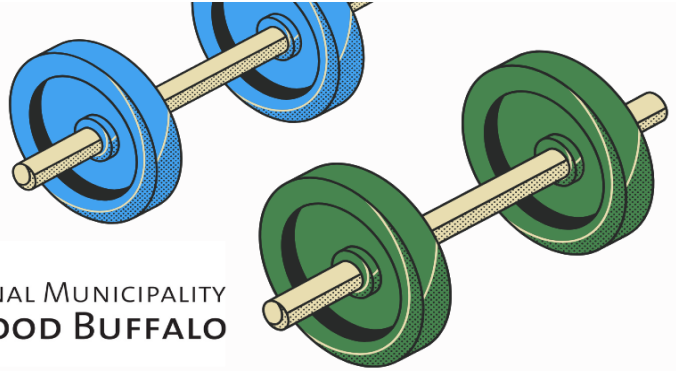


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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING...

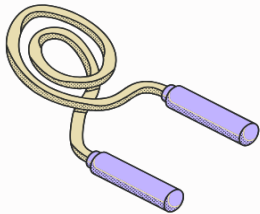
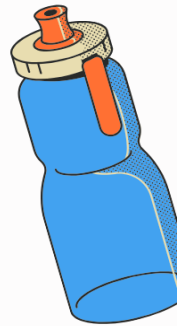


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JOIN US FOR WEEKDAY EVENING

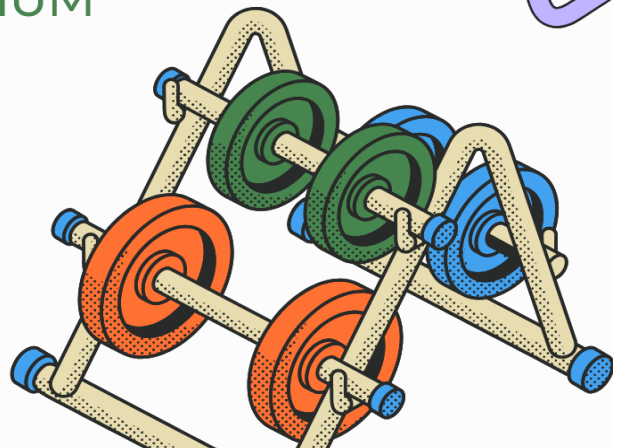
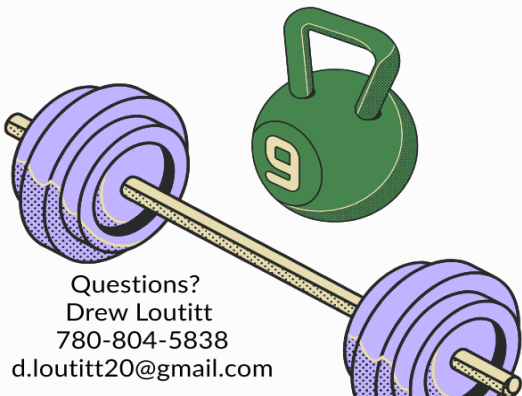
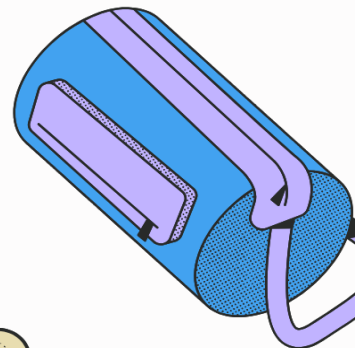
# FITNESS CLASSES



Finish off your day, stay active,  
and have fun in a supportive  
environment!

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**TUESDAYS & THURS**

**YOUTH CENTRE**  
**GYMNASIUM**



Questions?  
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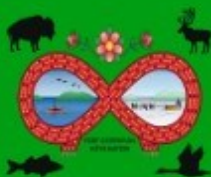
## COMMUNITY EVENT...

# BACK SCHOOL DANCE

FOOD-GAMES-FUN

SEPTEMBER 5TH 7:00-10:00PM  
MAMAWI HALL

CHILDREN 8 AND UNDER MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN



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FIRST NATION



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## **AQUATIC CENTRE...**

The Sonny Flett Aquatic Centre  
remains **CLOSED** for Maintenance—  
Watch for updates with an reopening  
date!





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**AQUATIC CENTRE...**

# SENSORY FRIENDLY SWIM

Sensory Friendly Swimming

Fridays 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Sundays 3:00pm - 4:00pm

For those with sensory challenges and their  
families

Starting March 2025



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**AQUATIC CENTRE...**

# AQUAFIT WITH JONATHAN



## Starting February

Thursdays 6:00pm

Sundays 10:00am

Ages 16+



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## 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





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## YOUTH CENTRE...

# August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Last Day of ACTUA Stem Camp	2
3	4 HERITAGE DAY NO PROGRAMMING	5 9-10 am Story Telling 10-11 Crafts 11-12 Gym Activity 1-2 Indoor Crafts 2-3 Outdoor Activity 3-4 Free Time	6 9-10 Show & Tell Hour 10-11 Reading & Play 11-12 Indoor Craft 1-4 Outdoor Activity	7 9-10 Circle Time 10-11 Crafts 11-12 Gym Fun 1-3 Cooking Class 3-4 Outdoor Activity	8 9-10 Story Time 10-11 Gym Activity 11-12 Craft 1-3 Community Garden 3-4 Snack Time	9
10	11 9-10 Morning Warm Ups 10-11 Reading & Playtime 11-12 Gym Activity 1-2 Field Trip 2-4 Outdoor Activity	12 9-10 am Story Telling 10-11 Crafts 11-12 Gym Activity 1-2 Indoor Crafts 2-3 Outdoor Activity 3-4 Free Time	13 9-10 Show & Tell Hour 10-11 Reading & Play 11-12 Indoor Craft 1-4 Outdoor Activity	14 9-10 Circle Time 10-11 Crafts 11-12 Gym Fun 1-3 Cooking Class 3-4 Outdoor Activity	15 LAST DAY OF SUMMER FUN—FAMILY BBQ	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29





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## WORD SEARCH FUN...

# Summer



Rollercoaster  
Theme parks  
Sunglasses  
Fireflies  
Fireworks  
Flipflops  
Popsicles  
Snowcones  
Sprinkler  
Sunscreen  
Carnival  
Cookouts  
Icecream  
Swimming  
Vacation  
Beaches  
Camping  
Fishing  
Parades  
Parties  
Picnics  
Sandals  
August  
Family  
Movies  
Shorts  
Splash  
Bikes  
Lakes  
July  
June  
Pool  
Fun

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Last Day of ACTUA Camp	2
3	4 Heritage Day Facilities CLOSED	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 MCFN GIR Cultural Retreat	13 MCFN GIR Cultural Retreat	14	15 Last Day of Summer Fun Program	16
17	18	19	20	21 ACFN Dene Days	22 ACFN Dene Days	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31		<b><u>HAVE CHIP CHAT NEWS? CONTACT INFO...</u></b> <b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:Tamera.Ellingson@rmwb.ca">Tamera.Ellingson@rmwb.ca</a></b>				