

SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



April 2025

Join the Volunteer Fire Department

We need paid on-call members!



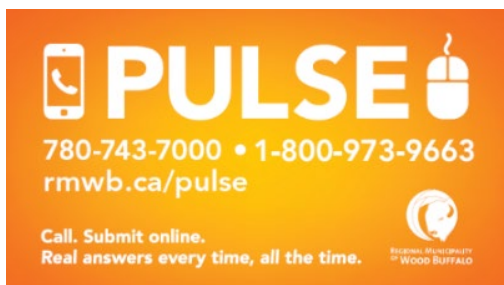
What we do:

We respond to fire emergencies, helping people and protecting property.

What you have:

- Valid Class 5 license. (Q endorsement is even better)
 - Time for weekly training and ability to respond
- Contact: Regional Emergency Services: 780-792-5500

For any questions, please contact Pulse!



Residents in rural communities can contact the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 24/7 by contacting Pulse via the following:

- 780-743-7000
- 1-800-973-9663 (toll-free)

www.rmwb.ca/pulse

Apply to join the Municipal Policing Committee by April 21

Interested in helping your community represent local policing priorities and concerns to local RCMP leadership?

Applications are needed to fill seven voting positions on the newly created Municipal Policing Advisory Committee.

The Municipal Policing Committee will have the authority to:

- Oversee the administration of the municipality's police service agreements.
- Represent public interests and concerns to local RCMP leadership.
- Collaborate with local detachments to plan yearly priorities and strategies.
- Develop community safety plans.
- Ensure service delivery reflects and addresses local needs.
- Regularly report on the implementation of programs and services that support police service priorities.

The RMWB is looking for qualified candidates for seven voting positions: five ward representatives and two public-at-large members.

Representation is needed from communities in each ward in the region, including First Nations within the Wood Buffalo or Fort Chipewyan RCMP detachment boundaries.

The RMWB is also recruiting for two public-at-large positions, seeking applications from the following groups: Black, Indigenous and persons of colour (BIPOC), immigrants, LGBTQ2S+, persons with disabilities, religious minorities, seniors, women, and youth.

Establishing this 11-member committee has been mandated by the Government of Alberta for all communities policed by the RCMP, as part of changes made last year to the Police Governance Regulation.

Rural and Indigenous residents strongly encouraged to apply

Many committee meetings can be attended remotely by video call, making it easier for rural residents to participate. Rural committee members will be reimbursed mileage expenses for driving to attend meetings in person.

Access the Boards and Committees portal and submit your application by April 21 at rmwb.ca/boards.

For questions or to get help applying for a vacancy, contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.



Some municipal service fees and rates are increasing April 1

In November, RMWB Council approved increases to several user rates and fees as part of the annual update to the user fees, rates and charges bylaw. These include:

- Utilities (water, sewer, garbage + curbside)
- Transit
- Landfill
- Cemeteries
- Development and building permits and services

The increases will help offset the cost of delivering these services.

Rural transit fare increasing April 1, 2025

Rural transit cash fares for adults and children are increasing by 11%, effective April 1.

- **Adult fares (ages 13 – 64):**
 - Current fare: \$12
 - New fare: \$13.50 (11% increase).
- **Child fares (ages 5 – 12):**
 - Current fare: \$6
 - New fare: \$6.75 (11% increase).

Utility rates increasing by 10-15%

Utility rates for municipal water, wastewater, and certain solid waste services are increasing by 10 to 15%. The changes vary depending on the size of the property's water meter and between rural, urban, and commercial services.

New fee structure in place for some administrative services

Additional new fees cover certain ambulance services and community backyard rink applications.

To view the updated rates and learn more about user fees and charges, visit rmwb.ca/userfees



Census 2025

April 1- June 30, 2025

The Municipality is launching the 2025 Municipal Census on April 1.

The main purpose of Census 2025 is to produce a population count which helps the RMWB, and its many community partners, including the business and social-profit sectors plan for the services that make Wood Buffalo a place to proudly live, work and explore.

Participating in census is easy; there are several ways to count yourself in.

Online

Residents have multiple convenient ways to complete the 2025 municipal census, with the online option being especially quick and easy! Residents will receive their personal identification number (PIN) letters by regular mail, each containing a unique PIN located in the top-right corner, specific to their household.

To complete the census, go to rmwb.ca/census where you'll find a direct link to the census portal.

Enumerators will be in your neighbourhood soon

In certain rural communities, enumerators will also offer instant enumeration when delivering PIN letters. Enumerators will be wearing RMWB branded T-shirts and hats along with badges to identify them as census workers.

Call Pulse to complete the census by phone

Residents can also complete their census by phone by contacting Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663. Pulse will connect you with the census team, who are available to assist with any questions, help retrieve your PIN and even complete the enumeration process over the phone.

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.

Remember to have your bins out by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day

Stay on track with ease —check the [garbage and recycling calendar](https://rmwb.ca/collectioncalendar) for all collection dates visit rmwb.ca/collectioncalendar.



What you need to know

- ✓ **Set your bins out on time** – Place them at the curb by **7:30 a.m.** on collection day.
- ✓ **Remove them the same day** – Bins **must not** be left on the street overnight.

Winter bin placement tips

Make sure your bins are placed in a clear, accessible spot. Bins blocked by snow, ice, or other obstacles may not be collected.

- ❄ Place bins **in front** of snowbanks, never on top or behind.
- ❄ Keep **one-foot** in-between bins and keep them **3 feet** from vehicles.
- ❄ Ensure bins are **firmly closed**.

Thank you for helping keep the community clean and running smoothly!

For more details, visit rmwb.ca/garbage or contact Pulse at 780-743-7000, 1-800-973-9663, or rmwb.ca/pulse.

Budget 2025 approved by RMWB Council

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| 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

COMMUNITY NOTICE



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

Remove curbside collection bins from the street after pick-up

With winter in full swing, streets must be kept clear for snowplows and equipment to plow and remove snow. There have been recent incidents with garbage and recycling bins left on the street being damaged by equipment. This can be avoided by following the bylaws and requirements for curbside collection.



Remove bins from the street

Your curbside collection bins cannot be left on the street. Bins must be placed on the curb by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day and removed from the street the same day. Bins need to be stored on your property when it's not your collection day.

Winter bin placement

We need your help to ensure garbage and recycling bins are picked up safely and efficiently.

- Place your garbage and recycling bins in front of windrows (snowbanks). Do not place bins on top or behind windrows.
- Clear the snow away from the curb where you place your bins. If bins are blocked by snow, they may not be collected.
- Keep one-foot in-between bins and 3 feet away from vehicles.
- Ensure lids are firmly closed.

Thank you for your support following these requirements. To learn more about curbside collection, visit rmwb.ca/garbage.

For questions, contact Pulse at 780-743-7000, 1-800-973-9663 or online at rmwb.ca/pulse.

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Construction underway on Fort Chipewyan Winter Road

Municipal contractors are starting to build the Fort Chipewyan Winter Road. Construction work will continue throughout December, with a target opening date before Dec. 25. As always, the opening of the winter road is dependent on weather and the progress crews make, ensuring the road is safe for vehicles.

Crews preparing for La Loche Winter Trail construction

Crews are preparing for construction of the La Loche Winter Trail. The route will open when it is safe. Please follow the winter road safety tips and look for updates at rmwb.ca/winterroads.

Slow down! Winter road safety tips

Before travelling on the winter road, please review the Winter Road Safety Tips. Drivers are reminded to:

- Remember that travelling on the winter road when it's closed is strictly prohibited and extremely dangerous.
- Drive to conditions and stay on right-hand side of the road (especially on hills).
- Reduce speed to 30 km/h when passing equipment in the sandhills.
- Stay on the designated route. Travelling off road is extremely dangerous as there may be thin ice in areas surrounding the road.
- Prepare for emergencies ahead of time. There are no regular services like road patrol, gas stations or reliable cell phone coverage.
- Always inform someone of your travel plans before leaving.
- Make the drive using high clearance 4x4 vehicles (recommended)

Don't miss a winter road update

Further winter road updates will be provided as they become available. Check the following sources for the latest information:

- Winter Road Hotline (recorded message) - 866-743-6111
- Winter roads webpage – rmwb.ca/winterroads
- Sign up for email updates at subscribe.rmwb.ca
- RMWB Facebook and Twitter accounts
- Contact Pulse at 780-743-7000, toll free 1-800-973-9663 or online at rmwb.ca/pulse



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.

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.

SAPRAE CREEK ESTATES SEWER PROGRAM

The 2024 construction season has wrapped up, but you can still **get your Rural Water and Sewer Services (RWSS) application started over the winter**. This will help ensure your home is ready to start being connected next construction season and you take advantage of the significant savings offered through the RWSS program.

214 homes in Saprae Creek Estates have already connected to piped sewer services through the RWSS program.

The end of next construction season is the deadline to connect your home

The Municipality will cover a large portion of the cost to connect your home to piped sewer services up to the end of the 2025 construction season for Saprae Creek Estates.

After this deadline, you will be responsible for the full connection cost, which can be anywhere between \$40,000 to \$110,000 as opposed to the lower cost of \$10,000 with 0% interest available now. The full cost of trucked sewer pickups will also be your responsibility if your home isn't connected by the deadline.

How do I start my application over the winter?

- Review the RWSS Homeowners Guide and important information at rmwb.ca/rwss.
- Contact a certified contractor to discuss what the work connecting your home will entail. A contractor quote must be submitted in the spring to the Municipality for approval as part of your application. While quotes won't be approved over the winter, contractors can still prepare everything so work can begin next construction season. A list of certified contractors is available on the RMWB website.
- You're in control of the entire application process, but your contractor can take the lead on everything if you prefer.
- Your Municipal tax and utility accounts must be in good standing. Outstanding balances must be paid before your RWSS application can be approved.


Need help?

Connecting your home to piped water and sewer may seem complicated, but we're here to help guide you through the process. Call 780-743-7000 to learn more, ask questions and get help starting your application.

Find everything you need to know about the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Program, including more details on how to apply at rmwb.ca/rwss

What will my utility bill look like once I connect to piped sewer services?

Below is an example of what your bi-monthly utility bill will look like once your home is connected to piped sewer services.



**REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO**

9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, AB, T9H 2K4

UTILITY BILL REPRINT

DOE, JOHN

SAPRAE CREEK ESTATES

ACCOUNT#

BILLING PERIOD: 2024/04/30
TO: 2024/06/30
BILLING DATE: 2024/06/30
PENALTY DATE: 2024/07/39

SRV ADDR: 062-LONG BRIDGE LANE

INV #: 5000001

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | CODE | READING | CONSUMPTION | AMOUNT |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| 2024/06/30 | GARBAGE COLL SAPRAE C | A | | | 66.72 |
| 2024/06/30 | RURAL WATER AND SEWER | A | | | 65.00 |
| 2024/06/30 | SEWER CONSUMPTION | A | 3311 | 70 | 17.64 |
| 2024/06/30 | FIXED CHARGE SEWER | A | | | 28.86 |
| 2024/06/30 | WATER CONSUMPTION | A | 3311 | 70 | 29.96 |
| 2024/06/30 | FIXED CHARGE WATER | A | | | 56.28 |
| AMOUNT DUE | | | | | 264.46 |

Please Note: All charges/payments shown are up to and including the 'Billing To Period' date of this invoice.

Your bill explained

- 1** Includes curbside collection, waste disposal, recycling fees.
- 2** RWSS Program Bi-Monthly Connection Fee
- 3** \$0.63/m3 variable rate - based on the same water consumption, at a reduced rate
- 4** Fixed rate for sewer (\$14.43 per month) x 2 months
- 5** \$1.07 /m3 variable rate - based on water consumption on water meter.
- 6** Fixed rate for water (\$28.14 per month) x 2 months

These are 2024 rates from the Council approved Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.
This Bylaw is updated annually and its customary to see increases to utility rates as part of the updates.



Wood Buffalo Senior Social

Come join us in Janvier for lunch, bingo,
and door prizes!

TUESDAY | APRIL | 12-3 PM
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TO REGISTER:
JANVIER: 780-559-2230
CONKLIN: 780-559-2235
ANZAC: 780-334-2298
**FORT MCMURRAY/FORT
MCKAY: 780-792-1892**

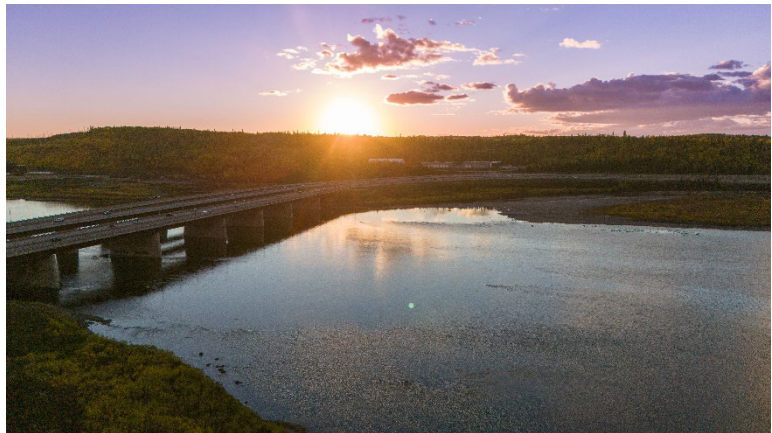
**PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL
17TH**
Transportation Available

New Land Use Bylaw being presented to Council March 24

A new Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is being presented to Council for consideration at a Public Hearing on March 24, 2025, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Jubilee Centre. Community members are encouraged to share their thoughts about the LUB with Council during the Public Hearing.

What is the Land Use Bylaw (LUB)?

The LUB regulates the use and development of land and buildings within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to support safe and sustainable growth. The current LUB has been in place since 1999 and needs to be replaced to respond to the changes over the past 25 years and community needs.



Developed through extensive public engagement, the new Land Use Bylaw is user-friendly with updated regulations that address community needs and will support responsible development and economic growth in the region by providing greater flexibility for new development.

Review the draft LUB and the public engagement What We Heard Report at participate.rmwb.ca/LUB

Register to participate in the Public Hearing by noon on March 17

If you would like to share your thoughts about the new LUB with Council, you must register with Legislative Services before 12:00 noon, Monday, March 17, 2025. Residents can share their thoughts in-person or by sending in a written submission.

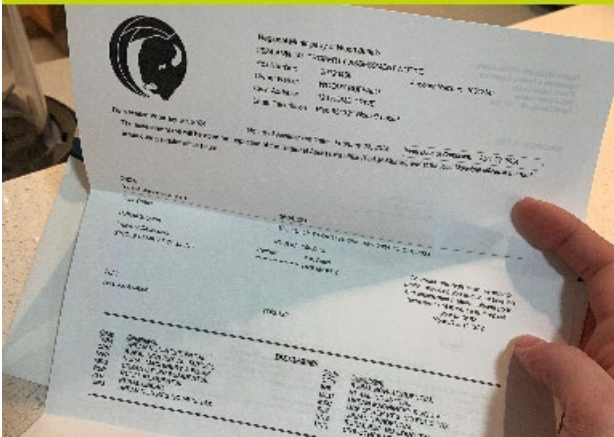
- Register on-line at www.rmwb.ca/publichearingsubmission
- Email legislative.assistants@rmwb.ca
- Call Legislative Services at 780-743-7001. (*only for in-person presentations)

Tune in to watch the Public Hearing live on the [RMWB Youtube channel](#) or on the local Rogers TV station.

Find more information in the LUB Public Notice and at rmwb.ca/council

Understanding your property assessment

I received my property assessment.
What's next?



Notices were issued by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo on Feb. 18 to residential and commercial property owners across the region.

Assessment notices contain important information about a property's value and help to ensure each property owner pays their fair share of property taxes in 2025.

For the 2025 taxation year, the property assessments are based on July 1, 2024 market values and physical conditions as of Dec. 31, 2024. Assessments are then used to calculate your annual property tax.

Property tax notices are sent out in May once Council reviews and approves the 2025 Property Tax Rate Bylaw. You can also access information about your property assessment using the **online search tool** on the municipal website.

File an appeal by April 28

After speaking with an assessor, property owners who still have concerns with their assessment may file an appeal with the Assessment Review Board before the April 28 deadline. For more information on how to file an appeal, visit rmwb.ca/assessments.

Request for Information (RFI) - Watch your mail in March

Some residents will also be receiving a RFI notice in the mail. This information helps the RMWB to collect information about your property so the Assessment office can calculate a fair and equitable market values assessment. The RFI cycles through different neighbourhoods, so you won't receive one every year for the same property.

Learn more about assessments and property taxes at rmwb.ca/taxes.

For further information or questions, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or online at rmwb.ca/pulse.

Bring your creative vision to life in the region



The **Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant** provides **up to \$5,000** for projects that create, inspire and preserve within the cultural landscape of the region.

Apply early!

Individuals and groups may apply for a maximum of \$5,000. The deadline for grant applications is Dec. 31, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. MST or until the total \$50,000 funding is exhausted, whichever comes first.

Apply early through the Community Investment Program (CIP) Grant Portal as funding is awarded in order of completed applications received.

What projects are eligible?

Projects must align with one or more [Wood Buffalo Culture Plan](#) priorities. The eligibility list varies and ranges from performing arts to heritage restoration to landscape design.

Projects that have received grant support in previous years include:

- **Palette Town**, a video showcasing the potential for art in Wood Buffalo.
- **Rock the Rails**, an annual skateboard and BMX competition that also features local musical acts.
- **Lavender Skies: Exploring Queer Creativity in Wood Buffalo**, a local art show at the Kirschner Family Community Art Gallery at MacDonald Island Park.

Get started today by visiting rmwb.ca/CIP.

2025 Street Banner Program explores Wheels in Motion

Artists and creatives 12 years of age and older residing in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo are invited to showcase their artistic talent in the 2025 Street Banner Program!



Selected designs will receive a **\$600 design fee**, a screened banner and the opportunity to be displayed throughout the region!

All submissions will be showcased at the **Kirschner Family Community Art Gallery at MacDonald Island Park**.

This year's theme, **Wheels in Motion**, invites you to celebrate pathfinding and transportation in the region.

Art paper for Street Banner submission can be pick up at the Municipal Office or by contacting the PULSE line at 780-743-7000.

Showcasing rural art in rural communities

Rural designs will also be selected for rural communities. Designs must meet guidelines and criteria. Selected rural designs will receive a full-sized banner.

Submit your artwork by May 1

Learn more at rmwb.ca/banner.

Subscribe to the artist roster

Join the artist roster to receive emails about upcoming artist calls, programs, events and information sessions at rmwb.ca/PublicArt.

Emergency Social Services (ESS)

ESS provides individuals or families with supports when they are displaced due to an emergency. Registration centres or other evacuation sites are set up to register evacuees and provide immediate basic needs. This support is available to provide a safe place for evacuees to plan their next steps as they transition to recovery.

Registration centres may provide the following services:

- Food/water
- Shelter
- Clothing
- First Aid/emotional support
- Family reunification
- Animal care and rescue assistance



To learn more about ESS, or to join the ESS Team, scan the QR code below:

VPR

Emergencies happen. If you are a vulnerable person living in the region, you may be at greater risk during an emergency.



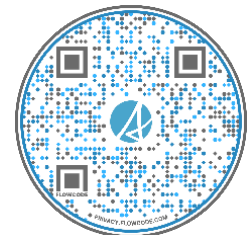
**Vulnerable
Persons
Registry**

The Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) is a service that improves the safety of vulnerable residents living at home.

This is done by communicating directly with registrants during emergencies and by sharing key information to first responders about individuals on the VPR. Click [here](#) to find out more about the VPR.

MAERS

The MyAlberta Emergency Registration System is available to all residents of Alberta as a tool to assist during an evacuation or emergency. Albertans can register themselves and their family members in advance of an emergency using their MyAlberta Digital ID. Click [here](#) or scan below to pre-register today.



NOTICE TO RURAL RESIDENTS

Water and septic service reminders

To allow water and septic delivery trucks access and to provide continuous service for all residents, please follow to the requirements below:

- 1) **Basement water tanks or water tanks that are not visible:** All customers must have their volume posted in a visible place so water delivery contractor can see proper date and amount of water required (displayed in litres).
- 2) **Hanging branches and wires on driveways:** Make sure that delivery vehicles have a minimum 15 feet of clearance. All low hanging branches must be trimmed to prevent damage to trucks, and low hanging wires are to be raised.
- 3) **Provide clear access:** All vehicles/obstacles must be removed on driveways during the delivery schedule and the ensure the water delivery vehicle is able to drive within **15.24 meters** of the delivery point for water.
- 4) **Ensure pets are contained:** For the safety of contractors and pets, all dogs are to be tied up or inside your home, for service provider to access your property.
- 5) **Keep access points clear of snow and ice:** During winter months, keep driveways and pathways to water and septic hook ups, clear of snow and ice and thaw receivers and caps for hose access.
- 6) **Maintain cam-lock/hoses:** The winterization and maintenance of the cam-lock fitting and hoses is the responsibility of the home-owner. All cam-locks and hoses are to be drained and water to be removed to prevent freezing and breakage of cam-lock.
- 7) **Safety of septic tanks:** All septic tanks will be equipped with a “stinger” and an approved lid on the tank.
- 8) **Driveways:** If your driveway is soft (spring thaw), it is the homeowner’s responsibility to contact the RMWB to suspend delivery or to add a proper hose with the required cam-lock and extend down driveway to location of delivery.

For more information:

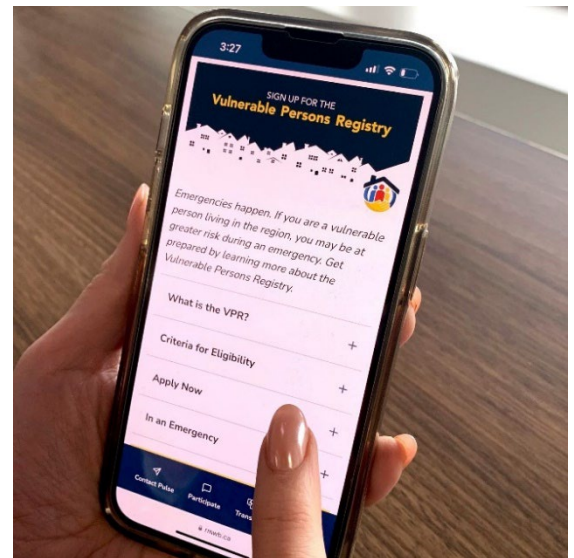
refer to the Water Utilities Management Bylaw (Bylaw No. 07/035) Part X

If you have questions or require any additional information, call the Pulse Line at 780-743-7000



Emergencies happen. If you are a vulnerable person living in the region, you may be at greater risk.

Apply to be added to the Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) - a free, voluntary and confidential service for residents living at home who would be at greater risk during emergencies.



To sign up or learn more visit – rmwb.ca/vpr



Winter Maintenance season begins!

Planning to visit Fort McMurray this winter? Now is the perfect time to plan ahead for winter maintenance parking restrictions. All Winter Maintenance Subzones (WMZ) are relaxed until further notice as the program officially begins Oct. 15.

On-street parking restrictions are not in effect when subzones are relaxed but you can still [sign up for alerts](#) that will go straight to your inbox!

Subzones will typically be activated on a bi-weekly basis, meaning residents need to move their vehicles off their street once every two weeks. Windrows (snowbanks) created by a plow that are higher than 15 cm will be removed from the end of driveways in active subzones.

Keep up to date on the status of WMZs

- [Sign up for WMZ Alerts.](#)
- Watch for updates on the orange electronic signage at the entrance of each neighbourhood
- Follow the RMWB on Facebook and Twitter @RMWoodBuffalo
- Check [rmwb.ca](#)
- Contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or [rmwb.ca/pulse](#)

Shape Policing Priorities in Wood Buffalo

Every year, Wood Buffalo RCMP invites residents to share their safety concerns and shape policing priorities for the region. These priorities ensure that officers focus on issues that matter most to your community, alongside responding to calls for service.

How to Participate

Your feedback, combined with local data and crime trends, helps determine focus areas for the coming year.

You can participate in any of the following ways:

1. **Attend an RCMP Community Open House**
Join an RCMP Community Open House to share your thoughts directly with officers. Visit rmwb.ca/policingpriorities for details.
2. **Visit your local Municipal office**
Fill out a paper survey and submit it on-site.
3. **Call Pulse**
Complete the survey over the phone (**780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663**).
4. **Online**
Visit rmwb.ca/policingpriorities to complete the survey online.

Get involved now and stay tuned this spring to see how your feedback will shape policing efforts in Wood Buffalo.

Step up in an emergency

Be the Helping Hand When It Matters Most - Volunteer with the Emergency Social Services team

Join a team that helps residents during an emergency or disaster.

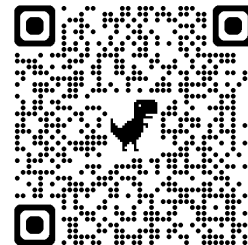
- Build your knowledge, confidence, and experience.
- No experience required. Training will be provided.



RMWB.ca/ESSVolunteer

For more information call:

- [780-743-7000](tel:780-743-7000)
- Toll Free [1-800-973-9663](tel:1-800-973-9663)



What we do:

Emergency Social Services helps people during large emergencies or incidents in the Municipality.

Who we are:

Volunteers, community partners, and municipal employees who work together under the Emergency Management Branch of Regional Emergency Services.



Walking Safety Tips



Walk Facing Traffic: If there is no sidewalk and you must walk on the side of the road, choose the side where you are facing oncoming traffic. This gives you the best chance to see traffic approaching closest to you and take evasive action if necessary.

Cross Safely: Look both ways before crossing any street. Make eye contact with any drivers who may be turning. Give them a wave. Make sure they see you.

Walk Single File: Unless you are on a sidewalk separate from the road, you should walk single file. This is especially important on a road with lots of curves. While it can be enjoyable to walk down the road two or three abreast chatting merrily, drivers don't expect it.

Stay aware of bikes and runners: Share the road and path with bikes and runners. Bike riders should alert you when approaching from behind with a bike bell or a "passing on the left/right." Listen for them.

Be Visible: Wear bright colors when walking in daytime. When walking at night wear light-colored clothing and reflective clothing or reflective vest to be visible.

Hang Up and Eyes Up: Chatting or texting while walking is as dangerous as doing that while driving. You are distracted and not as aware of your environment. You are less likely to recognize traffic danger, passing joggers and bikers or tripping hazards. Potential criminals can also see you as a distracted easy target.

When walking your pet: keep your pet on the side away from traffic so that they don't accidentally dart into the roadway.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION





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Deadline for the APRIL Newsletter submissions:

APRIL 25TH, 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | 1 | 2 Teen Thrive Wellness Program @ The twisted body massage- yoga-wellness 6 PM | 3 Youth Trans Support Group @CMHA 6 PM | 4 Friday Night Trivia @ The Legion 7 PM  | 5 ASRMWB Family Fun Day. Mac Island 10 AM-6 PM |
| 6 | 7 | 8 ATC Career Fair Syncrude Sport and Wellness Centre 10AM | 9 ATC Career Fair Syncrude Sport and Wellness Centre 10AM | 10 | 11 Friday Night Trivia @ The Legion 7PM  | 12 |
| 13 Crib Tournament @ The Blackhorse 1 PM | 14 | 15 | 16 Dene Language Revitalization Class ATC Wellness Centre 6 PM | 17 | 18  | 19 Steel Panther & Buckcherry Macdonald Island Park 7 PM |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Dene Language Revitalization Class ATC Wellness Centre 6 PM | 24 | 25 Spring 2025 Trade Show & Artisan Market Macdonald Island Park ALL DAY  | 26 Spring 2025 Trade Show & Artisan Market Macdonald Island Park ALL DAY |
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