



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF WOOD BUFFALO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** French and English are the two official languages of Canada, with French being the first non-Indigenous, European-based language spoken in what is now Alberta; and
- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is home to approximately 4,400 French-speaking people; and
- WHEREAS** the French-speaking population in the region has increased three-fold over the last 25 years; and
- WHEREAS** the region has a strong, diverse, and vibrant French-speaking community, which contributes to our social, economic and cultural fabric; and
- WHEREAS** the ACFA régionale de Wood Buffalo has been active in the region since 1980 by organizing events, providing community services and holding workshops; and
- WHEREAS** 2026 has been declared by the Government of Alberta as the Year of the Francophonie.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **March 2026** as:

## ALBERTA FRANCOPHONIE MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunder set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in Fort McMurray, Alberta, this first day of March 2026.

**Sandy Bowman**  
Mayor

