

July 2025

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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

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www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30am -4:30pm

Closed:

Saturday/Sunday & Stat
Holidays

Regional Municipality of
Wood Buffalo
PO Box 370
Fort Chipewyan, AB
TOP 1B0

Ph: (780) 697-3600

Fax: (780) 697-3881

Pulse Line:

(780)743-7000

ARCHIE SIMPSON ARENA &

FITNESS ROOM

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed:

Saturday/Sunday & Stat
Holidays

Fitness Room Hours:

Monday to Sunday

9:00am—10:00pm

Stat Holidays: CLOSED

Regional Municipality of Wood
Buffalo
PO Box 343
Fort Chipewyan, AB
TOP 1B0

Youth Centre Hours

Monday to Friday

9:00am-4:00pm

(Summer Fun Program)

Saturday 1:00 –9:00pm

CLOSED Sunday & Stat Holidays

Ph: (780) 697-3829

Aquatic Centre Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday-Saturday:

1:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday:

9:00am-4:00pm

Stat Holidays: CLOSED

Ph: 780-697-0196

Facility Bookings — 780-697-3600



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Facebook!*

Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!





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RMWB...

Youth in Rural Communities: Your Voice Matters. Apply to MACOY today!





The Mayor's Advisory Council on Youth (MACOY) wants diverse voices at the table, and that includes **you**.



Join MACOY and help shape a stronger, more inclusive future.

Let's make sure every corner of the region is represented—starting with you.

No matter where you live —from Fort Chipewyan to Fort McMurray to Conklin – your perspective matters. When you join MACOY, you'll:

-  Speak up for youth in your community.
-  Build leadership skills and gain valuable experience.
-  Share ideas on real issues like mental health, education, recreation and the environment.
-  Help plan community projects and initiatives.

Applications are open until Aug. 18.

Apply at rmwb.ca/macoy



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RMWB...



Wood Buffalo Victim Services provides victims of crime and trauma with support, information and referrals based on their needs. The intent is to ease the crisis and help them return to stability.

Why should victims of crime and trauma contact us?

Our support workers are empathetic listeners. They will give you information to help you make decisions that are best for you and your circumstances. Part of our role is to make sure you are treated fairly. You have rights under the *Alberta Victims of Crime Act*.

Please call or email to speak to a support worker. We can arrange to meet in your community.

Community visit dates for March

- **Fort Chipewyan** - July 3
- **Fort McKay** - July 3 and July 17
- **Conklin** - July 7 and July 21
- **Janvier** - July 9 and July 23
- **Anzac/FMFN 468** - July 10 and July 24

Wood Buffalo Victim Services

Phone: 780-788-4250

Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

Email: victim.services@rmwb.ca



FireSmart rebate program helping homeowners pay for upgrades



The **FireSmart Home Rebate Program** is available for all communities in the region.

Residents will be eligible to receive rebates until program funds have been exhausted, limited to one rebate per address and one rebate per homeowner.

Eligible home upgrades:

- Roof replacement - up to \$2,000 (e.g., repairing old/damaged asphalt shingles)
- Roof upgrade - up to \$2,000 (e.g., replacing wood shake shingles with asphalt shingles)
- Deck upgrade - up to \$1,000 (e.g., replacing wood decking with a fire-resistant material)
- Window upgrade - up to \$1,000 (e.g., replacing single-pane windows with multi-pane windows)
- Fence/gate upgrade - up to \$1,000 (e.g., replacing wooden fences or gates that attach to the home with a fire-resistant material)
- Siding upgrade - up to \$4,000 (e.g., replacing vinyl siding with stucco)
- New home construction - eligible for a siding or decking upgrade rebate



WOOD BUFFALO
FireSmart™

How to receive a rebate:

STEP 1 - Get a free Home Assessment

Ask for a free FireSmart Home Assessment at rmwb.ca/FireSmart or by calling Pulse. Details on how to apply for a rebate will be provided during the assessment.



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RMWB...



Check out our website: www.careersnextgen.ca

For more information, please contact Sabrina:

P: 780-804-5181 | E: swatson@nextgen.org

We are a provincial non-profit organization that is dedicated to building strong, vibrant communities to enable youth on their path to rewarding careers.

Welcome Brianna to the team!

We are so pleased to have Brianna join us as our Indigenous Youth Career Coach. She is hard at work connecting with Indigenous youth and readying them for interviews and summer internships. She is also working closely with Indigenous communities to bring career exploration to their summer student programs.



Our Summer Internship Programs are starting up in July, we have been working with youths in communities throughout the school year to help support them in these employment exploration placements. We will be restarting the intake for the programs in September. For more Information, please contact us.



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Need Animal Control or Bylaw Services?

Do you want to report a problem?

Do you have bylaw-related questions?

Call Pulse at **780-743-7000** (or toll free **1-800-973-9663**) and someone will help you.



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RMWB...



Refresh your community and pick up the trash from winter

Get involved with the Adopt-A-Trail program or host a Community Cleanup event!

How can I register?

- Online at rmwb.ca/cleanup.
- By calling Pulse
- At your local municipal rural office.

Registration for both programs will close Sept.15, and all cleanup supplies must be returned by Sept. 30.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/cleanup.



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RMWB...

Join the Volunteer Fire Department

We need paid on-call members!



What we do:

We respond to fire emergencies, helping people and protecting property.

Who you are:

- Reliable and dedicated - with time for weekly training and the ability to respond

Learn more:

Call 780-743-7000 (toll free 1-800-973-9663) and someone from the fire department will contact you.



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THIS & THAT...

RCMP



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE



Are you
in trouble?

Yes...
I need
you to
keep this
secret.

**WARNING:
EMERGENCY
SCAMS!**

Did a family member recently call you because they were arrested?

Does someone you've met online need money for an overseas emergency?

Are you expecting money or a package, but now there's a problem?

Did the person on the phone mention something about:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A family member being arrested? | <input type="checkbox"/> Needing money for unexpected taxes or fees? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Needing money for a lawyer or bail? | <input type="checkbox"/> A courier coming to collect cash? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Needing money for a medical emergency? | <input type="checkbox"/> A gag order? (Not to talk to trusted people about the call/event/requested items) |

FRAUDSTERS ARE INVENTING THESE STRESSFUL SITUATIONS TO CONVINCE YOU TO GIVE THEM MONEY.



**They may claim to be police,
or tell you not to call police.**

Your RCMP detachment can help you to check if someone is trying to defraud you. We're just a phone call away and you can remain anonymous.

If you suspect you have been targeted contact the
Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at
1-888-495-8501 or **antifraudcentre.ca**

Contact your local police
rcmp.gc.ca

**Put your detachment contact
info here!!**



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada



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RCMP-GRC



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Body-worn cameras in action



Building a new
national standard
aimed at increasing
public trust.



To learn more:
rcmp.ca/en/body-worn-cameras

Contact us:
KBWC-DEMS@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

We want to hear your
feedback. Take the survey:



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada



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THIS & THAT...



Be BearSmart

DON'T FEED BEARS

These items have odours that could attract a bear to your property. Keep your yard clean and store what you can in the house or garage.

- garbage ■ birdseed ■ pet food ■ compost
- fruit-bearing trees and shrubs ■ jerry cans
- motor oil ■ anti-freeze ■ rubber ■ vinyl
- insect repellents ■ air fresheners
- scented candles ■ BBQs ■ cooking oil
- food odours coming from open windows
- food and drinks ■ pop cans and other empties
- rabbits, chickens, other small domestic animals
- grain and livestock feed

*Doing this can help prevent problems
with other kinds of wildlife, too.*

Alberta

BearSmart

www.bearsmart.alberta.ca

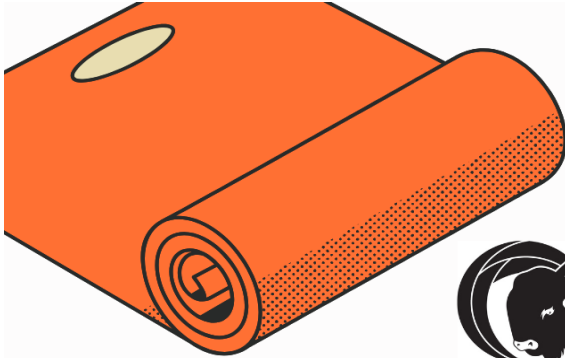
If the presence of a bear is a safety concern, contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife office at 310-0000 or, if after regular business hours, call Report a Poacher at 1-800-642-3800.

Alberta
Government

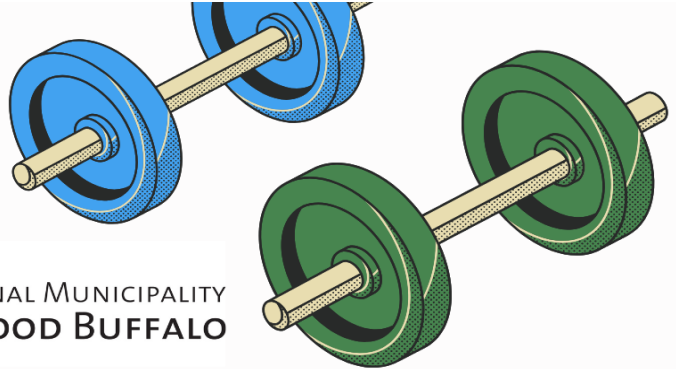


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COMMUNITY EVENTS...

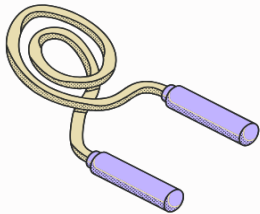
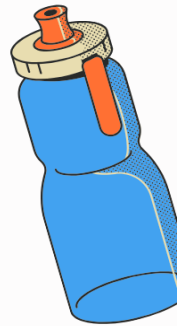


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JOIN US FOR WEEKDAY EVENING

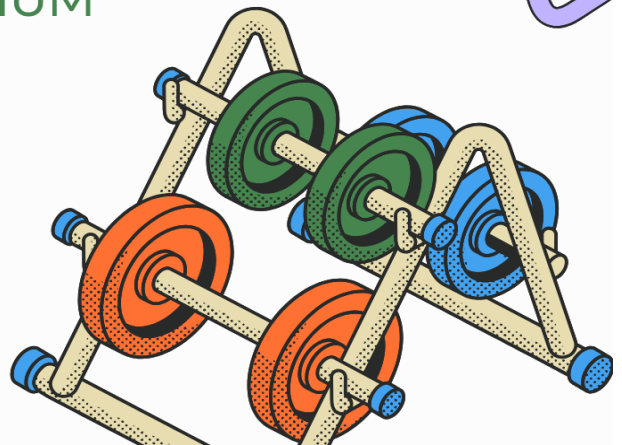
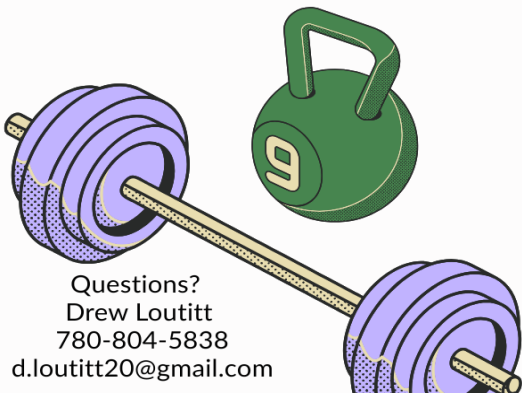
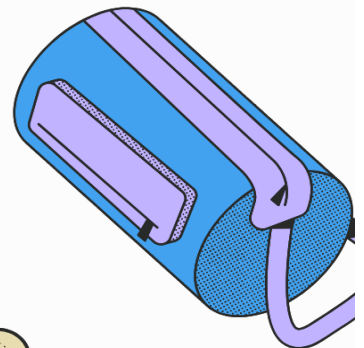
FITNESS CLASSES



Finish off your day, stay active,
and have fun in a supportive
environment!

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
TUESDAYS & THURS

YOUTH CENTRE
GYMNASIUM



Questions?
Drew Loutitt
780-804-5838
d.loutitt20@gmail.com



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COMMUNITY EVENT...

Lip Sync BATTLE



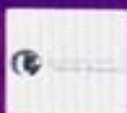
JULY 4TH 2025
7PM-10PM
MAMAWAI HALL

1ST 500.00
2ND 300
3RD 200

REGISTRATION IS ONLY FROM
6:30PM TO 7:30PM PLEASE COME
READY WITH PROPS AND
COSTUMES

AGES 12 AND UP TO ENTER

COME AND ENJOY THE NIGHT
LAUGHING AND CHEERING ON
YOUR FAVOURITE
CONTESTANT



FREE ENTRY!



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AQUATIC CENTRE...

JULY 2025

SONNY FLETT AQUATIC CENTRE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	CLOSED ON MONDAYS & TUESDAYS	1	2	3 3-8PM PUBLIC SWIM 7-8PM LIFEGUARD TRAINING	4 1-8PM PUBLIC SWIM 6-7PM SENSORY FRIENDLY SWIM 7-8PM LIFEGUARD TRAINING	5 1-8PM PUBLIC SWIM 7-8PM LIFEGUARD TRAINING
6 9AM-4PM PUBLIC SWIM 9:30-10:30 AM AQUA FIT 3-4PM SENSORY FRIENDLY SWIM	7	8	9 1-8PM PUBLIC SWIM 6-7PM AQUA FIT 7-8PM LIFEGUARD TRAINING	10 1-8PM PUBLIC SWIM 7-8PM LIFEGUARD TRAINING	11 1-8PM PUBLIC SWIM 6-7PM SENSORY FRIENDLY SWIM 7-8PM LIFEGUARD TRAINING	12 1-8PM PUBLIC SWIM 7-8PM LIFEGUARD TRAINING
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AQUATIC CENTRE...

SENSORY FRIENDLY SWIM

Sensory Friendly Swimming

Fridays 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Sundays 3:00pm - 4:00pm

For those with sensory challenges and their
families

Starting March 2025



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AQUATIC CENTRE...

AQUAFIT WITH JONATHAN



Starting February

Thursdays 6:00pm

Sundays 10:00am

Ages 16+



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AQUATIC CENTRE...

SFAC

We Are All About Families and Healthier Families Start Here

Sonny Flett Aquatic Centre

Admission Category	Drop In	Punch Cards	Monthly Pass
Youth & Teens (under 17 yrs)	\$1	\$4 (12 swims)	\$10
Elders	\$1	\$4 (12 swims)	\$10
Adults	\$2	\$9 (15 swims)	\$16
Family (2 Adults & 3 Youths)	\$5	\$18 (12 swims)	\$22
Flexible Family*	\$2	\$18 (12 swims)	\$22
Pay It Forward Swim Passes: Financial Assistance Opportunities**	\$1	\$12 (12 swims)	\$12
Aqua Fit Swim Pass	\$2	\$15 (12 swims)	n/a
Aquatics Training***			

Drop In: Enjoy the amenities this beautiful facility has too offer: Zero entry pool, access to tools for those with mobility issues, lazy river, large swim area with a designated swim lane, waterslide, hot tub and dry sauna.

Punch Cards: Do not expire. They have no cash value and are non-refundable or transferable

Monthly Pass: Expires on last day of each month. No cash value and are non-refundable or transferable.

***Flexible Family:** Many community elders are actively involved with their grandchildren, whether it be acting as a custodial parent or living in a multi-generational household. This admission category was made specially in mind for elder's special circumstances and fixed budgets.

****Financial Assistance Opportunities:** Part of our mission is to keep this facility accessible to everyone in our community – no one should be denied access due to financial hardships. This is made possible through community donations and single or bulk purchases of Pay It Forward Swim Passes that are provided those who need a helping hand.

*****Aquatics Training:** Aquatics training is offered free of charge courtesy of Syncrude. Please come to our facility and we will provide you with a registration form and training schedule.

HOURS	
Public Swim	
Wednesday - Friday	1:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday	1:00pm – 8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am – 4:00pm
Swimming Lessons	
Saturday	More info to come
School Lessons	More info to come
Aqua Fit	
Wednesday & Friday	More info to come
Aquatic Training	
Wednesday - Saturday	7:00pm – 8:00pm
CLOSED	Monday & Tuesday

July 2025 – Summer Fun

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Canada Day No Programming	2 9-10 Show & Tell Hour 10-11 Reading & Play 11-12 Indoor Craft 1-4 Outdoor Activity	3 9-10 Circle Time 10-11 Crafts 11-12 Gym Fun 1-3 Cooking Class 3-4 Outdoor Activity	4 9-10 Story Time 10-11 Gym Activity 11-12 Craft 1-3 Community Garden 3-4 Snack Time	5
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27	28	29	30	31	1	

ACTUA Stem Camp

YOUTH CENTRE...



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COLOURING FUN...





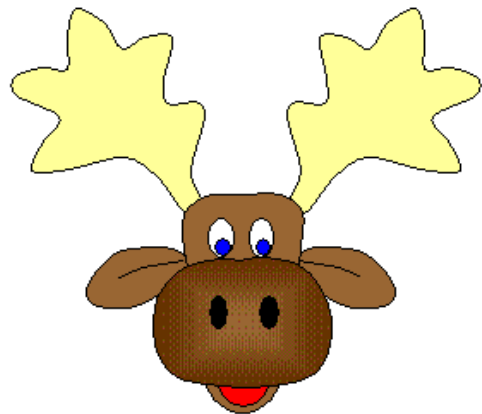
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WORD SEARCH FUN...

Canada Word Search

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G	O	O	S	E	B	W	Z	W	R	N	B	G	Q	X

deer	RCMP
elk	skates
goose	skiing
grizzly	sled
ice	snowboard
lacrosse	snowman
moose	syrup
mountains	Wild rose
Ottawa	





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 	2 Summer Fun Program Begins	3	4 Lip Sync Battle @ Hall	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 TTSS Awards Night	17	18 Metis Jamboree	19 Metis Jamboree
20	21	22	23	24	25 Beach Party Location TBD	26 Ball Hockey Tournament
27 Ball Hockey Tournament	28	29	30	31		
		<u>HAVE CHIP CHAT NEWS? CONTACT INFO...</u> E-mail: Tamera.Ellingson@rmwb.ca				