

January 2025

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

Ph: (780) 697-3600

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Pulse Line:

(780)743-7000

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

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

Facility Bookings—780-697-3600



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Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!



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Fort Chipewyan

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & BINGO



Location

Mamawi Hall

Topics for Discussion:

1. Winter Safety
2. Home Safety
3. Naming of the Fort Chipewyan winter road



Date

January 28, 2025



Time

5:00pm-8:00pm



Details

Community engagement
and BINGO with a meal!

PARTICIPATE
WOOD BUFFALO





Hydrant flushing and routine maintenance on water distribution system

The Municipality regularly flushes the Fort Chipewyan water distribution system and does routine maintenance to ensure high-quality, safe drinking water and all regulatory requirements are met.



The water distribution system is flushed every fall to winterize the system and sanitary flushes are completed a few times a year. During flushing, you will see crews opening the fire hydrants to run water through the distribution system.

There is also a large high-flow pump at the water treatment plant that is tested monthly to ensure it's functioning for the fire department to use in case of emergencies.

The water service at your home or businesses should not be interrupted during routine maintenance but you may notice a fluctuation in water pressure or a slight discolouration. If this is happening, run your cold tap for 15 minutes. If this doesn't resolve the issue, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663 so Municipal staff can look further into this.

The quality of water being produced at the Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment plant is closely monitored and regularly tested to ensure it meets all Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines. Test results are available online at rmwb.ca/waterupdate.



Budget 2025 approved by RMWB Council

2025 Budget Highlights	Capital Projects \$166.2 million	Parks, Fleet, Transit & Roads \$80.2 million	Police & Bylaw Services \$58.7million
	Operating Budget \$476.2 million	Fire & Ambulance \$46 million	Environmental Services \$79.2 million
			Community Investment Program \$43.5 million

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) Council approved a \$645.6 million 2025 Municipal budget on December 4, 2024.

The budget outlines a comprehensive plan that balances delivering safe, reliable services with strategic long-term capital investments to support the region's continued growth and sustainability.

The budget is comprised of \$476.2 million for operations and \$169.4 million to be transferred to reserves. The capital budget is \$166.2 million with funding from grants and 2025 revenues.

The overall increase in the budget from last year is due to the increasing costs of material and supplies across Alberta and all of Canada.

To learn more visit rmwb.ca/budget



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RMWB...

Candidate nominations open for 2025 municipal election

New rules in place for campaigning, find more information at rmwb.ca/elections

Candidate nominations are now open to all eligible residents interested in running for the position of RMWB mayor, councillor or school board trustee.

New rules are in place for 2025 municipal election

Changes to the [Local Authorities Elections Act](#) require candidates to submit a notice of intent to appear on the official register of candidates before accepting campaign donations and incurring expenses. In addition, all candidates must complete the nomination process to appear on the ballot.

The general election for the RMWB and all municipalities in Alberta will be held on Oct. 20, 2025.

Call for candidate nominations

Nominations are now being accepted from candidates for the upcoming 2025 municipal election. Prospective candidates must file their notice of intent and complete the nomination process by **noon on Monday, Sept. 22, 2025**.

Find the notice of intent form, nomination forms, required documentation and additional information for interested candidates at rmwb.ca/elections.

Potential candidates with questions or in need of assistance, can contact the Elections Office through Pulse at 780-743-7000 or email elections@rmwb.ca and a Legislative Services staff member will assist.



Community Policing - presentations available

The Wood Buffalo Community Policing Unit has a great list of presentations they can bring to communities when requested.

Available presentations

- A Career in the RCMP - Gr 7-Adult
- ATV Safety - Gr 10-Adult
- Being a Good Citizen - ECDP-Gr 6
- Being a Mountie - ECDP-Gr 6
- Bicycle Safety - ECDP-Gr 6
- Bullying (includes Cyberbullying) - ECDP-Gr 9
- Consent - Gr 7-Adult
- Crime Scene Investigations - ECDP-Adult
- Drug Awareness
 - For Teens (cannabis, alcohol, vaping and opioid awareness) - Gr 7-12
 - For Adults (includes clandestine drug labs, methamphetamines, opioids)
- Fraud & Identity Theft - Adult
- Halloween Safety - ECDP-Gr 6
- History of the Force - Gr 4-Adult
- Online Safety (includes Cyberbullying) - ECDP-Gr 6
- Online Safety (include Cyberbullying, Social Media & the Law) - Gr 7-Adult
- Personal Safety - ECDP-Adult
- Police & Canadian Law (for New Canadians) - Gr 10-Adult
- Property Crime Prevention - Adult
- Restorative Justice - Gr 9-Adult
- Senior Safety - Adult
- Sexting - Gr 7-Adult
- Traffic
 - Impaired Driving (Alcohol & Drugs) - Gr 9-Adult
 - Distracted Driving - Gr 9-Adult
 - Winter Driving - Gr 9-Adult
- Unhealthy Relationships/Dating Violence - Gr 7-Adult
- Youth Criminal Justice Act - Gr 7-Adult



Want a presentation?

Contact us if you'd like a presentation for your group, class or community at communitypolicing@rmwb.ca or call 780-788-4040 and ask for the Community Policing Coordinator.



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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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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 January

- **Fort Chipewyan** – Court/Restorative Justice– Jan. 9 contact us to set up a time or during court at the court house
- **Fort McKay** – Jan. 9 and Jan. 23 at the Family Support Centre
- **Conklin** – Jan. 13 and Jan. 27 at the CRDAC office and school
- **Janvier** – Jan. 15 & 29 at the Municipal Building for Wellness Wednesday
- **Anzac** – Jan. 16 & 30 at the Recreation Centre

Wood Buffalo Victim Services

Phone: 780-788-4250

Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

Email: victim.services@rmwb.ca



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...

Mark your calendar: WinterPLAY is back Feb. 21 to 25

WinterPLAY at the Snye is happening Feb. 21 to 25, 2025 with lots of free winter activities for you to enjoy!

Get ready for ice slides, leisure skating, horse-drawn wagon rides, and of course, the annual Shootout on the Snye four-on-four pond hockey tournament.

Registration for Shootout on the Snye opens Jan. 13

Circle Jan. 13 on your calendar – it's when registration opens for Wood Buffalo's favourite four-on-four pond hockey tournament!

Shootout on the Snye officially kicks off on Friday, Feb. 21 and runs until Sunday, Feb. 23 with a guarantee of three games during the tournament.

All Shootout on the Snye participants are required to register in advance.

Early bird registration (\$40/player) closes Jan. 22. Final registration (\$50/player) closes Feb. 3.

All registered players will receive a Shootout on the Snye jersey.

Register and learn more at rmwb.ca/WinterPLAY.



Celebrate Winter!



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
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THIS & THAT...

60+ IMPACT AWARDS

**CELEBRATING OLDER ADULTS' & ELDERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO (RMWB)**

The RMWB is a region filled with people, young and old, who are making a difference every day. Because of them, our community is a vibrant, inclusive, and beautiful place to call home.

A large portion of these impact-makers are the Elders and older adults in our region. Do you know one? Nominate them for the 2025 60+ Impact Awards!

To nominate, please provide the following information:

- Name, age, phone number and email address of the nominee
- Two letters of support
- Name, phone number and email address of the nominator
- Confirmation that the nominee accepts the nomination
- A paragraph or two about why they are deserving of nomination

Each nominee must be currently living in the RMWB.

**TO NOMINATE A DESERVING INDIVIDUAL, PLEASE
CONTACT A MEMBER OF OUR SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

- Curtis Phillips - cjphillips@shaw.ca
- Carolyn Evancio - Carolyn.Evancio@ahs.ca

**THE 60+ IMPACT AWARDS 2025
ARE BROUGHT TO YOU BY:**



The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2025



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A provincial non-profit organization dedicated to building strong, vibrant communities to enable youth on their path to rewarding careers.



**CO-OP application deadline is
April 3rd, 2025.**

CAREERS CO-OP Apprenticeship Program

The CO-OP program is available for youth aged 18-25 who are interested in starting their apprenticeship in the trades. Interested candidates must attend a mandatory information session. You can attend one of the sessions outlined below in Fort McMurray or we can bring the presentation to your community. To register for an information session, please contact Anika Campbell by phone – **647-220-2052** or by email coopdocuments@nextgen.org.

Date	Time
January 9, 2025	6:00pm
January 15, 2025	9:00am
January 21, 2025	1:00pm
January 28, 2025	7:00pm
January 30, 2025	6:00pm

ICT and Healthcare Services Information Session

CAREERS is hosting information sessions for RMWB students interested in applying for an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) internship (grades 10 to 12) or for a Healthcare internship (grade 11).

Date	Time
January 8, 2025 – virtual	6:00pm
January 31, 2025 – CAREERS office	1:00pm

Register Here:



Fort Chipewyan Visit

CAREERS will be in Fort Chipewyan on **January 22nd**. If you would like to connect with Anika, please contact her by phone 647-220-2052 or email – acampbell@nextgen.org

Check out our website: www.careersnextgen.ca

If you are interested in learning more about any of these programs, please contact Ali Grinham, who will be happy to meet with you in person, virtually, or by phone to provide the details on how to apply.

P: 587-442-7628 | E: agrinham@nextgen.org



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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.





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YOUTH CENTRE...

January				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>						
			1 3-5pm Free Gym Play 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool 8-930 Free Time	2 3-5pm Youth Choice Craft/Play Doh 6-930pm Floor Hockey	3 3-5pm Movie & Popcorn 6-930pm Movie & Popcorn	4 2-930m Free Time (all ages)
5	6 3-5 Wii Time/Free Gym Play 6-930pm Free Time	7 3-5pm Winter Painting 6-930pm Random Crafts	8 3-5pm Scratch Art 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool 8-930—Free Time	9 3-5pm Youth Choice Craft 6-930 pm Floor Hockey	10 3-5pm Movie & Popcorn 6-930pm Movie & Popcorn	11 2-930pm Free Time (all ages)
12	13 3-5 Wii Time/Free Gym Play 6-930pm Free Time	14 3-5pm Gym Play 6-930pm Dream Catchers	15 3-5pm Modeling Clay Fun 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool 8-930—Free Time	16 3-5pm Free Play 6-930pm Floor Hockey	17 3-5pm Movie & Popcorn 6-930pm Movie & Popcorn	18 2-930pm Free Time (all ages)
19	20 3-5 Wii Time/Free Gym Play 6-930pm Free Time	21 3-5pm Soccer Base-ball 6-930pm Teen Paint Night	22 3-5pm Free Gym Play 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool 8-930 Free Time	23 3-5pm Youth Choice Craft/Play Doh 6-930pm Floor Hockey	24 3-5pm Movie & Popcorn 6-930pm Movie & Popcorn	25 2-930pm Free Time (all ages)
26	27 3-5 Wii Time/Free Gym Play 6-930pm Free Time	28 3-5pm Gym Play 6-930pm Lanyards	29 3-5pm Traditional Craft 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool	30 3-5pm Free Play 6-930pm Floor Hockey	31 3-5pm Movie & Popcorn 6-930pm 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



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COLOURING FUN...





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WORD SEARCH FUN...

WINTER

Word Search Puzzle



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CHILLY	HOLIDAYS	SHOVEL
CHRISTMAS	HOT COCOA	SKIING
COAT	ICE SKATES	SLEDDING
DECEMBER	ICICLES	SLEET
EARMUFFS	JANUARY	SLUSH
FEBRUARY	MITTENS	SNOWMAN
FIREPLACE	NEW YEAR	SWEATER

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5	6 First day back to School	7	8 Sliding Party @ Monument Hill 4-6pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Throwback movie night @ Hall 6pm	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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