



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

A message from Councillor Kyle Vandecasteyen

WARD 4



Progress and Partnership

May has been an eventful month both in and out of Council. With spring finally arriving, it has been great to see our communities come alive after a long winter.

On May 19, Council held a special meeting in Anzac to consider four motions focused on rural Ward 4 priorities. All four motions passed and have now been referred to Administration for review and recommendations. Community engagement will be a key part of the process, with all four items scheduled to return to Council by October 13.

May also marked the 10-year anniversary of the Horse River Wildfire. While commemorative events in Janvier and Conklin were rescheduled to June, the anniversary remains an important opportunity to reflect on the resilience and strength shown by communities across our region.

It was also a busy month for community events. I attended the opening of the Micisowin Farmers Market, which continues to showcase the importance of supporting local vendors and small businesses. I also attended the Tri-Community Collaboration gathering in Conklin, bringing together Chard Métis Nation, Chipewyan Prairie First Nation, and CRDAC to strengthen relationships and discuss shared priorities. To close out the month, I had the honour of throwing the ceremonial first pitch at a Fort McMurray Oil Giants game.

On May 28 and 29, Council met with leadership from all 12 First Nations and Métis communities within the RMWB for two days of relationship-building discussions. Strong relationships and open dialogue are essential as we work together to build a stronger future for the region.

May also marked the first full month of the in-community RCMP pilot in Conklin. Feedback from residents has been overwhelmingly positive, with improved local police presence helping enhance community safety and quality of life.

Recent rainfall and rapidly changing road conditions throughout the region are a reminder to slow down and drive according to conditions.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

June 3rd RCMP Meet
and Greet Conklin
Multiplex

June 13th Wildfire
Commemoration Janvier/Conklin

June 13th BWS Grad Ceremony
Anzac

June 16th Special Council
Meeting

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