

DRAPER ROAD NEWS



September 2025

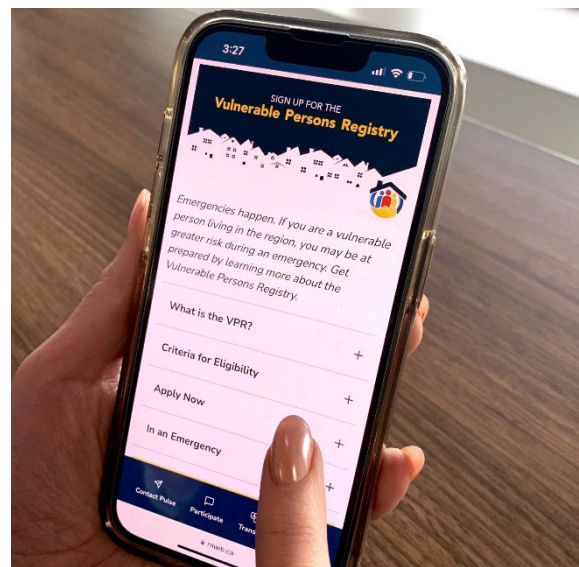
SIGN UP FOR THE **Vulnerable Persons Registry**



Emergencies happen. If you are a vulnerable person living in the region, you may be at greater risk.

Apply to be added to the Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) - a free, voluntary and confidential service for residents living at home who would be at greater risk during emergencies.

To sign up or learn more visit –
rmwb.ca/vpr



Start preparing for the RMWB election on Oct. 20

Advance voting for the municipal and school trustee elections will start in less than 60 days in the RMWB. Preparations are well underway at the Municipality and it's time for you and all residents to start preparing as well.

Find everything you need to know about the municipal and school trustee elections – including voting options, job opportunities, reasons why you should vote, and a list of candidates – at rmwb.ca/election.

Key Election Dates

Noon, Sept. 22 – Nomination deadline for candidates

Sept. 23 – Deadline for candidates to submit candidate profile information

Oct. 3 – 17 – Advance voting days for Ward 1

Oct. 15 and 16 – Advance voting days for Wards 2, 3 and 4

Oct. 20 – Election Day

Learn about your choices in this election with candidate profiles

The RMWB will be featuring candidate profiles for Mayor and Councillor on its election webpage in late September to help voters inform themselves on their choices. While candidates will have the opportunity to add profile information to the RMWB website, it is optional and many candidates have their own websites and social media accounts.

Changes to election laws mean hand-counted ballots, slower results

Every municipality in Alberta – including the RMWB – will be hand-counting ballots for the Oct. 20 election instead of using vote tabulators. This is because of changes to election laws made by the Government of Alberta.

Previously, unofficial election results could be known by election night through the use of vote tabulators. Tabulators have been used for decades in Alberta. Using hand-counting, it's expected that the 2025 election count will take at least three days to complete.

Still have questions about the 2025 municipal election? Contact Pulse with your questions at rmwb.ca/pulse or 780-743-7000

Visiting Fort McMurray? RMWB Transit has introduced significant changes

On August 22, a new and improved Transit system replaced all routes with high-frequency core routes, neighbourhood routes and Transit On Demand. If you're visiting Fort McMurray and planning to use RMWB Transit, plan ahead and review the new routes and schedules.

There are no changes to **rural transit** or **fares**.

Highlights:

- 2 high-frequency core routes with longer hours & shorter wait times.
- 7 neighbourhood routes during high-ridership times.
- Book a ride when neighbourhood routes aren't available using RMWB Transit On Demand.
- Main Street Terminal is closed and two new stops have been added on Franklin Avenue.

Plan ahead:

- Check the new routes & schedules at **rmwb.ca/transit**.
- Learn more about Transit On Demand at **rmwb.ca/OnDemand**.
- School route information is available at **rmwb.ca/SchoolTransit**.



Help shape your community - join an RMWB board or committee!

Wood Buffalo needs your energy and perspective for important projects and initiatives across the region!

Get involved, gain valuable experience and network with like-minded residents by applying to join a Council-appointed board or committee.

There are more than 70 vacancies among nearly 20 Municipal boards and committees. Vacancies will be posted in early September. Apply for an open position at rmwb.ca/boards, or at your local municipal office.

What are the benefits of serving on an RMWB board or committee?

Joining a board or committee is a great opportunity for professional growth – members work alongside other community leaders and help advise Mayor and Councillors on important matters that impact your community.

Are meetings accessible for rural and Indigenous residents?

Distance doesn't have to be an obstacle – you can attend most board and committee meetings remotely by video call. Rural board and committee members will also be reimbursed mileage expenses for driving to attend meetings in person.

Which board and committee positions are currently open to apply for?

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| • Advisory Committee on Aging | • Regional Recreation |
| • Assessment Review Board | • Corporation Board |
| • Combative Sports | • Public Art Committee |
| • Commission | • Regional Library Board |
| • Communities in Bloom | • Subdivision and Development |
| • Community Identification | • Appeal Board |
| • Committee | • Vehicle for Hire Committee |
| • Community Standards Appeal | • Waterfront Advisory |
| • Committee | • Committee |
| • Development Advisory | • Wood Buffalo Housing and |
| • Committee | • Development Corporation |
| • Downtown Revitalization | |
| • Advisory Committee | |
| • Fort McMurray Airport | |
| • Authority | |
| • Homelessness Initiatives | |
| • Strategic Committee | |
| • Regional Advisory Committee | |
| • on Inclusion, Diversity & | |
| • Equity | |

**For questions or to get help applying
for a vacancy, contact Pulse at 780-
743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-
9663**

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



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.

WHERE ARE SUPPORTS NEEDED?

Your feedback is shaping a 10-year strategy to strengthen safety and social well-being, identifying community priorities in supports for seniors and Elders, programs for youth and children, transportation, and cultural services.

Stay involved and informed

- Participate online at rmwb.ca/socialwellbeing
- Complete a paper survey or quick poll at your local municipal office
- Chat at an upcoming rural community open house



Feedback will help show where supports are strong, where gaps exist, and how to improve access and connection.

rmwb.ca/socialwellbeing



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RMWB 2025 Elections

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR COUNCIL IN 2025?

You can learn more about what's involved in becoming an elected official, ask questions and connect with election staff who are here to support you through the process

RURAL RESIDENTS CAN:

- Book a virtual or phone conversation by emailing elections@rmwb.ca or calling **780-743-7001**
- Stop by your local municipal office for info and materials

Learn more about running for Council at rmwb.ca/candidate



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Candidate nominations open for 2025 municipal election

New rules in place for campaigning, find more information at rmwb.ca/elections

Candidate nominations are now open to all eligible residents interested in running for the position of RMWB mayor, councillor or school board trustee.

New rules are in place for 2025 municipal election

Changes to the [Local Authorities Elections Act](#) require candidates to submit a notice of intent to appear on the official register of candidates before accepting campaign donations and incurring expenses. In addition, all candidates must complete the nomination process to appear on the ballot.

The general election for the RMWB and all municipalities in Alberta will be held on Oct. 20, 2025.

Call for candidate nominations

Nominations are now being accepted from candidates for the upcoming 2025 municipal election. Prospective candidates must file their notice of intent and complete the nomination process by **noon on Monday, Sept. 22, 2025**.

Find the notice of intent form, nomination forms, required documentation and additional information for interested candidates at rmwb.ca/elections.

Potential candidates with questions or in need of assistance, can contact the Elections Office through Pulse at 780-743-7000 or email elections@rmwb.ca and a Legislative Services staff member will assist.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

WOOD BUFFALO SENIOR SOCIAL

SEPTEMBER
23RD

FORT MCKAY
COMMUNITY
CENTRE

12-3 PM

Come join us for an afternoon filled with good company and food! There will be a free dinner, bingo, and music!

Transportation available!

RSVP by September 15th

To register:

Conklin/Fort McMurray/Fort McKay: 780-559-2235

Anzac: 780-334-2298

Janvier: 780-559-2230



Community Policing - presentations available

The Wood Buffalo Community Policing Unit has a great list of presentations they can bring to communities when requested.

Available presentations

- A Career in the RCMP - Gr 7-Adult
- ATV Safety - Gr 10-Adult
- Being a Good Citizen - ECDP-Gr 6
- Being a Mountie - ECDP-Gr 6
- Bicycle Safety - ECDP-Gr 6
- Bullying (includes Cyberbullying) - ECDP-Gr 9
- Consent - Gr 7-Adult
- Crime Scene Investigations - ECDP-Adult
- Drug Awareness
 - For Teens (cannabis, alcohol, vaping and opioid awareness) - Gr 7-12
 - For Adults (includes clandestine drug labs, methamphetamines, opioids)
- Fraud & Identity Theft - Adult
- Halloween Safety - ECDP-Gr 6
- History of the Force - Gr 4-Adult
- Online Safety (includes Cyberbullying) - ECDP-Gr 6
- Online Safety (include Cyberbullying, Social Media & the Law) - Gr 7-Adult
- Personal Safety - ECDP-Adult
- Police & Canadian Law (for New Canadians) - Gr 10-Adult
- Property Crime Prevention - Adult
- Restorative Justice - Gr 9-Adult
- Senior Safety - Adult
- Sexting - Gr 7-Adult
- Traffic
 - Impaired Driving (Alcohol & Drugs) - Gr 9-Adult
 - Distracted Driving - Gr 9-Adult
 - Winter Driving - Gr 9-Adult
- Unhealthy Relationships/Dating Violence - Gr 7-Adult
- Youth Criminal Justice Act - Gr 7-Adult



Want a presentation?

Contact us if you'd like a presentation for your group, class or community at communitypolicing@rmwb.ca or call 780-788-4040 and ask for the Community Policing Coordinator.



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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.

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.

Join the Volunteer Fire Department

We need paid on-call members!



What we do:

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

What you have:

- Valid Class 5 license. (Q endorsement is even better)
 - Time for weekly training and ability to respond

Interested?

Contact: Regional Emergency Services: 780-792-5500

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.



RMWB.ca/ESSVolunteer

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.



COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Small actions make a
big impact!

Register at

[rmwb.ca/cleanup.](https://rmwb.ca/cleanup)



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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.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

PULSE (MUNICIPAL SWITCH BOARD)	1-800-973-9663 780-743-7000	PULSE@RMWB.CA	RMWB.CA/PULSE
COMMUNITY CONTACTS:		SOCIAL MEDIA:	
RCMP	780-788-4000	 @WOODBUFFALORURALCOMMUNITYCONNECTION  @RMWOODBUFFALO  @RMWOODBUFFALO	
FISH & WILDLIFE	780-743-7200		
HEALTH LINK	811		
ALL EMERGENCIES	911		





To submit information to the newsletter please email:

Info.rr@rmwb.ca

Deadline for October Newsletter submissions: **September 25th, 2025**



COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	¹ RIBFEST Centerfire Place 11-7	² Youth Craft Night Nistawoyou 5-8 PM	³ Youth Craft Night Nistawoyou 5-8 PM	⁴ Beading Workshop Nistawoyou 1-4 PM	⁵ First Responders Golf Tournament Miskanaw 2 PM 	⁶ RES Pancake Breakfast Fire Hall 1 9-12 PM
⁷ Magic in the Meadow Fairytale Wellness & HorsemanShip 1-4 PM	⁸ Youth Craft Night Nistawoyou 5-8 PM	⁹ FASD Awareness BBQ Kiyam Park 11-3 PM	¹⁰ Oil Sands Expo Suncor Community Leisure Centre 10-4 PM	¹¹ Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service Fire Hall 5 10:30-12 PM	¹² ATC Cultural Festival J Howard Pew Memorial Park 	¹³ ATC Cultural Festival J Howard Pew Memorial Park
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