



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

A message from Councillor Jennifer Vardy

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Dear Wood Buffalo,

Summer has officially kicked off in Wood Buffalo, and my family and I are soaking in every minute of it. This month has been filled with many incredible local events and opportunities to learn and connect with residents from across the region. Although I represent the constituents of Ward 1 (Fort McMurray), **our council makes decisions that impact the whole region.** For that reason, I believe it is critical to visit and learn about the issues of all residents across the region.

Community Connections

- Attended **Canada Day** celebrations including the **Community Parade, Multicultural Pancake Breakfast, and MacDonald Island Park Family Fun Day.**
- Joined my Council colleagues at the **Hello Summer Festival.**
- Hosted **Council Connect at the Fort McMurray Giants** baseball game.
- Participated in Council Connect at the **Fort Chipewyan Métis Jamboree.**
- Participated in Council Connect at the **Tthebatthie Dënesųliné Nation Treaty Days.**
- Participated in the Suncor Water and Reclamation Tour to learn more about environmental stewardship and reclamation efforts in our region.

Boards & Committees

This month I continued my work serving on several regional boards and committees:

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

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Visiting Our Northern Communities

One of the highlights of July was travelling to Fort Fitzgerald, Fort Smith (NWT), and Fort Chipewyan. During the trip, I had the opportunity to meet with newly elected Chief Karen Youngman of the Tthebatthie Dënesųłiné Nation and attend Treaty Days celebrations. I also travelled to Fort Chipewyan where I met with Métis President Ruby Ladouceur, attended the Fort Chipewyan Métis Jamboree, and toured the newly completed Sakastew Homes Elders Housing development. The visit also provided valuable time on the land and river with community members, learning more about the rich history, culture, and traditions that make our northern communities so special.

Indigenous Procurement Policy Approved

At the June 15 Council meeting, Council approved the Municipality's Indigenous Procurement Policy (FIN-290). The policy is intended to reduce barriers to participation while supporting the continued growth and capacity-building of Indigenous businesses. It also formalizes the Municipality's commitment to a transparent, fair, and equitable procurement framework.

Council Recess

Reminder that our council is on **summer recess from July 22 to August 24, 2026**. During this time, there will be no regularly scheduled council meetings. Some members of council (like me!) may be on holiday, and response times via phone, email and social media may vary.

with gratitude,
Jennifer 

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