

Councillor Cardinal Newsletter June 2026



June 2026 Newsletter Councillor Cardinal, Ward 2

Hello everyone,

As we head into summer, I want to thank all community members, volunteers, staff, Elders, and leaders who continue to make ward 2 communities such a strong and welcoming place to call home. It has been a busy few months, with important community projects moving forward, regional gatherings taking place, and preparations underway for the summer season.

This newsletter includes updates on local projects, community facilities, wildfire preparedness, and recent Council initiatives. I always appreciate hearing from residents and learning more about the priorities and opportunities you see for our community.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to connecting with many of you at upcoming community events, Treaty Days, and Métis celebrations throughout the summer.

Take care,

Councillor Kendrick Cardinal,

Ward 2

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Monument Hill Access Improvements

Recent upgrades to the Monument Hill access road have improved safety and accessibility. The improvements make it easier for Elders and those with mobility challenges to access the top of the hill by vehicle and enjoy one of Fort Chipewyan's most beautiful viewpoints. Additional enhancements, including benches and garbage cans are also planned.

Archie Simpson Arena Boardroom

The boardroom at the Archie Simpson Arena has been renovated and is now available for community bookings through the Municipal Office.

Mamawi Community Hall Upgrades

The RMWB IT team is moving forward with upgrades to the Mamawi Community Hall, including a new projector and sound system. These improvements will enhance community events, meetings, and gatherings. Thank you to Fort Chipewyan staff for keeping the facility in clean and excellent condition.

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Be Prepared This Wildfire Season

Wildfire season is here. Residents are encouraged to sign up for updates through Alberta Wildfire and follow their official channels for the latest wildfire information.

Did you know eligible homeowners can access funding through the FireSmart Home Rebate Program by completing a fire smart home assessment? You could be eligible for up to \$2000 in funding to complete fire smart upgrades. **Learn more at rmwb.ca/firesmart**

Community Safety and Wellbeing

Strong communities look out for one another. If you or someone you know needs support, please reach out to family, friends, Nunee Health, or other local support services. We all have a role to play in creating a safe, caring, and connected community. Remember, you are not alone, and support is available.

Fort Chipewyan Water Intake Relocation

Thank you to everyone who has participated in community engagement on the Fort Chipewyan Water Intake Relocation Project. Your feedback is helping shape this important project.

The next engagement session will take place on **Friday, June 12, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Mamawi Hall**. Join us for dinner, raffle prizes, and an opportunity to share your thoughts with project representatives and community members.

Good Relations Forum

The Good Relations Forum was held in Fort McMurray in late May, bringing together Indigenous leadership from across the region. The forum provided an opportunity for meaningful discussion, relationship building, and collaboration.

I enjoyed meeting with the leaders of each Nation, and many community members.

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Fort Chipewyan Museum

Work continues with the Alberta Museums Association and the Province to keep the museum's collection in the community. In the meantime, the facility is being cared for by municipal staff.

Employment Opportunities

The Municipality is currently hiring for several seasonal positions in the community, including Bylaw Summer

Students and Maintenance Workers. If you or someone you know is looking for employment, visit rmwb.ca/careers for current opportunities.

Forestry Dock Update

Discussions regarding the transfer of the Forestry Dock are ongoing. We continue to work with the Ministry of Forestry and Parks and the Ministry of Infrastructure and will provide updates as information becomes available.

Council Updates

I recently brought forward a motion to explore the return of the Fort-to-Fort Dog Race. Administration will work with community partners to identify potential pathways to make it happen, and report back to Council before the end of the year.

Council has also supported exploring a Rural Transit Pilot Project for Fort Chipewyan. The initiative would examine whether a local, on-demand transportation service could be delivered through a community-based business model.

Looking Ahead

I look forward to visiting communities throughout the region during upcoming Treaty Days and Métis celebrations. I hope to visit as many communities as possible. I also look forward to future ward 2 engagements.

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