



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

A message from Councillor Kyle Vandecasteyen

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Spring in Sight, Work Continues

April has been a productive month, with important progress for our rural communities.

At the April 14th Council meeting, Council approved key changes to the Regional Wastewater Servicing Solution (RWSS) bylaw that will improve accessibility and affordability for residents and small businesses. Key updates include clearer eligibility for vacant residential lots once foundations are in place, a simplified fee structure based on services received, an extended 30-day appeal period, and expanded subsidized connections for small businesses and institutions such as schools, childcare facilities, and faith-based organizations.

These are important improvements for our rural communities, and especially for supporting growth and reducing barriers for residents and local businesses. Full details are available through the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo news release.

April also brought an exciting community milestone with the naming partnership announcement at the Jane Stroud Recreation Centre. Fort McMurray 468 First Nation was announced as the new arena naming sponsor, reflecting a strong partnership and continued investment in local recreation, community spaces, and youth programming.

Administration also participated in a follow-up meeting with the Government of Alberta regarding Mobile Integrated Health services for our rural communities, continuing discussions first started with Provincial Ministers in March. While there is still work ahead, continued collaboration with the Province is an important step toward improving rural healthcare access.

As we move further into spring, please continue to be mindful of changing road conditions, spring break-up, and increased activity on our roads and trails.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

**May 3rd 2016 Wildfire
Commemoration YMM**

**May 19th Special Council
Meeting Anzac Rec Center**

**May 19th Wild Fire
Commemoration Anzac**

**May 30th Wild Fire
Commemoration Conklin**

**May 30th Wild Fire
Commemoration Janvier**

