YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO

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Closed:
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Fitness Room Hours:

Monday to Sunday
9:00am—10:00pm
Stat Holidays: CLOSED

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Youth Centre Hours

Monday to Friday
1:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday 12:00 –8:00pm

CLOSED Sunday & Stat Holidays
Ph: (780) 697-3829

Aquatic Centre Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED
Wednesday-Saturday:
1:00pm-8:00pm
Sunday:
9:00am-4:00pm
Stat Holidays: CLOSED
Ph: 780-697-0196

Facility Bookings — 780-697-3600

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Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!

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The Rural Sharing Network

The Rural Sharing Network supports the social profit sector with relationship building and networking of services offered to rural communities in effort to address gaps to meet the needs of rural residents.

The Rural sharing network is open to community members and services providers. Coming together in collaboration to learn about the services available in community, identifying the needs of the community and understanding service gaps while working together to better service rural communities is the common goal.

Are you a service provider in the RMWB that would like to connect within the rural communities?

Please reach out to Aimee McCamon - aimee.mccamon@rmwb.ca

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Where, when, and how many?

We are reviewing rules around **portable signs** in the region. Your feedback on spacing, placement and more will help inform if portable sign regulations need to be updated – and how.

What are portable signs? They're signs that are mounted on a frame, stand or similar support that can be easily relocated to another location.

Learn more at **rmwb.ca/PortableSigns**.

Take the survey

01. Please tell us about yourself:

Select one answer only
◯ I use portable sign(s) for my business/organization.
◯ I work for a business/organization but do not currently use portable signs.
◯ I own or work for a sign company.
◯ I am a resident in the RMWB.
◯ Other

02. Should portable signs be temporary or permanent?

Select one answer only
◯ Temporary
◯ Permanent

03. If portable signs are temporary, how long should they be allowed on a site?

Select one answer only
◯ Three months per year
◯ Six months per year
◯ Nine months per year

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04. What is the ideal separation distance between portable signs?

Select one answer only
◯ 30 metres
◯ 50 metres
◯ 75 metres
◯ 100 metres
◯ Other

05. How many portable signs should be allowed on one property?

Select one answer only
◯ Only one portable sign per property, no matter how large the property is.
◯ One portable sign per property, but only if the property is at least 30 metres wide.
◯ Up to two signs per property, as long as the required separation distance rules are met.
◯ No limit, as long as the signs follow the required separation distance rules.

06. Please provide any additional comments related to portable signs.

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RMWB...

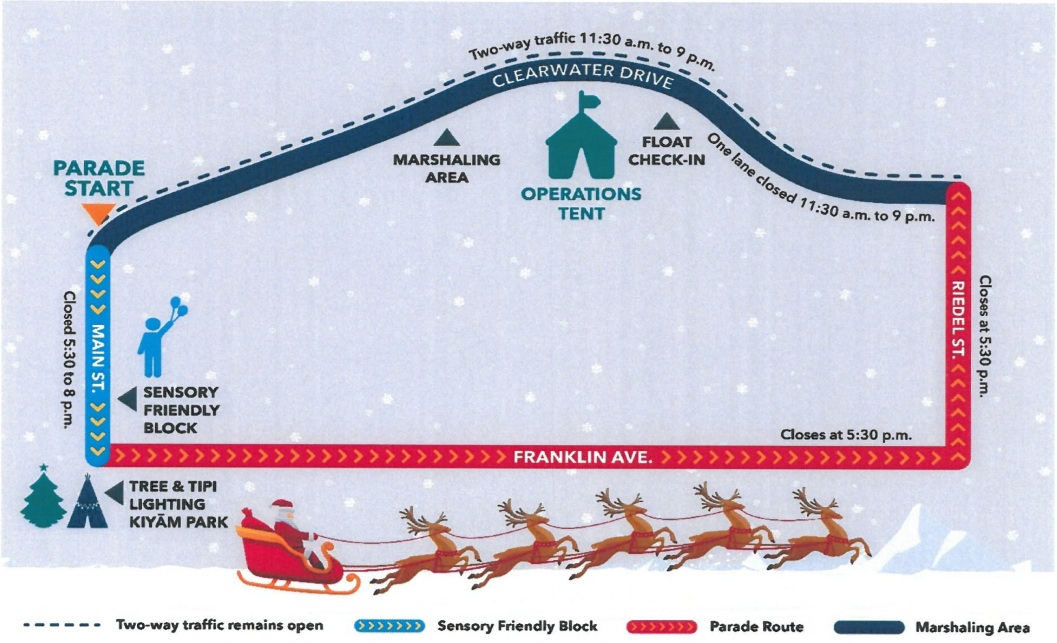
Get ready for the Santa Claus Parade!

Santa Claus comes to town on **Saturday, December 6, 2025!**

Council's Starry Night begins at 5 p.m. at kiyām Community Park for the lighting of the community tree and tipi.

The Santa Claus Parade will follow at 6 p.m. along Franklin Avenue, featuring colourful floats, community spirit and of course Santa Claus himself.

The parade will begin on Main Street, which is the designated sensory-friendly zone, lights and sounds will start at the intersection of Main Street and Franklin Avenue, then continue south on Franklin Avenue, ending at Riedel Street.



Float registration

There's still time to register! Deadline extended until **Monday, Nov. 24.** Don't miss your chance to join the fun!

Be sure to review the Rules and Regulations and Insurance Requirements before submitting your application.

Register here.

CENSUS JOBS

Statistics Canada is hiring in your community for the 2026 Census!

- Use your local knowledge to help conduct the census.
- Develop skills that employers are looking for.
- Learn how census data can help plan services like employment, childcare, schools, and healthcare.
- Your contribution to the census can help your community plan and shape its future—apply now!

Important to know

- There are hundreds of jobs available across Nunavut and Nunavik.
- Pay is **$35.79 per hour** for non-supervisory positions and **$37.79 per hour** for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.
- The time frame for census jobs is between January and April 2026, depending on the position and location.
- You must be available to work flexible hours including days, evenings, and weekends.

Apply now and tell a friend

census.gc.ca/jobs-north

If you need assistance with your application, please call **1-833-830-3106**
Teletypewriter (TTY): **1-833-830-3109**

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NOW HIRING FOR 2026 CENSUS JOBS!

The next Census of Population will take place in the spring of 2026. The census provides high-quality data that your community can use to help plan services like employment, childcare, education, and healthcare. Statistics Canada is hiring people to help communities complete their census questionnaires.

Benefits of the 2026 Census for Indigenous Peoples

Data provided by First Nations people, Métis, and Inuit across Canada can help communities and all levels of government plan and evaluate programs related to Indigenous languages, education, housing, community health, and social services.

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Join the 2026 Census team

You can use your local knowledge to help conduct the census and help ensure that all households are counted. Gain valuable experience and develop skills that employers are looking for. Your contribution to the census can help your community plan and shape its future.

What types of jobs are available?

Census jobs are short-term positions focused on collecting census questionnaires from households in your community. The work takes place between **March and July 2026**, depending on the role and location.

Enumerator (non-supervisory position):

As an enumerator, your primary responsibility will be to collect census data by completing questionnaires with members of the community.

Crew Leader (supervisory position):

As a crew leader, you will train, supervise, and support a team of enumerators.

Rates of pay

- Pay is **$25.87 per hour** for non-supervisory positions and **$31.32 per hour** for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.

Are you or is someone you know interested in a census job?

To apply, you must be

- the age of majority in your current province or territory of residence:
  - Provinces where the age of majority is 18: Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan.
  - Province and territories where the age of majority is 19: British Columbia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Nunavut and Yukon.
- a Canadian citizen or otherwise eligible to work in Canada.
- available to work flexible hours during days, evenings, and weekends.

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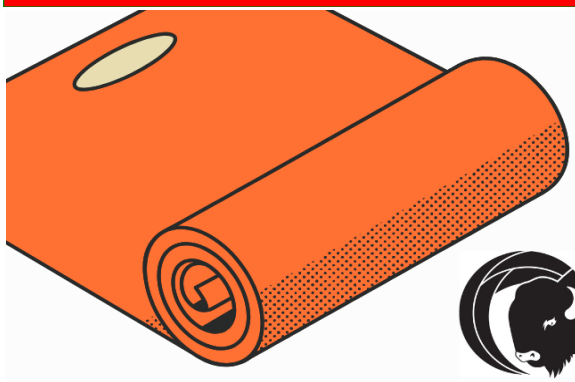

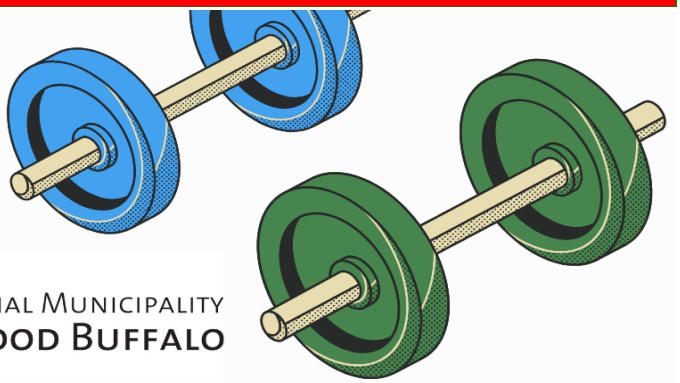

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JOIN US FOR WEEKDAY EVENING

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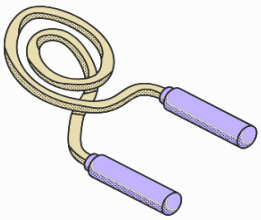
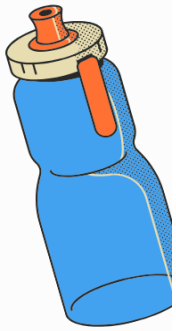
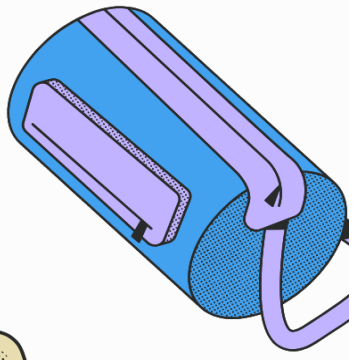




Finish off your day, stay active, and have fun in a supportive environment!



6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
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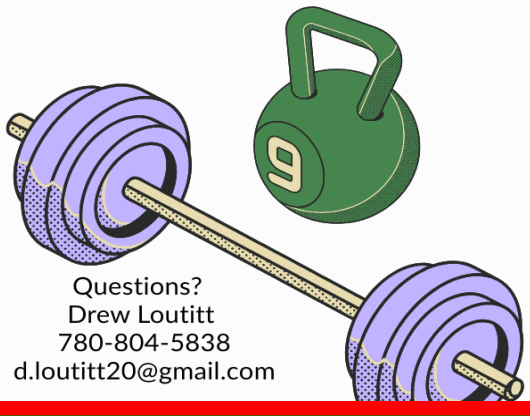

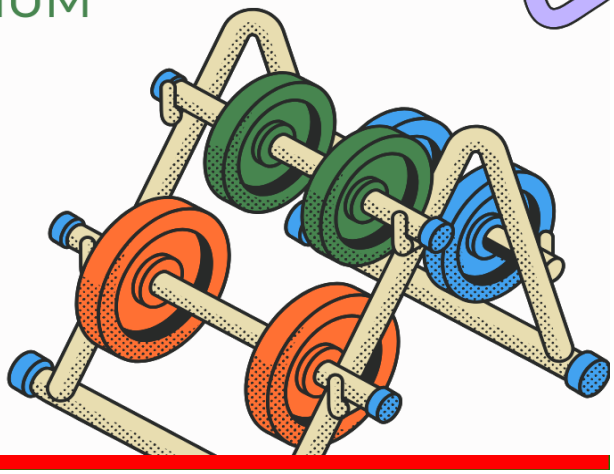

Questions?
Drew Loutitt
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d.loutitt20@gmail.com

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Community Events...

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

MIKISEW CREE FIRST NATION

Candy Cane Lane Christmas Celebration

SUNDAY | 30 | NOVEMBER

FROM 1:00 - 5:00PM

MAMAWI HALL

Come join us for holiday fun!
Take pictures with Santa and meet Buddy the Elf.
Enjoy crafts and tasty snacks.
It's fun for everyone in the family!

YOUTH 12 & UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

WITH SUPPORT FROM:

NUNEE · Athabasca Tribal Council · Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo · Trailblazer

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Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation · Mikisew Cree First Nation · Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

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37th Annual

Christmas CRAFT SALE

SATURDAY, DECMBER 6TH
2-4PM
MAMAWI HALL

Table Prices:
1st Places $15.00
2nd Place $10.00
3rd Place $5.00

TABLES TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE AT THE RMWB MAIN OFFICE PRIOR TO EVENT

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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...

AQUAFIT WITH JONATHAN

Starting February

Thursdays 6:00pm
Sundays 10:00am
Ages 16+

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AQUATIC CENTRE...

SFAC

Sonny Flett Aquatic Centre

We Are All About Families and Healthier Families Start Here

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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December 2025

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	2 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Christmas Craft 6-8 Lanyard Making	3 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Fun with Clay 6-8 Swimming	4 1-3 Parents & Tod-dler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	**5** 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Pop-corn 6-8 Movie & Pop-corn	6 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)
7	8 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	9 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Painting 6-8 Dream Catchers	10 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Christmas Craft 6-8 Swimming	11 1-3 Parents & Tod-dler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	12 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Pop-corn 6-8 Movie & Pop-corn	13 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)
14	15 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	16 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Christmas Craft 6-8 Lanyard Making	17 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Soccer Baseball 6-8 Swimming	18 1-3 Parents & Tots Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8Floor Hockey	19 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Pop-corn 6-8 Movie & Pop-	20 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)
21	22 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	23 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Modeling Clay 6-8 Wii/ Gym	24 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Badminton 6-8 Swimming	Christmas Day Centre Closed	Boxing Day Centre Closed	27 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)
28	29 1-3 Parents & Tots 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	30 1-3 Parents & Tots 3-5 Board games 6-8 Dodgeball	31 New Years Eve Centre Closed			

YOUTH CENTRE...

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Colouring Fun...

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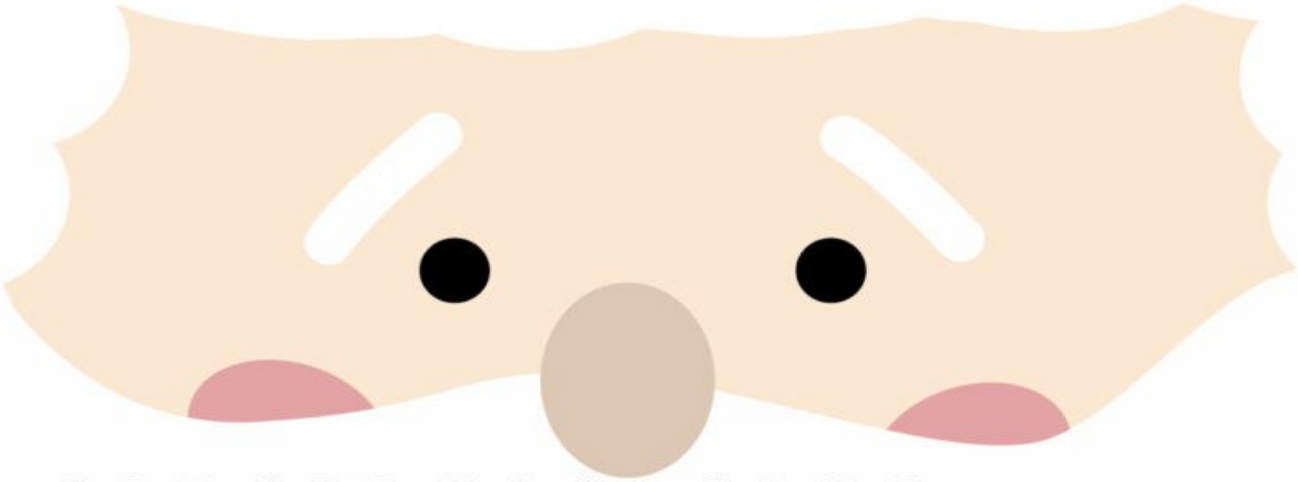
Word Search Fun...



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Christmas
Snow
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Present
Ornament
Gift
Tree
Star
Lights
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Community Calendar

December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Seniors Luncheon & Bingo	3 Nunee Health Staff Party	4	5 RMWB Staff Party	6 Christmas Craft Sale
7	8	9 Nunee Health Tea Dance	10 Fort Chip Metis Members Party	11	12 MCFN Members Party	13 Santa Skate
14	15 ADCS Christmas Concert	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve Sliding Party			

Have Chip Chat News? Contact Info...

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