

March 2025

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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

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

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Saturday :

2:00—10:00pm

Sunday & Stat Holidays

CLOSED

Ph: (780) 697-3829

Aquatic Centre Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED

Wednesday-Saturday:

1:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday:

9:00am-4:00pm

Stat Holidays: CLOSED

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Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!





Upcoming changes to utility billing for water and sewer services



As of April 1, 2025, updated flat rates will take effect to align with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Fees, Rates, and Charges Bylaw (Bylaw 24/026).

We have identified that some properties in Fort Chipewyan do not have active utility accounts. The Municipality will work with property owners to ensure proper account setup and billing.

To support residents through this transition, the Municipality will be holding community meetings where you will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive more information about these changes.

Additional resources, including step-by-step guidance on setting up your utility account, will be available online at rmwb.ca/utilitychanges and in person at the Municipal Office.

We understand that changes like this can raise questions, and we are committed to providing clear and transparent information to support you through this process. If you have questions, or for more information, please contact the Municipality through Pulse at 780-743-7000 or visit rmwb.ca/utilitychanges.



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Fort Chipewyan

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & BINGO



Date

March 5th, 2025



Location

Mamawi Hall



Details

- Community BINGO
- Presentation
- Meal



Time

5:00pm-8:00pm

Topics For Discussion

1. Land Use Bylaw
2. Naming Fort Chipewyan Winter Road
3. 4 Hole Golf Course
4. Utilities
5. Commemoration





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Step up in an emergency

Be the Helping Hand When It Matters Most - Volunteer with the Emergency Social Services team

Join a team that helps residents during an emergency or disaster.

- Build your knowledge, confidence, and experience.
- No experience required. Training will be provided.

Apply online today

For more information call:

- [780-743-7000](tel:780-743-7000)
- Toll Free [1-800-973-9663](tel:1-800-973-9663)

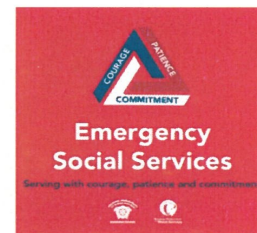


What we do:

Emergency Social Services helps people during large emergencies or incidents in the Municipality.

Who we are:

Volunteers, community partners, and municipal employees who work together under the Emergency Management Branch of Regional Emergency Services.





New Land Use Bylaw being presented to Council March 24

A new Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is being presented to Council for consideration at a Public Hearing on March 24, 2025, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Jubilee Centre. Community members are encouraged to share their thoughts about the LUB with Council during the Public Hearing.

What is the Land Use Bylaw (LUB)?

The LUB regulates the use and development of land and buildings within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to support safe and sustainable growth. The current LUB has been in place since 1999 and needs to be replaced to respond to the changes over the past 25 years and community needs.



Developed through extensive public engagement, the new Land Use Bylaw is user-friendly with updated regulations that address community needs and will support responsible development and economic growth in the region by providing greater flexibility for new development.

Review the draft LUB and the public engagement What We Heard Report at participate.rmwb.ca/LUB

Register to participate in the Public Hearing by noon on March 17

If you would like to share your thoughts about the new LUB with Council, you must register with Legislative Services before 12:00 noon, Monday, March 17, 2025. Residents can share their thoughts in-person or by sending in a written submission.

- Register on-line at www.rmwb.ca/publichearingsubmission
- Email legislative.assistants@rmwb.ca
- Call Legislative Services at 780-743-7001. (*only for in-person presentations)

Tune in to watch the Public Hearing live on the [RMWB Youtube channel](#) or on the local Rogers TV station.

Find more information in the LUB Public Notice and at rmwb.ca/council



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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

What is it?

- A voluntary program that offers a safe, respectful way to promote healing after harm has occurred.
- Allows offenders to take responsibility for their actions and allows the community to see its role in contributing to reconciliation.
- Provides an opportunity for everyone involved to have a voice and determine actions and outcomes to ensure accountability.

Learn more:

- The Restorative Justice Advisor will be in **Conklin** on March 3, and in **Fort Chipewyan** on March 5-7, to provide presentations for leadership or community members who are interested in learning more.

Restorative Justice Contact Information:

- Phone: 780-788-4253
- Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250
- Email: restorative.justice@rmwb.ca

Get involved.

We need committed volunteers to help! Please contact us.



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2025 Street Banner Art Call

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo invites artists and creatives 12 years of age and older residing in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to showcase their artistic talent.

This year's Street Banner design contest theme is **WHEELS IN MOTION**. Celebrate pathfinding and transportation in the region. Let imagination and innovation drive the *Wheels in Motion!*

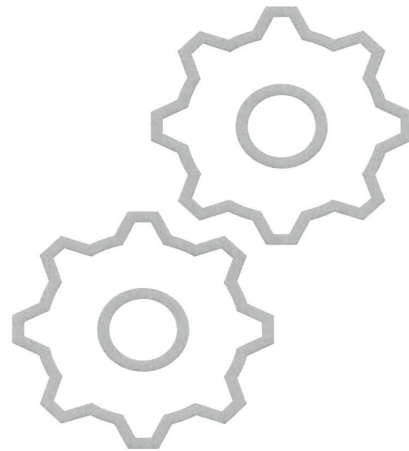
Art paper for Street Banner submissions can be picked up at the Municipal Office or by contacting PULSE at 780-743-7000.

New this year! Rural designs will be selected for rural communities. Designs must meet guidelines and criteria. Selected rural designs will receive a full-sized banner.

All designs will be included for the chance to be selected as one of the 14 designs featured in Fort McMurray. If selected as one of these 14 designs, a design fee will also be awarded.

Deadline to submit is May 1 at 4 p.m.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/banner.





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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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A provincial non-profit organization dedicated to building strong, vibrant communities to enable youth on their path to rewarding careers.



**CO-OP application deadline is
April 3rd, 2025.**

CAREERS CO-OP Apprenticeship Program

The CO-OP program is available for youth aged 18-25 who are interested in starting their apprenticeship in the trades. Interested candidates must attend a mandatory information session. You can attend one of the sessions outlined below in Fort McMurray or we can bring the presentation to your community. To register for an information session, please contact Anika Campbell by phone – **647-220-2052** or by email coopdocuments@nextgen.org.

Date	Time
March 4, 2025	10:00am
March 6, 2025	6:00pm

Employers Looking for Summer Staff

Are you looking to hire a summer student this year? CAREERS is working with local high school students to find summer internships in a variety of fields. We can also provide financial support for hiring. The Youth Internship Incentive Program is designed to increase the number of employers supporting work-integrated learning internships in trades, technologies, and in-demand occupations. This financial incentive supports new employers to offer CAREERS internships, and existing employers to expand their ability to provide more internships, and employers to support more internships.

Fort Chipewyan Learning Circle

CAREERS will be hosting a Learning Circle event for high school students at the Mamawi Community Hall on **March 4** from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Meet employers from across the region and take part in hands-on, skill building activities. Email Ali Grinham for more details: agrinham@nextgen.org.

Check out our website: www.careersnextgen.ca

If you are interested in learning more about any of these programs, please contact Ali Grinham, who will be happy to meet with you in person, virtually, or by phone to provide the details on how to apply.

P: 587-442-7628 | E: agrinham@nextgen.org



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Victim Wood
services Buffalo

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** - March 5-7 - Court/Restorative Justice
- **Fort McKay** - March 13 and March 27
- **Conklin** - March 3 and March 17 at the CRDAC office and school
- **Janvier** - March 5 and March 19
- **Anzac/FMFN 468** - March 6 and March 20

Wood Buffalo Victim Services

Phone: 780-788-4250

Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

Email: victim.services@rmwb.ca



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...

Got Junk?? Sell anything you want!

Spring Flea MARKET



**Sunday, April 6th
1-4pm Mamawi Hall**

**To Register as a vendor please TEXT name to 780-788-0705
before April 3rd - Only 15 vendors will be accepted!**

Hosted by: RMWB & MCFN



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...

Seniors Luncheon & Bingo

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

12:00pm Mamawi Hall

All Community Seniors Welcome

Please Bring Bingo Dabbers!

Host Sponsor: RMWB

Sponsors: ACFN, MCFN, FCMN



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...



Wednesday, March 19th

Doors Open 5:30PM - Mamawi Hall

Strip of 3 cards \$5 each (5 series in booklet)

Bingo Dabbers \$5 each

**Children 8 & under must be accompanied by a parent
or guardian**

**Canteen Hosted by ADCS Travel Club - come out and
support our students**



Host Sponsor: RMWB
Sponsors: ACFN, MCFN, FCMN



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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...

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...

WINTER SWIM LESSONS

Wednesdays from February 5th - March 26th

Swimmers 4 - 6 - Ages 6 - 12 3:30pm - 4:00pm

Swimmers 1 - 3 - Ages 6 - 12 4:15pm - 4:45pm

Parent & Preschool - Ages 4 months - 3 years
6:00pm - 6:30pm

Teen/Adult - Ages 13+ 6:45pm - 7:15pm

Saturdays from February 1st - March 29th

Parented - Ages 4 months - 3 years
1:00pm - 1:30pm

Swimmers 1 - 3 Ages 6 - 12 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Preschool - Ages 3 - 6 2:30pm - 3:00pm

Swimmers 4 - 6 Ages 6 - 12 3:30pm - 4:00pm

Ask our Guest Services Team for more details



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YOUTH CENTRE...

<div> <div>March</div> <div>2025</div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <div> <div>3:00-5:00pm Programming for 6-11 yr olds</div> <div>6:00-9:30pm Programming for 12-17 yr olds</div> </div> <div>Saturdays—All ages are welcome</div> </div>						
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	3-5 Wii Time/Free Gym Play 6-930pm Free Time	3-5pm St Patrick's Painting 6-930pm Random Crafts	3-5pm Puzzle Time 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool 8-930—Free Time	3-5pm Youth Choice Craft 6-930 pm Floor Hockey	3-5pm Movie & Popcorn 6- 930pm Movie & Popcorn	2-10pm Free Time (all ages)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	3-5 Wii Time/Free Gym Play 6-930pm Free Time	3-5pm St Patrick's Painting 6-930pm Random Crafts	3-5pm Puzzle Time 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool 8-930—Free Time	3-5pm Youth Choice Craft 6-930 pm Floor Hockey	3-5pm Movie & Popcorn 6- 930pm Movie & Popcorn	2-10pm Free Time (all ages)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	3-5 Wii Time/Free Gym Play 6-930pm Free Time	3-5pm Gym Play 6-930pm Dream Catchers	3-5pm Modeling Clay Fun 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool 8-930—Free Time	3-5pm Free Play 6-930pm Floor Hockey	Valentines Party @ Youth Centre 3-5PM	2-10pm Free Time (all ages)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	3-5 St Patricks Day Party 6-930pm Free Time	3-5pm Soccer Base-ball 6-930pm Teen Paint Night	3-5pm Free Gym Play 6-8pm Family Bingo 8-930—Free Time	3-5pm Fuse Beads 6-930 pm Floor Hockey	6-9pm Glow Party	2-10pm Free Time (all ages)
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	3-5 Wii Time/Free Gym Play 6-930pm Free Time	3-5pm Gym Play 6-930pm Lanyards	3-5pm Traditional Craft 6-8pm Swimming @ Pool	3-5pm Youth Choice Craft/Play Doh 6-930pm Floor Hockey	3-5pm Movie & Popcorn 6- 930pm Movie & Popcorn	2-10pm Free Time (all ages)



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



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WORD SEARCH FUN...

St Patrick's Day

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31					1 Hockey Camp
2 Hockey Camp	3 Suncor Career Fair	4 High School Careers Awareness Workshop	5 RMWB Community Engagement & Bingo	6	7 International Women's Day Luncheon	8
9	10	11 Community Seniors Luncheon	12	13	14 Throwback Movie Night	15
16	17 	18	19 Community Family Bingo	20	21	22 Healing Fort Chip Event
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

HAVE CHIP CHAT NEWS? CONTACT INFO...
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