



The Insider, April 20

Find out what's new at the RMWB on April 20, 2026

Horse River Wildfire: Reflecting on 10 years

As the 10-year anniversary of the Horse River wildfire approaches, we're taking time to recognize this milestone and the many ways it continues to shape the region and our organization.

This anniversary means different things to different people. Some staff lived through the wildfire firsthand. Others joined the organization years later and have learned about it through colleagues and shared experiences. All of these perspectives are valued.

Share your story

To mark the anniversary, a special edition of The Insider will be released on May 1, focused on reflection, hope, and the lasting impact of the wildfire on our culture and values today.

If you're interested in contributing, you may wish to reflect on one of the following questions:

- What lesson from the wildfire—learned personally or observed over time—still resonates with you today?

- What moment, value, or change stands out to you when you think about how the community has grown since 2016?
- If you joined the organization after 2016, what have you learned about the wildfire and its impact through the people and culture around you?

Share your story with [The Insider](#) by April 30.

Support and resources

We recognize that reflecting on this anniversary may bring up difficult emotions.

Support is available through the Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP), Calm, and curated wellness resources.

Learn more by visiting the [Employee Well-being intranet page](#) on My RMWB.

Dominoes for a cause at Jubilee Centre

Last Friday, members of the **Planning and Development Services** and **Project Management Office** teams turned an epic game of dominoes into a powerful act of giving. Using food donations, the teams built a creative domino chain that filled part of the Jubilee Centre lobby with excitement - and generosity.

Thanks to everyone who donated and participated, a total of **202 lbs of food** was collected and donated to the **Wood Buffalo Food Bank**, helping to support community members in need.

Make your garden sunny with the 2026 Seed of the Year

Celebrate the year of therapeutic gardening with the 2026 Seed of the Year – a sunflower mix!

These flowers bloom in shades of gold, orange, bronze and burgundy. Plant them after the last frost in a full sun location and they'll mature by mid-to-late summer (at a height of 5 to 7 feet).

Pick up your seed packet at the RMWB booth at the **Spring 2026 Trade Show & Artisan Market** this weekend!

Packets will also be available at Jubilee Centre next week.

Community Cleanup starts April 22

In Earth Day style, the Community Cleanup program starts on **April 22!**

Register as a group or as an individual and help beautify the community.

Here's a reminiscent photo of the Strategic Communications team and friends who previously participated in the Community Cleanup Kickoff event (coming on May 14, mark your calendars!).

Register (in two days) at rmwb.ca/Cleanup.

Pet photo winners!

Congratulations to our three random pet photo winners: **Anita Hawkins**, **Heather MacKay**, and **Robert Abel**!

Thank you again to everyone who participated and shared their adorable (and often hilarious) pet photos. They brought plenty of smiles across the organization!

Staff snapshots: Where we are & what we're up to

A winning combo during lunch with Legislative Services

The Legislative Services team enjoyed a delicious and lively lunchtime potluck and bingo event last week!

Organized by **Megan Langille**, there was plenty of great food, laughter, and even a few prizes up for grabs. What a fantastic way for the team to connect and unwind together.

A special shout-out goes to **Breanna Wallace**, Rural Relations, who helped make the bingo extra special. Wanting the real bingo experience, the team was grateful for Breanna's guidance, which ensured everyone could fully participate and enjoy the game.

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