

DRAPER ROAD NEWS



May 2026

CALL FOR STREET BANNER ARTWORK



Everyday Heroism, Local Legends

Artists 12 years and older are encouraged to submit artwork that showcases everyday heroism in Wood Buffalo and your work could be displayed on street banners throughout the region!

Submission deadline: May 21, 2026

Contact your Municipal office
or online at rmwb.ca/banner



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



TAKE NOTICE that Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber located on the 1st Floor at 9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, Alberta, regarding the following matter:

Bylaw No. 26/013 – Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment to Change the Portable Sign Regulations

Administration is proposing text amendments to the portable sign regulations within Land Use Bylaw No. 26/001. The intent of the proposed changes is to provide clearer, more balanced, and more effective regulations that reflect best practice, engagement results, and feedback from key stakeholders. Under the Land Use Bylaw (LUB), a portable sign is defined as a sign that is mounted on a frame, stand or similar support which, together with the support, can be readily relocated to another location and used for short-term advertising.

A copy of all related documents may be inspected between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday by contacting:

- Planning and Development Services
(1st Floor, Jubilee Centre, Fort McMurray)
permit.inquiries@rmwb.ca
780-743-7000

- Legislative Services
(7th Floor, Jubilee Centre, Fort McMurray)
legislative.assistants@rmwb.ca
780-743-7001

- Viewing on the Municipality's website at www.rmwb.ca/hearings.

Participating in the Public Hearing:

- **If you would like to appear in-person before Council during the Public Hearing:**
 - You may register with Legislative Services prior to **12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 19, 2026, or prior to the start of the Public Hearing in the Council Chamber:**
 - Register on-line at www.rmwb.ca/council; or
 - Email legislative.assistants@rmwb.ca; or
 - Call Legislative Services at 780-743-7001
 - Your registration must include your full name, organization name (if required), address, telephone number, email address and clearly indicate support or opposition to the bylaw.
- **If you would like to make a written submission for Council's consideration at the Public Hearing:**
 - You must submit any written materials to the Chief Legislative Officer prior to **12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 19, 2026.**
 - Submit on-line at www.rmwb.ca/council;
 - Email Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca Your submission must include your full name, organization name (if required), address, telephone number, email address and clearly indicate support or opposition to the bylaw.
 - It is at Council's discretion to accept submissions from those who have not submitted a request prior to the above noted timeline. Subject to Council's consent to speak at the Public Hearing, anyone who wishes to also distribute written material at the time of their presentation should bring 15 copies of their material for distribution.
 - We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. If you require an accommodation to participate, please include the details in your request to participate. Advanced notice is required as some accommodations can take time to arrange.
 - **Please note written submissions are considered public documents, any information and materials you submit to Council for their consideration at the Public Hearing is added in its entirety to the agenda package, which is made available to the public and posted on the Municipality's website. Verbal submissions will have a maximum of 5 minutes to address Council. All submissions to the Public Hearing must be received prior to, or during, the Public Hearing. Submissions cannot be made following the conclusion of the Public Hearing.**
 - DATED at Fort McMurray, Alberta this 29th day of April 2025.

Jade Brown
 Chief Legislative Officer
 Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
 9909 Franklin Avenue
 Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4
 Phone: (780) 743-7001
 Fax: (780) 743-7028
 Email: Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK BBQ

KNOW THE RISKS

— PLAN. PREPARE. PREVENT. —



May 8, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
kiyām Community Park

Join us for a hot dog and learn about ways to prepare your family and business for a possible emergency situation. RMWB Emergency Management and community partners will be onsite with information, activities and helpful tips.



Spring into action with the Community Cleanup Kickoff!



On **May 14**, join neighbours and friends at the Community Cleanup Kickoff event. Come down to Kiyam Community Park from **12 to 1:30 pm** and help beautify the community.

At the event, scan the QR code to check in and be automatically entered to win a prize!

Supplies will be provided and pre-registration is not required for the event.

Learn more about how you get involved at rmwb.ca/Cleanup

Nominations opening for the 2026 Indigenous Sports Gallery on April 7

Celebrate youth athletes, community builders and local legends by submitting a nomination

The Municipality is looking for nominations of local First Nation and Métis athletes, community builders and local legends to be part of the 2026 Indigenous Sports Gallery as it travels around the region for public display.

The gallery is intended to inspire youth and celebrate the story of Indigenous athletes and their ongoing contributions to sport in the region. Nominations are open from April 7 to May 4.

The Wood Buffalo 2023 Arctic Winter Games created a travelling indigenous sports gallery to honour the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's [Call to Action 87](#).

The RMWB carried this legacy forward in 2024 with its own Indigenous Sports Gallery and will be hosting a new 2026 gallery exhibition this summer.

Selected nominees will be celebrated at an induction ceremony, with the gallery later travelling around the region for public display. The ceremony location will be announced at a later date.

Nomination qualifications

Must be a member of a local First Nation or Métis community and have lived within the RMWB for at least 12 consecutive months as of April 1, 2025.

Youth Athlete nomination

- Between 8 – 18 years old, as of April 1, 2025.
- Makes a positive contribution to their community and is devoted to sport.
- Demonstrates active participation and has admirable skills in their chosen sport.
- Participates in sport within their community, in regional, provincial or national competitions, on competitive post-secondary teams or elite stream competitions.
- Willing to contribute a quote about how sport has supported their well-being.

Community Builder nomination

- Makes a positive contribution as a leader of sport within their community.
- Demonstrates commitment and support for sport and well-being in their community.
- Demonstrates admirable values and/or personal characteristics.

Local Legend nomination

- An individual who has passed on to the spirit world and left a lasting impact within their community and contributed to the development of sport.

How to nominate

Fill out the form online at rmwb.ca/sportsgallery when nominations open on April 7. The nomination deadline is May 4.

Nominators should be prepared to describe their nominee’s sporting achievements and community contributions in detail. Nominees will be selected for recognition in the gallery by a sharing circle of local community members.

For questions or to get help nominating someone for the Indigenous Sports Gallery, contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.

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Rural Water & Sewer Service

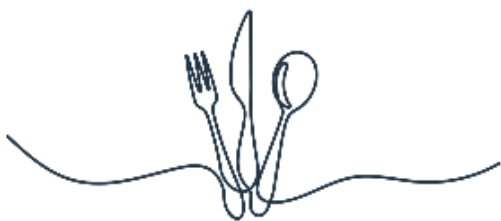
Hiring a certified contractor

A certified contractor must be selected from the [Alberta Municipal Affairs Private Sewage System Installer Certification List](#).

The following local contractors have been certified by Alberta Municipal Affairs as of July 2024:

Contractor	Contact information
B Mac Underground Services Ltd.	780-742-9848
Best Choice Plumbing, Heating and Wastewater Solutions	780-799-6267
Call First Plumbing & Heating	780-880-4726
Consun Contracting Ltd.	780-743-3163
H Wilson Industries (2010) Ltd.	780-743-1881
NC Transport & Equipment	780-713-1169
Parker Drainage and Waterproofing	780-799-0723
Qalipu Enterprises	780-598-4933
Rob Ryan Construction Inc.	780-799-6434
SENA Constructors Inc.	780-747-9664
Sureway Construction Management Ltd.	780-743-4788
Wellingdale Group Inc.	780-607-1431
Wood Buffalo Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	780-974-0521

Please note, this list is for informational purposes only. The RMWB is not recommending or endorsing these businesses. Any contract you enter with a certified contractor is strictly at your own risk.



Council's Luncheon for Seniors and Elders

Join Mayor and Councillors to celebrate Seniors' Week with good food, great company and bingo!

 **SMS Equipment Place, Grand Ballroom,
MacDonald Island Park**

 **Monday, June 1, 2026**

 **Doors open at 11 a.m. Event begins at 11:30 a.m.**

Event registration opens May 11.

Register for this free event at rmwb.ca/luncheon
Or contact Pulse at **780-743-7000** or
1-800-973-9663 (toll free).

**Please note this event is for Elders and those 65
and older.*

Transportation to and from the event can be requested
by rural attendees during registration (Anzac, Conklin,
Janvier, Gregoire Lake Estates or Fort McKay).





HEAVY ITEM PICKUP

Heavy Item Pickup is back this spring

Heavy Item Pickup is available this spring for residents in Anzac, Draper, Gregoire Lake Estates and Sapræ Creek Estates.

How it works

- Registration between May 4–15 through the collection events page at rmwb.ca/collectionevents
- Register up to four large household items for curbside pickup
- Once registered, you'll receive a scheduled pickup date between May 16 - 29
- Items must be placed at the curb by 8 a.m. on your assigned day

Good to know

- Most items are accepted free of charge
- Some items may have disposal fees such as box springs, mattresses, refrigerators, and freezers.
- This program is for residential household items only
- Space is limited

Learn more and register: rmwb.ca/collectionevents

Rural Sharing Network

Connecting services, strengthening rural communities

The Rural Sharing Network brings together community organizations and service providers to build relationships, share information and collaborate on services for rural residents across the RMWB.

By participating, you can:

- Learn about programs and services available in each rural community
- Build connections with other agencies and community organizations
- Help identify community needs and service gaps
- Work together to improve supports for rural residents

Who can join?

- Non-profit and social profit organizations
- Government and municipal services
- Other service providers working in RMWB

Want to get involved?

If you represent a service provider or community organization in the RMWB that would like to join the Rural Sharing Network, please contact:

Aimee McCamon, Rural Relations Coordinator

Email: aimee.mccamon@rmwb.ca



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2026 assessment notices mailed to property owners



Property owners in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) should watch their mailboxes for the **2026 property assessment notices** which were **mailed on Feb. 11**.

Your assessment notice shows the assessed value of your property. This value is used to calculate your property taxes for 2026.

What to know right now

- Assessment notices are arriving in February.
- The deadline to file an assessment appeal is April 20, 2026.
- Property Tax Notices will be **mailed in May**.
- **How your property is valued**

For the 2026 tax year, assessments are based on:

- Market value as of July 1, 2025.
- Property condition as of Dec. 31, 2025.

Questions or appeals

If you have concerns about your assessment, contact [Pulse](#) to speak with an assessor. If a resolution cannot be reached, you may file a formal appeal with the Assessment Review Board. The **appeal deadline** is April 20, 2026.

Resources

- rmwb.ca/assessments for appeal forms and guides and more information.
- rmwb.ca/taxes for information about paying property taxes.
- Contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or online at rmwb.ca/pulse.

Stay up to date on services, news, and projects in your community!

You may have noticed a refreshed look for **rmwb.ca** last month.



The new website provides a more reliable and user-friendly way to keep informed and connected.

Key changes include an improved mobile-friendly design and enhanced accessibility.

We've also streamlined the subscription process.

News, alerts, updates and more

Stay ahead of what's happening around your neighbourhood: get timely news delivered straight to your email inbox by subscribing to municipal updates.

Pick and choose the categories you're interested in:

- Municipal News (News Releases)
 - Emergency Alerts
 - Winter Maintenance Zones
 - Construction: Fort McMurray - North of the Bridge
 - Construction: Fort McMurray - South of the Bridge
 - Construction: Rural Communities - North of Fort McMurray
 - Construction: Rural Communities - South of Fort McMurray
 - Fort Chipewyan Winter Road
 - La Loche Winter Trail
 - Legislated Public Notices
 - River Breakup Community Updates
- Subscribe for updates at **rmwb.ca/subscribe**.

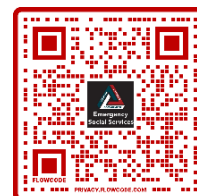
If you're having trouble finding municipal information on our website, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or rmwb.ca/pulse.

Emergency Social Services (ESS)

ESS provides individuals or families with supports when they are displaced due to an emergency. Registration centres or other evacuation sites are set up to register evacuees and provide immediate basic needs. This support is available to provide a safe place for evacuees to plan their next steps as they transition to recovery.

Registration centres may provide the following services:

- Food/water
- Shelter
- Clothing
- First Aid/emotional support
- Family reunification
- Animal care and rescue assistance



To learn more about ESS, or to join the ESS Team, scan the QR code below:

VPR

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



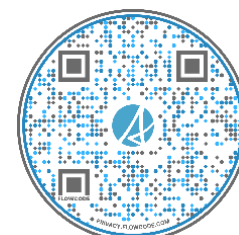
**Vulnerable
Persons
Registry**

The Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) is a service that improves the safety of vulnerable residents living at home.

This is done by communicating directly with registrants during emergencies and by sharing key information to first responders about individuals on the VPR. Click [here](#) to find out more about the VPR.

MAERS

The MyAlberta Emergency Registration System is available to all residents of Alberta as a tool to assist during an evacuation or emergency. Albertans can register themselves and their family members in advance of an emergency using their MyAlberta Digital ID. Click [here](#) or scan below to pre-register today.



Emergency Preparedness Week is May 3-9



Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere. Consider what you would need to do for emergency preparedness and response at the community, neighborhood, organization, household and personal levels.

Plan

Review your Community Emergency Management Plan for the specific risks for your community and evacuation routes at rmwb.ca/CEMP. Check Emergency Response Plans for your workplace and/or school.

Prepare

Make an emergency kit and a family plan. Visit rmwb.ca/eprep to learn what should go into an emergency kit and/or plan. Connect with your family and neighbours to arrange details.

Prevent

Get a home assessment from FireSmart and/or Fire Prevention to ensure your alarms are working, fire extinguishers have not expired, and fire fuels are stored away from the house.

Know the difference between an Evacuation Alert versus an Evacuation Order

EVACUATION ALERT	EVACUATION ORDER
 <p>Be ready to leave on short notice</p>	 <p>You are at risk - leave now</p>
 <p>Have your grab-and-go bags ready</p>	 <p>Follow direction of local authorities</p>

Join us throughout the week to discuss Emergency Preparedness for you and your family.

Activities

Children’s Colouring Contest - Watch for information on municipal social media. Completed colouring sheets are due: May 9.

Events

- May 4 - 10 AM-3:30 PM - **Let's Talk Preparedness BBQ in Anzac (Anzac Fire Hall)**
- May 6 - 1:55 PM - **Alberta Emergency Alert Test**
- May 8 - 11 AM-2 PM - **E-Prep event; Know the Risks BBQ in Fort McMurray (kiyam Park)**

Visit rmwb.ca/eprep for a complete list of activities and resources.



EMERGENCIES HAPPEN

Be prepared – Be ready

It may be important to **act fast** in an emergency. Think ahead now and reduce stress in urgent situations.

Stay informed. Follow the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) on social media, or visit RMWB.ca.

facebook.com/rmwoodbuffalo @RMWoodBuffalo

Scan for more info



Review your area's Community Emergency Guide at RMWB.ca/CEMP

In some emergencies you may need to evacuate. Have supplies to support you and your family for up to 72 hours.

Prepare a "Go Bag"

- GENERAL ITEMS**
- Cash, debit, credit cards
 - Important family documents
 - Phone and power cord/bank
 - Medication, medical equipment
 - Clothing
 - Personal hygiene items
 - Spare keys
 - Water / Non-perishable food
 - First aid kit
 - Flashlight, radio
- SPECIAL ITEMS:**
- Baby food, formula, and supplies
 - Pet food, supplies
 - Children's activities: like books or toys
 - Utensils, plates, cups
 - Basic tools

Keep your vehicle prepared

- Keep the gas tank more than half full. Make sure your vehicle is ready for our changing seasons.
- THE BASICS:**
- Water
 - Non-perishable bars
 - Blankets & Extra clothing (weather appropriate)
 - Extra shoes or boots
 - Candle in deep can and matches for light and heat
 - Seatbelt cutter
 - First-aid kit
 - Small shovel, scraper and snowbrush
 - Warning light or road flares
 - Battery-powered or crank flashlights/lamps
 - Phone charger
 - Whistle

Shelter-in-Place

"Shelter-in-place" refers to remaining inside your home, school, or place of work during certain emergencies. Based on the circumstances, emergency officials will let residents know if they should shelter-in-place.

Make a household emergency plan

Know your contacts. Have a plan for childcare arrangement. Have a list and copy of medical information. Talk with family and others. Write down and exercise your plan at least once a year.

Vulnerable Persons Registry

Would you need assistance to evacuate? Learn more about the Vulnerable Persons Registry at rmwb.ca/VPR. For more information call Pulse: 780-743-7000 or toll-free 1-800-973-9663

Review your area's Community Emergency Guide at RMWB.ca/CEMP



Celebrate the year of the Therapeutic Gardening! Plant, grow and connect with the healing power of nature. Enjoy the vibrant shades of gold, orange, bronze and burgundy sunflowers.

rmwb.ca/CIB



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Call. Submit online.
Real answers every time, all the time.



Residents in rural communities can contact the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 24/7 by contacting Pulse via the following:

- 780-743-7000
 - 1-800-973-9663 (toll-free)
- www.rmwb.ca/pulse





Sexual Violence Awareness Month Kickoff:

Coffee & Conversations

Join us for coffee, pastries, and community connection on **May 1st** as we launch **Sexual Violence Awareness Month** and reflect on 25 years of progress across Canada and the journey that continues.

This year's theme, ***25 Years: Honouring the Past & Stepping Forward United***, guides our work as Waypoints continues to strive toward safety, healing, and lasting change in our community.

Kiyām Community Park



Friday
May 1st, 2026



Time:
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Walking Safety Tips



Walk Facing Traffic: If there is no sidewalk and you must walk on the side of the road, choose the side where you are facing oncoming traffic. This gives you the best chance to see traffic approaching closest to you and take evasive action if necessary.

Cross Safely: Look both ways before crossing any street. Make eye contact with any drivers who may be turning. Give them a wave. Make sure they see you.

Walk Single File: Unless you are on a sidewalk separate from the road, you should walk single file. This is especially important on a road with lots of curves. While it can be enjoyable to walk down the road two or three abreast chatting merrily, drivers don't expect it.

Stay aware of bikes and runners: Share the road and path with bikes and runners. Bike riders should alert you when approaching from behind with a bike bell or a "passing on the left/right." Listen for them.

Be Visible: Wear bright colors when walking in daytime. When walking at night wear light-colored clothing and reflective clothing or reflective vest to be visible.

Hang Up and Eyes Up: Chatting or texting while walking is as dangerous as doing that while driving. You are distracted and not as aware of your environment. You are less likely to recognize traffic danger, passing joggers and bikers or tripping hazards. Potential criminals can also see you as a distracted easy target.

When walking your pet: keep your pet on the side away from traffic so that they don't accidentally dart into the roadway.



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	
FISH & WILDLIFE	780-743-7200		
HEALTH LINK	811	 @RMWOODBUFFALO	
ALL EMERGENCIES	911		
		 @RMWOODBUFFALO	











To submit information to the newsletter please email:

infor.rr@rmwb.ca

Deadline for June Newsletter submissions:

May 25, 2026

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Circle of connection CMHA Wood Buffalo 12 - 12  	2
3	4	5	6 Go Rec IT – Youth Drop in BGC 6 – 8pm	7	8 Circle of connection CMHC Wood Buffalo 12 - 12  	9 Fam Expo YMM Unifor Local 707A Bldg. 11 – 3pm
10 Family Fun Day Ft. Mac Golf Club 11 – 2pm 	11	12	13 Go Rec IT – Youth Drop in BGC 6 – 8pm	14	15  	16 Spring Vendor Market BGC 10am – 5pm
17	18 	19 Men's Shed Fort McMurray Legion 7-9pm	20	21	22  	23 Youth Drop in Night @ Friendship center 5 – 8pm
24	25 Deadline to submit to the newsletter	26	27 Go Rec IT – Youth Drop in BGC 6 – 8pm	28	29	30
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