



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

A message from Councillor Jennifer Vardy

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Dear Wood Buffalo,

May was a busy month focused on relationships, advocacy, community connections, and continuing the work of building a stronger Wood Buffalo.

Community Connections

Last month, I had the opportunity to attend and support a number of great events across our region:

- Pride Month Opening Ceremony
- Eid Mela 2026 hosted by the Pakistani Cultural Society
- Leadership Wood Buffalo Community Action Project presentations
- 2026 Fam Expo
- 10-Year Wildfire Anniversary Commemoration
- Red Dress Walk

Regional Leadership Forum

RMWB Council hosted elected Indigenous leaders from all six First Nations and six Métis communities across our region for a two-day Regional Leadership Forum. The forum created space for meaningful conversations focused on:

- Strengthening relationships
- Identifying shared priorities
- Exploring opportunities for collaboration
- Working together toward common goals for our region

Boards & Committees

- Community Investment Program Advisory Committee (CIPAC)
- Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development Board
- Homelessness Initiative Committee

Wood Buffalo Selected to Host the 2028 Alberta Summer Games

Wood Buffalo has officially been selected as the host community for the 2028 Alberta Summer Games.

This will be an incredible opportunity to welcome athletes, families, and visitors from across Alberta while showcasing our facilities, volunteers, and community spirit.

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Regional Advocacy

This month, Council continued important advocacy work during: **Partnership, Progress, and Prosperity: An Evening with Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo**

Together with community partners and regional leaders, we continued conversations on the priorities and opportunities that matter most to our region. During those meetings, we discussed key issues including Highway 63, economic development, gaps in supports related to homelessness, addiction, and recovery, the impacts of cuts to AISH, and the long-term opportunities and growth potential for Wood Buffalo.

Advocacy is often the work residents do not see every day, but it is an important part of ensuring that Wood Buffalo's needs remain front and centre with decision-makers.

Thank you to everyone who continues to reach out, share ideas, ask questions, and stay engaged.

Serving this community continues to be an incredible privilege, and I look forward to sharing more updates next month.

with gratitude, Jennifer 

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