

September 2025

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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

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Saturday/Sunday & Stat
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PO Box 370
Fort Chipewyan, AB
TOP 1B0

Ph: (780) 697-3600

Fax: (780) 697-3881

Pulse Line:

(780)743-7000

ARCHIE SIMPSON ARENA &

FITNESS ROOM

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed:

Saturday/Sunday & Stat
Holidays

Fitness Room Hours:

Monday to Sunday

9:00am—10:00pm

Stat Holidays: CLOSED

Regional Municipality of Wood
Buffalo
PO Box 343
Fort Chipewyan, AB
TOP 1B0

Youth Centre Hours

Monday to Friday

1:00am-8:00pm

(Summer Fun Program)

Saturday 1:00 –9:00pm

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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RMWB...

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.



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RMWB...

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?

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

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



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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.



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Need Animal Control or Bylaw Services?

Do you want to report a problem?

Do you have bylaw-related questions?

Call Pulse at **780-743-7000** (or toll free **1-800-973-9663**) and someone will help you.



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Check out our website: www.careersnextgen.ca

For more information, please contact Sabrina:

P: 780-804-5181 | E: swatson@nextgen.org

We are a provincial non-profit organization that is dedicated to building strong, vibrant communities to enable youth on their path to rewarding careers.

The team at CAREERS is excited to announce that we will soon be hitting the road to visit schools and communities across the region this fall.

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting youth in their career exploration journeys, our outreach team will be engaging with students directly in their schools. We encourage students, educators, and community members to stop by when we're in your area—ask questions, learn about our programs, and discover the many opportunities available through CAREERS.

Our programming includes hands-on experiences and pathways in high-demand fields such as skilled trades, healthcare, forestry, and information and communications technology (ICT). In addition to these core areas, we also provide guidance and support for students interested in exploring a wide range of post-secondary and career options beyond our established programs.

Whether you're a student considering your future, a parent seeking resources, or an educator looking to connect your students with real-world opportunities, we look forward to meeting you and working together to help youth succeed.



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The Northeast Alberta FASD Network enhances regional capacity to prevent FASD and support those impacted by it through coordinated planning, collaboration, education, and service delivery.

- **Assessment and diagnosis:** Diagnosis is the first step to getting the help that individuals with FASD need.
- **Rural outreach:** Our Outreach program is designed to assist and support individuals affected by FASD as well as their Families/caregivers. Through a strength-based approach clients are prepared to achieve greater success.

NEAFAN team is available in:

Janvier Multiplex Building – September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

#468: Wellness Centre – September 2nd, 5th (Teddy Bear Fair), 11th, 16th, 23rd

Fort McKay: Family Support Building – September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Anzac: Recreation Centre – September 18th

Fort Chipewyan: Mamawai Hall: Healthy Families Event – September 18th

Conklin: Multiplex Building – September 25th

*Please refer to the community Events and programs Calendar for date and time for information or to schedule an intake appointment, please contact:

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Kenisha Boothe

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Email: Kenisha.boothe@mcman.ca

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Alyssa Nicolle

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MEN'S HEALING CAMP

**Traditional
teachings and
knowledge
sharing**

**Residential
School
discussions and
healing**

**1:1 and group
sharing and
support**

**On the land
connection**

**SEPTEMBER 24-28, 2025
FRASER BAY**

To **register or for more
information, please call
Darren @ 780-697-3900**



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...

FALL FAIR

Food Fest & Flea Market



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

12-4PM @ MAMAWI HALL

This year we are partnering up with K'ai Taile Market for their annual Food Fest & Feast!

Chili Cookoff & Best Bannock Maker Contest! Stay Tuned for Details!

Interested in participating as a vendor? email tamera.ellingson@rmwb.ca no later than September 16th



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...

Seniors Luncheon & Bingo

Tuesday, September 9th
12:00pm
Mamawi Hall

All Community Seniors Welcome! If you need a ride,
please reach out to your nations coordinator

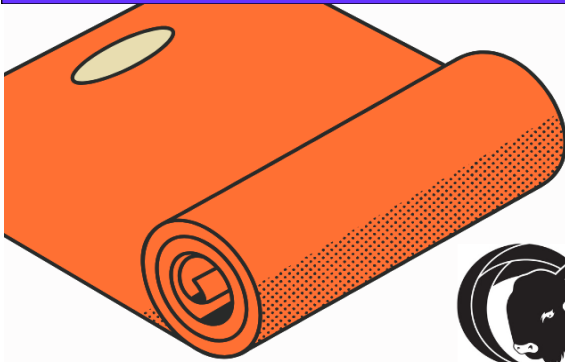
**Please Bring Bingo Dabbers **

Host Sponsor: RMWB
Sponsors: MCFN, ACFN, FCMN

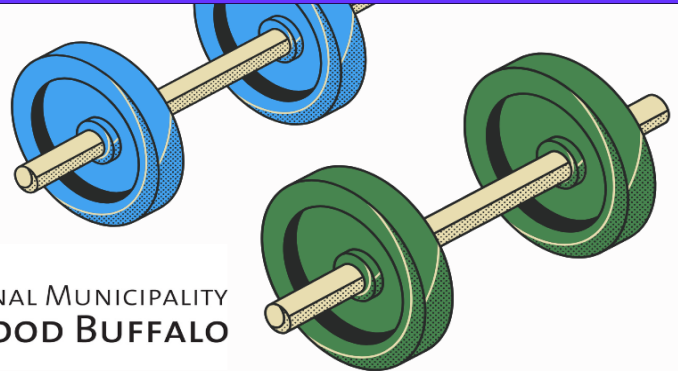


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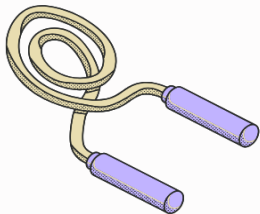
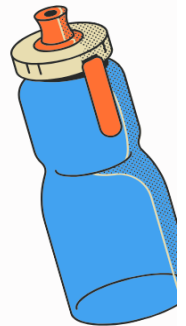


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JOIN US FOR WEEKDAY EVENING

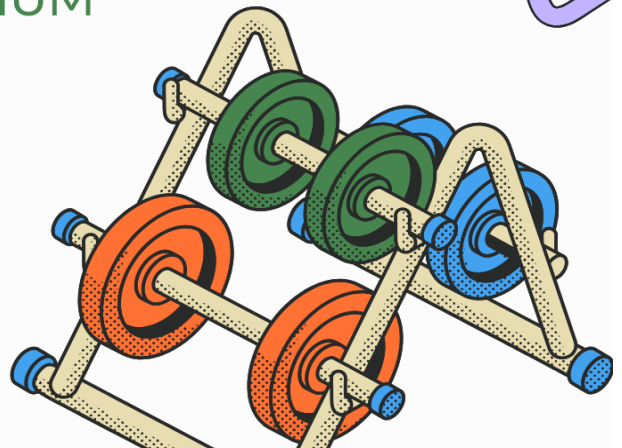
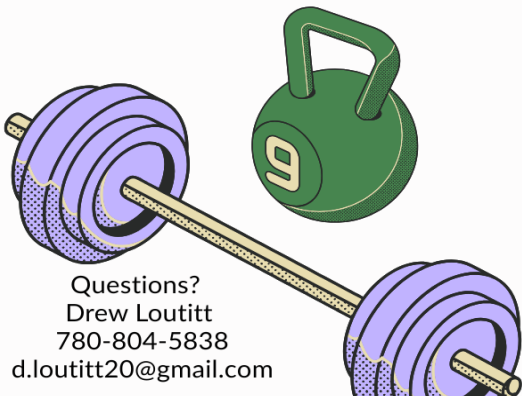
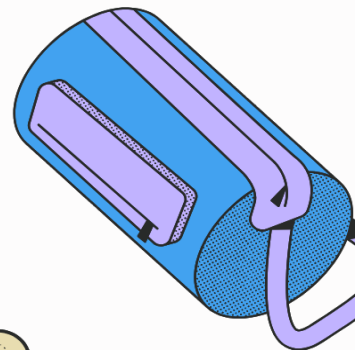
FITNESS CLASSES



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

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
TUESDAYS & THURS

YOUTH CENTRE
GYMNASIUM



Questions?
Drew Loutitt
780-804-5838
d.loutitt20@gmail.com



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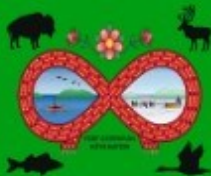
BACK SCHOOL 2 DANCE

FRIENDS-GAMES-FUN

SEPTEMBER 5TH 7:00-10:00PM
MAMAWI HALL

PLEASE BRING CASH FOR CANTEEN

**CHILDREN 8 AND UNDER MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN**



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FIRST NATION



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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

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



YOUTH CENTRE...

<div> <div>SEPTEMBER</div> <div>2025</div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> </div> <div> 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 </div>						
1 Labour Day Centre Closed	2 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Lego/ Crafts 6-8 Teen Crafts	3 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Crafts 6-8 Swimming	4 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 1-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	5 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 1-5 Free Time BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE 7-10	6 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)	
7 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	8 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Painting 6-8 Lanyard Making	9 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Puzzles 6-8 Swimming	10 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	11 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie & Popcorn	12 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie & Popcorn	13 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)
14 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	15 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Outside Chalk Fun 6-8 Diamond Dots/ Fuse Beads	16 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Soccer Baseball 6-8 Swimming	17 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	18 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	19 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie & Popcorn	20 Fall Fair at the Hall
21 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	22 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Modeling Clay 6-8 Wii/ Gym	23 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Badminton 6-8 Swimming	24 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	25 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie	26 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie	27 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)
28 1-3 Parents & Tots 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	29 1-3 Parents & Tots 3-5 Board games 6-8 Dodgeball	30 1-3 Parents & Tots 3-5 Board games 6-8 Dodgeball				



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COLOURING FUN...

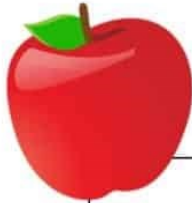




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WORD SEARCH FUN...

BACK TO SCHOOL



WORD SEARCH

FIND AND CIRCLE EACH WORD!



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U	O	S	C	H	O	O	L	A
T	E	A	C	H	E	R	O	C
A	U	T	U	M	N	A	A	K
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Fall	September	School	Backpack
Book	Autumn	Desk	Fun
Apples	Bus	Leaves	Teacher



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labour Day	2	3	4	5 Youth Dance 7-10pm	6
7	8	9 Seniors Luncheon & Bingo	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Healthy Families Fair	19	20 Fall Fair Foodfest Show & Shine
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 National Day of Truth & Reconcilia- tion				

HAVE CHIP CHAT NEWS? CONTACT INFO...

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