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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

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Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED
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Sunday:
9:00am-4:00pm
Stat Holidays: CLOSED
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RMWB...



Find us on:
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*For updates on Rural Happenings like our page on
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Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!



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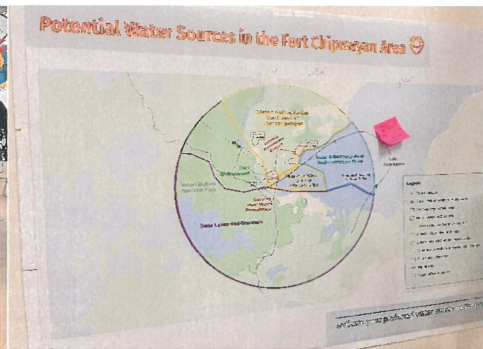
Fort Chipewyan Water Intake Relocation Feasibility Project

Thank you to everyone who came to the Fort Chipewyan Water Intake Relocation Feasibility Project open house last week.

The RMWB project team, including Denis Fraser, Director of Indigenous and Rural Relations, and the Director of Environmental Services, came to listen and learn from the community about where we should look for a future water source for the Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant.

Thank you as well to everyone who stopped by the next day to keep the conversation going. We truly appreciate you sharing your ideas, concerns and local knowledge with us. Your feedback is important and will help guide this work.

We look forward to returning to the community and continuing the conversation in the months ahead. In the meantime, anyone who would still like to share feedback can visit rmwb.ca/FCWaterIntake to learn more and complete the online survey, or stop by the Municipal Contact Office to fill out a paper survey by May 15.





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10-YEAR WILDFIRE ANNIVERSARY

Community members are invited to join together for a gathering to recognize the 10-year anniversary of the Horse River Wildfire. While this date brings mixed emotions for many, it's also a time to recognize the strength of the community and how far we have come together.

MAY 8 FORT CHIPEWYAN
Mamawi Hall • 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

MAY 19 ANZAC
Camp Yogi • 1 – 3 p.m.

MAY 30 CONKLIN
Multiplex • 2 – 4 p.m.

MAY 30 JANVIER
Municipal Office • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.



If you have questions, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000.



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RMWB...

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK BBQ

KNOW THE **RISKS**

— PLAN. PREPARE. PREVENT. —



May 8, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
kiyām Community Park

Join us for a hot dog and learn about ways to prepare your family and business for a possible emergency situation. RMWB Emergency Management and community partners will be onsite with information, activities and helpful tips.



Giving Hope Today



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



TAKE NOTICE that Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber located on the 1st Floor at 9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, Alberta, regarding the following matter:

Bylaw No. 26/013 – Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment to Change the Portable Sign Regulations

Administration is proposing text amendments to the portable sign regulations within Land Use Bylaw No. 26/001. The intent of the proposed changes is to provide clearer, more balanced, and more effective regulations that reflect best practice, engagement results, and feedback from key stakeholders. Under the Land Use Bylaw (LUB), a portable sign is defined as a sign that is mounted on a frame, stand or similar support which, together with the support, can be readily relocated to another location and used for short-term advertising.

A copy of all related documents may be inspected between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday by contacting:

- Planning and Development Services
(1st Floor, Jubilee Centre, Fort McMurray)
permit.inquiries@rmwb.ca
780-743-7000
- Legislative Services
(7th Floor, Jubilee Centre, Fort McMurray)
legislative.assistants@rmwb.ca
780-743-7001
- Viewing on the Municipality's website at www.rmwb.ca/hearings.

Participating in the Public Hearing:

- **If you would like to appear in-person before Council during the Public Hearing:**
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- You may register with Legislative Services prior to **12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 19, 2026, or prior to the start of the Public Hearing in the Council Chamber:**
 - o Register on-line at www.rmwb.ca/council; or
 - o Email legislative.assistants@rmwb.ca; or
 - o Call Legislative Services at 780-743-7001
- Your registration must include your full name, organization name (if required), address, telephone number, email address and clearly indicate support or opposition to the bylaw.
- **If you would like to make a written submission for Council's consideration at the Public Hearing:**
 - You must submit any written materials to the Chief Legislative Officer prior to **12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 19, 2026.**
 - o Submit on-line at www.rmwb.ca/council;
 - o Email Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca
 - Your submission must include your full name, organization name (if required), address, telephone number, email address and clearly indicate support or opposition to the bylaw.
 - It is at Council's discretion to accept submissions from those who have not submitted a request prior to the above noted timeline. Subject to Council's consent to speak at the Public Hearing, anyone who wishes to also distribute written material at the time of their presentation should bring 15 copies of their material for distribution.

We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. If you require an accommodation to participate, please include the details in your request to participate. Advanced notice is required as some accommodations can take time to arrange.

Please note written submissions are considered public documents, any information and materials you submit to Council for their consideration at the Public Hearing is added in its entirety to the agenda package, which is made available to the public and posted on the Municipality's website. Verbal submissions will have a maximum of 5 minutes to address Council. All submissions to the Public Hearing must be received prior to, or during, the Public Hearing. Submissions cannot be made following the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

DATED at Fort McMurray, Alberta this 29th day of April 2025.

Jade Brown
Chief Legislative Officer
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Emergency Preparedness Week is May 3-9

KNOW THE RISKS
— PLAN. PREPARE. PREVENT. —

Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere. Consider what you would need to do for emergency preparedness and response at the community, neighborhood, organization, household and personal levels.

Plan

Review your Community Emergency Management Plan for the specific risks for your community and evacuation routes at rmwb.ca/CEMP. Check Emergency Response Plans for your workplace and/or school.

Prepare

Make an emergency kit and a family plan. Visit rmwb.ca/eprep to learn what should go into an emergency kit and/or plan. Connect with your family and neighbours to arrange details.

Prevent

Get a home assessment from FireSmart and/or Fire Prevention to ensure your alarms are working, fire extinguishers have not expired, and fire fuels are stored away from the house.

Know the difference between an Evacuation Alert versus an Evacuation Order

EVACUATION ALERT	EVACUATION ORDER
 Be ready to leave on short notice	 You are at risk - leave now
 Have your grab-and-go bags ready	 Follow direction of local authorities



RMWB...

Join us throughout the week to discuss Emergency Preparedness for you and your family.

Activities

Children's Colouring Contest - Watch for information on municipal social media. Completed colouring sheets are due: May 9.

Events

May 4 - 10 AM-3:30 PM - **Let's Talk Preparedness BBQ in Anzac (Anzac Fire Hall)**

May 6 - 1:55 PM - **Alberta Emergency Alert Test**

May 8 - 11 AM-2 PM - **E-Prep event; Know the Risks BBQ in Fort McMurray (kiyam Park)**

Visit rmwb.ca/eprep for a complete list of activities and resources.



EMERGENCIES HAPPEN

Be prepared – Be ready

It may be important to **act fast** in an emergency. Think ahead now and reduce stress in urgent situations.

Stay informed. Follow the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) on social media, or visit RMWB.ca.

Facebook: [facebook.com/rmwoodbuffalo](https://www.facebook.com/rmwoodbuffalo) Twitter: [@RMWoodBuffalo](https://twitter.com/RMWoodBuffalo)

Scan for more info



Review your area's Community Emergency Guide at RMWB.ca/CEMP

In some emergencies you may need to evacuate. Have supplies to support you and your family for up to 72 hours.



Prepare a "Go Bag"

- GENERAL ITEMS**
- Cash, debit, credit cards
 - Important family documents
 - Phone and power cord/bank
 - Medication, medical equipment
 - Clothing
 - Personal hygiene items
 - Spare keys
 - Water / Non-perishable food
 - First aid kit
 - Flashlight, radio
- SPECIAL ITEMS:**
- Baby food, formula, and supplies
 - Pet food, supplies
 - Children's activities: like books or toys
 - Utensils, plates, cups
 - Basic tools



Keep your vehicle prepared

- Keep the gas tank more than half full. Make sure your vehicle is ready for our changing seasons.
- THE BASICS:**
- Water
 - Non-perishable bars
 - Blankets & Extra clothing (weather appropriate)
 - Extra shoes or boots
 - Candle in deep can and matches for light and heat
 - Seatbelt cutter
 - First-aid kit
 - Small shovel, scraper and snowbrush
 - Warning light or road flares
 - Battery-powered or crank flashlights/lamps
 - Phone charger
 - Whistle



Shelter-in-Place

"Shelter-in-place" refers to remaining inside your home, school, or place of work during certain emergencies. Based on the circumstances, emergency officials will let residents know if they should shelter-in-place.



Make a household emergency plan

Know your contacts. Have a plan for childcare arrangement. Have a list and copy of medical information. Talk with family and others. Write down and exercise your plan at least once a year.



Vulnerable Persons Registry

Would you need assistance to evacuate? Learn more about the Vulnerable Persons Registry at rmwb.ca/VPR. For more information call Pulse: 780-743-7000 or toll-free 1-800-973-9663

Review your area's Community Emergency Guide at RMWB.ca/CEMP



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CALL FOR STREET BANNER ARTWORK



Everyday Heroism, Local Legends

Artists 12 years and older are encouraged to submit artwork that showcases everyday heroism in Wood Buffalo and your work could be displayed on street banners throughout the region!

Submission deadline: May 21, 2026

Contact your Municipal office
or online at [rmwb.ca/banner](https://www.rmwb.ca/banner)



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...



Fundraising Opportunity!

- Local Organizations if you are interested, please submit a letter of interest for the annual Community Clean up
- Trash pickers, gloves and safety vests will be available for sign-out
- Please e-mail letter of interest to tamera.ellingson@rmwb.ca.
- Date for Community Clean-up—May 9th, 2026
- Deadline for submitting letter of interest—May 6th, 2026

Thank You!



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Community Wide **YARD SALE**



SATURDAY, MAY 30TH, 2026
11:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Join in on the fun and have a chance to win a prize!
Every household that participates will be entered for chance to win
\$250 in K'ai Taile Gift Cards! If you would like to be included on the
yard sale listings, please let me know no later than May 26th via
email to tamera.ellingson@rmwb.ca or send me a message!**



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...

ARCHIE SIMPSON ARENA



YEAR END

BBQ &

PAINT

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ICE!



MAY
15TH



4:00
PM



AT THE
ARENA

ALL AGES WELCOME!



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regional recreation
CORPORATION
of wood buffalo



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...



No More

Stolen Sisters

We remember and honor the lives of Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people and men who have been taken too soon

Join Us for a Community Gathering

Date: May 05, 2026

- Walk Starts at 11 am. At the Elders Care
- Please be there at 10:30 am for setup
- We will have sweaters for pick up, limited quantities
- BBQ Lunch to follow at the Hall
- Prayer and Drumming
- Moment of Silence

**Wear red to show your support.
Bring a photo or name to honor a
loved one.
Stand with us. Remember with us.**



**Every life matters. Every voice
matters.**

#MMIWG #NoMoreStolenSisters





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COMMUNITY EVENTS...



MOTHER'S DAY

BRUNCH &

BINGO



May 10th

12:00PM @ Mamawi

Hall

**Please Bring Bingo Dabbers - Sorry No
Children Allowed**

**Hosted by RMWB
with support from MCFN, ACFN & Fort Chip
Metis Nation**





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COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING...



Beaded Hoop Earrings

Workshop Times:
May 16th
1:00-5:00pm
@ The Youth Centre

Project Supplies
Provided FREE of
Charge

Ages 12+

ONLY 12 Spots Available - Comment Below or
contact Tamera to register



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING...

**Fitness Classes with
Drew will be paused
for the summer
months starting on
May 1st - we will
resume in the Fall**



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AQUATIC CENTRE...

aquafit

with Jonny

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00PM

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

AGES 16+



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YOUTH CENTRE...

May		2026		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3:05-5:00pm Programming for 6-11 yr olds 6:00-8:00pm Programming for 12-17 yr olds Saturdays 1:00-8:00 — All ages are welcome</p>										
3									1 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teens Choice	2 All Ages All Day Smoothie Saturday
4	3-5 Wii/ Gym Time 6-8 Pickleball							7 3-5 Mother's Day Craft 6-8 Fuse Beads	8 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teens Choice	9 All Ages All Day Hot Chocolate & Skating
10								14 3-5 Basketball/Park Fun 6-8 Teen Cooking (Nachos)	15 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teens Choice	16 All Ages All Day Beaded Wire Earrings with Jennifer—Sign up
17	Victoria Day Centre Closed							21 3-5 Crafts 6-8 Wii/ Boardgames	22 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teen Choice	23 All Ages All Day Homemade Pizzas & Hide and Seek
24	3-5 Basketball/ Park Fun 6-8 Pickleball							28 3-5 Basketball/ Park Fun 6-8 Air Hockey/ Pool	29 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teens Choice	30 All Ages All Day
5	3-5 Badminton 6-8 Teen Painting							6 3-5 Scratch Art 6-8 Teen Swim		
6										
11	3-5 Soccer Baseball 6-8 Pickleball							13 3-5 Soccer Baseball 6-8 Teen Swim	19 3-5 Board Games and Puzzles 6-8 Nintendo Switch	20 3-5 Dodgeball 6-8 Teen Swim
18	Victoria Day Centre Closed							26 3-5 Puzzles 6-8 Teen Boardgames	27 3-5 Crafts/ Board Games 6-8 Teen Swim	28 3-5 Basketball/ Park Fun 6-8 Air Hockey/ Pool



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COLOURING FUN...

FOR THE BEST MOM





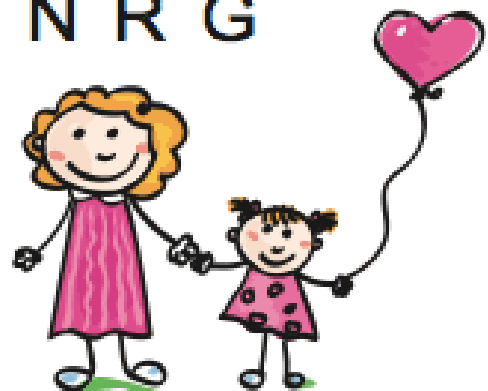
WORD SEARCH FUN...

MOTHER'S DAY

WORD SEARCH

W Y U P B U T D N I K
N R Q Z W N B T M Q T
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P B S I S R E A I U E
D W T I E M I C E Q Q
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P U N E S M O E R Z G
C I L V I M O R U G Q
P A I O K Y C H N A X
Y S F L O W E R S J O
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MOMMY	TEACHER
LOVE	KIND
HUGS	PATIENT
KISSES	NURSE
FLOWERS	COOKIES





MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4 Pow wow Lessons @ Youth Centre 6pm /Drop in Pickleball	5 Red Dress Day	6 Corn League @Youth Centre Gym 7pm	7	8	9 Community Clean-up @ Arena 9am
10 Mother's Day Event @ Hall 12pm	11 Pow wow Lessons @ Youth Centre 6pm /Drop in Pickleball	12	13 Corn League @Youth Centre Gym 7pm	14	15 Arena Year End BBQ/Paint the Ice 4:00pm	16
17	18 Victoria Day CLOSED	19	20 Come Try It Day/ Corn League @Youth Centre Gym 7pm	21	22	23
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