



The Insider, June 15

Find out what's new at the RMWB on June 15, 2026

Thank you for attending June Jamboree!

Despite less-than-cooperative weather, this year's June Jamboree proved that a little rain can't dampen great company and even better spirits!

Thursday's gathering brought staff together for an afternoon filled with laughter, connection, and plenty of memorable moments.

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who came out and made this event such a success. Your enthusiasm and willingness to embrace the day truly made the difference.

Share your feedback

Your input helps us continue to improve events like this! Please take a few minutes to complete the [online survey](#) by June 19.

Check out some candid photos below to see how staff enjoyed June Jamboree!

Send us your June Jamboree photos!

We had a hoot taking photos at the June Jamboree photobooth! Check out some of the great shots we captured at last week's event.

Did you take photos of your own? Send them to [The Insider](#) by June 19, and you'll be entered into a draw for a surprise prize!

Meet the winners!

Sundae Fun Day Kit

- **Maureen Nakonechny**, Environmental Services

Pack & Go Picnic Set

- **Genny Tokarz**, Regional Emergency Services

Campfire & Games Night Bundle

- **Adam Waldolf**, Regional Emergency Services

Reel & Relax Bundle

- **Patti-Lynn Sheppard**, Community Services

The Happy Camper Sleep Set

- **Rolland Larocque**, Public Works

Game Day & Good Vibes Kit

- **Ahmed Hassan**, Public Works

Tote, Float & Chill Bundle

- **Reid Hamilton**, Regional Emergency Services

Sun, Shade & Chill Pack

- **Monica Bailey**, Corporate Services

Serve & Sound Summer Bundle

- **Terry Cochrane**, Public Works

Ultimate Grill & Pizza Oven Bundle

- **Jeet Shah**, Corporate Services

The Pickleball Party Pack

- **Jodie Paterson**, Planning & Development

RMWB Coffee Break Bundle

- **Deanna Coles**, Project Management Office & Facility Services

Lights, Camera, Relax! Kit

- **Marie Soleil Landry**, Regional Emergency Services

Tee & Tunes Bundle

- **Josh Kendall**, Public Works

Day Off With Pay

- **Jordan Denyer**, Public Works
- **Chi Shang Lee**, Public Works
- **Brynn Armstrong**, Planning & Development Services
- **Carter Rust**, Environmental Services
- **Jeff Bussey**, Environmental Services

Fun in Fort Chipewyan

Thanks to everyone who joined us on Friday for the Fort Chipewyan June Jamboree!

Pride Month in Wood Buffalo

June is Pride Month - a time to recognize, celebrate, and support the diverse members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

In Wood Buffalo, Pride is an opportunity to come together as a community, reflect on progress, and continue building a more inclusive and welcoming region for everyone.

To learn more about local events, visit [Wood Buffalo Pride](#).

Upcoming Learn workshop: 2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusive Language

This workshop provides an overview of language we can use in our everyday speech and writing to communicate in ways that are inclusive to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

Participants will learn about parts of the English language such as pronouns, outdated language that could be considered offensive, and how to swap it for inclusive, respectful communication instead.

Register via [Learn](#).

Reminder: Summer flex time restriction

This is a friendly reminder that, that the [Flex Program](#) restricted period begins July 1 and runs through August 31. During this period, employees may not take or bank flex time.

For employees on the auto-flex program, please note that a maximum of two flex days may be held in a flex bank at any given time.

Employees who currently have two flex days in their bank should consider using one prior to July 1, as additional flex days will not be credited while their bank remains at the maximum.

First-ever Regional Leadership Forum brings together Council and Indigenous leadership to strengthen relationships

Mayor and Council recently hosted the Good Relations | miyo weycîwakânitoh | eltsnikwi: Regional Leadership Forum on May 28 and 29 at SMS Equipment Place in Fort McMurray.

The first-of-its-kind gathering brought together Mayor and Council, First Nation and Métis leadership, Elders, community representatives, and senior administrators from across the Wood Buffalo region to strengthen relationships and engage in meaningful leadership-to-leadership dialogue. Over two days, participants took part in ceremony, cultural teachings, shared meals, and discussions focused on relationship building, trust, communication, and shared priorities.

The Forum reflects a commitment to strengthening relationships between the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and First Nation and Métis communities, and is intended to support continued dialogue, trust-building, and collaboration across the region.

Jump into the 75 Hour Recreation & Parks Challenge

We're heading into Week 3 of June is Recreation & Parks Month, and there's still time to jump into the [75 Hour Recreation & Parks Challenge](#)! Don't forget, participants are also entered for a chance to win a **\$500 Recreation & Parks Adventure Pack from ARPA**.

As the month continues, we want to encourage you to get outside – whether that means exploring the rivers, lakes and streams in our region, or hiking along the 198 km of trails and pathways, there are so many ways to connect with nature. Click here to learn more about [Nature Connection in Recreation](#).

We're also continuing our **Recreation in Action: Staff Spotlight** series, where we highlight staff and the many ways they enjoy recreation outside of work.

This week, we're excited to feature **Ernest Thacker**, Supervisor Rural Operations, an avid outdoorsperson who enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time in the spectacular natural surroundings of Fort Chipewyan.

"Fueling my soul with every cast of the net in the lake and every step through the bush. Focus on the journey, not just the harvest."

Save the date for Pancake Breakfast at the Island and It's Time to Read

June brings many opportunities to celebrate National Indigenous History Month!

It's Time to Read - *True Intent* and *True Spirit of Treaty* on June 16

Head to the movie theatre on June 16 to participate in Margo Auger's workshops *True Spirit* and *True Intent of Treaty!* The workshops begin at 11 a.m. - keep an eye out for details through Learn.

In these workshops, Margo Auger teaches the mutual understandings and truths that guided the creation of treaties between the First Nation peoples and the Crown, and how they are necessary to understanding the full meaning of the treaties today.

Auger is a proud Nêhiyaw Iskêw (Cree woman) from Bigstone Cree Nation, Treaty No. 8 Territory, and the founder and CEO of Apiskwai Kihiw Consulting Ltd.

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast and Ginger's Bannock at the Island on June 21

Head to SMS Equipment Place on Sunday morning for a pancake breakfast and Ginger's Bannock in celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day.

The event is expected to run from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and will also feature family-friendly activities and entertainment.

Numbered Treaties of Canada exhibit in Jubilee Gallery

Have some time to spare while in Jubilee Centre? Check out the Numbered Treaties of Canada exhibit in the lobby (across from the elevators).

These posters, produced by Indigenous Reflections Inc., help teach about the treaties of Canada, where they were signed and how they have affected the past, present and future of Indigenous Peoples

What's new with People Changes?

Check out some of the moves and new hires we spotted in People Changes over the last few weeks!

Roy Underwood

Congratulations to **Roy Underwood**, who retired on June 11 after being with the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for six years. Roy started with the RMWB on July 3, 2020, as the WWTP's maintenance planner.

We will miss Roy terribly, but we wish him all the best as he embarks on this new chapter in his life!

Becki Storie

Please join us in welcoming **Becki Storie** back to Strategic Communications! Becki is rejoining the team as a Strategist, having previously served in this role from 2021-2025 before spending the past 18 months as the Supervisor of Pulse.

We are very excited for Becki to be returning with her front-line experience with Pulse and years of experience leading communication strategies. Congratulations, Becki

Elsa Ramirez

Please welcome **Elsa Ramirez** to Technical Services as our new program manager.

Elsa brings a strong background in process engineering, operations support, and project coordination in complex industrial environments. She has experience working closely with operations, maintenance, and engineering teams, and has led work related to procedure development, process optimization, and safety-focused initiatives.

Her experience supporting operational improvements, developing technical documentation, and working collaboratively across disciplines will be valuable as we continue to advance our programs and project delivery. Welcome, Elsa!

Simplifying the People Changes process

We've streamlined the People Changes process!

- When you submit a post to People Changes, it will be posted **automatically**. No more waiting for approvals!
- We have created [templated messaging](#) for you in the updated guidelines to simplify the message writing process.

You can continue to use the [People Changes portal](#) on My RMWB. It will remain beside the Announcements tab on the intranet homepage.