JANVIER NEWS





NOVEMBER 2025





Election Results

Official Results declared for the 2025 Municipal Election

The results of the 2025 Municipal Election are now official as of 12 p.m. (noon) MT on Oct. 24.

There are no changes to the unofficial results released by the Municipality on Tuesday, Oct. 21. Find the official results for the Mayor, Councillors and the Fort McMurray Catholic and Public School District Boards of Trustees at rmwb.ca/election.

A total of 10,506 voters participated in this year's election, which is approximately 25.3 per cent of an estimated 41,494 eligible voters. Of those voters, 3,516 cast ballots during the advance vote, compared to 5,259 in 2021.

The number of voters was lower than in 2021 (13,141) and the overall voter participation rate decreased from 27.2 percent in 2021 to 25.3 percent in 2025.

Please note that the 2021 voter participation rate was calculated using municipal census data, while the 2025 rate is based on the estimated number of eligible voters provided by Elections Alberta.

2025-2029 RMWB Council:

Council Position	Name	# of official votes		
Mayor	Sandy Bowman	9,843		
Ward 1 Councillors	Mike Allen	2,379		
(Six)	Ty Brandt	2,838		



	Lance Bussieres	2,943
	Luana Bussieres	2,993
	Don Scott	4,346
	Jennifer Vardy	2,885
Ward 2 Councillors (Two)	Kendrick Cardinal	93
	Greg (Cowboy) Marcel	120
Ward 3 Councillor	Stu Wigle	184
Ward 4 Councillor	Kyle Vandecasteyen	164

Fort McMurray Public School Board of Trustees:

- Angela Adams (1,443 votes)
- Tiffany Bennett (1,336 votes)
- Pamela Bowie (1,065 votes)
- Jennifer Kennett (1,408 votes)
- Jonathan Lambert (985 votes)
- Michelle Landsiedel (1,005 votes)
- Tim O'Hara (1,132 votes)

Fort McMurray Catholic School Board of Trustees:

- Dale Barfoot (1,176 votes)
- Chantal Beaver (1,217 votes)
- Cathy Larson (1,685 votes)
- Elliott Pierre (1,430 votes)
- Jeff Walsh (1,245 votes)

For more information, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663.



Save the date for the Santa Claus Parade and Council's Starry Night!



Mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025. It will be a night of lights and music that is sure to bring the holiday spirit to life.

Council's Starry Night begins at 5 p.m. at kiyām Community Park with entertainment and 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

Get your float ready! Float registration opened on Wednesday, Oct. 22 and will close on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Be sure to review the <u>Rules and Regulations</u> and <u>Insurance Requirements</u> before submitting your application. Once you've reviewed the documents, <u>register here.</u>

Fundraise for your organization or group

Local organizations, groups, and teams are invited to join the celebration and fundraise for their cause.

Available opportunities may include:

- Barricade Monitors
- Sidewalk Safety Elves
- Toyshop Team

In addition to fundraising, volunteers are also needed to support. Whether you are fundraising with a group or volunteering, your efforts help make this holiday event safe, welcoming and fun for everyone. Applications open Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025.











JOIN US AT THE

Santa Clause Parade!

DECEMBER 6TH . 5-7 PM

Rural bussing available to attend the Santa Clause parade!

Registration Required!

Contact to register:

Conklin: 780-559-2235

Janvier: 780-559-2230

Anzac/GLE/468: 780-334-2298

Fort McKay: 780-792-1892







December 4, 2025
at SMS Equipment Grand Ballroom, MacDonald Island Park
from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (doors open at 11 a.m.)

Join Mayor and Councillors for a holiday meal on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at SMS Equipment Grand Ballroom MacDonald Island Park, Fort McMurray.

The holiday lunch will feature good food, great company and bingo!

EVENT REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 17

Registration is required for this free event, please do so at **rmwb.ca/luncheon**. If you need assistance registering, contact Pulse at **780-743-7000** or toll free at **1-800-973-9663**. This event is for seniors who are 65 and older and Elders.

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FOR RURAL ATTENDEES

If you are coming from Anzac, Conklin, Janvier, Gregoire Lake Estates, or Fort McKay and need transportation to the venue, please indicate when you register. Transportation will be arranged so you can go to and from the event safely and comfortably.





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 mobilefriendly 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

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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



November Bylaw Chat: Conklin, Janvier and Anzac

Are you eager to play an active role in addressing community concerns or have questions about specific bylaws that impact you?

If you reside in Conklin, Janvier or Anzac, we invite you to meet with our Bylaw Officers in person!



Join us for these upcoming sessions:

Conklin- Come by on November 17th from 2 to 3 pm at the CRDAC Office.

Janvier- Come by on November 17th from 12 to 1 pm at the Janvier Municipal Office Boardroom.

Anzac- Come by on November 19th from 4 to 5 pm at the Willow Lake Community Association Office.

These Bylaw Chats will continue into 2026. You can always reach a Bylaw Officer if you have questions or concerns by calling Pulse at 780-743-7000 or go online to rmwb.ca/Pulse.



YOUR AMBULANCE EXPERIENCE MATTERS

From paramedics at the scene to the hospital doors — tell us about your care.

rmwb.ca/EMScare







Council's Excellence Awards: Nominate today!





NOMINATE A DESERVING COMMUNITY MEMBER FOR ONE OF FOUR AWARD CATEGORIES:

- Citizen of the Year
- Everyday Hero
- Indigenous Advocate
- **Youth**

Learn more and nominate your local champions at rmwb.ca/excellence
Have questions? Need support? Call Pulse at 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663.

Rmwb.ca/excellence



Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo









Every Monday

The RMWB Rural Relations staff will be at the <u>Janvier Municipal Office</u> from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm to assist with paperwork, address community needs, and fill service gaps.

Residents are encouraged to stop by for support, questions, or a friendly chat.

Stop by for a fresh cup of coffee and a friendly chat!









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 multipane 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.



Skate closer to home: Build a backyard rink this winter!

With winter around the corner, it's time to get ready for skating season.



The Community Backyard Rink program makes it easy for you to create temporary ice rinks on municipal property in your neighborhood, helping families embrace winter safely.

Get started

Getting your community backyard rink started is simple. Begin by reading through the online guide at **rmwb.ca/Community Rinks**. This guide includes information and tips on the application process and building and maintaining your rink.

Approved applicants will be provided with insurance coverage under the Municipality's insurance policy.

Any unauthorized structures are subject to fines and removal.

Apply online

Applications are open all season, but rinks should be constructed by Dec. 31. Apply online through our E-Permitting portal at **rmwb.ca/Community Rinks**.

For questions, contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or online at **rmwb.ca/pulse**.



WATER AND SEWER PROGRAM

The 2025 summer construction season is underway - apply now!

Take the first step: Choose your contractor and start the conversation.

Choose a certified contractor from the Alberta Municipal Affairs Private Sewage System Installer Certification List below. Ask the contractor for a quote to connect your home and discuss what this work will entail.

Contractor	Contact information
B Mac Underground Services Ltd.	780-742-9848
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
Qualipu 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

Then connect with us:

Reach out to Pulse and an RWSS team member will follow up to answer your questions and assist with your application. All program details are available at rmwb.ca/rwss.

Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Connection Updates as of July 2025

Janvier - 27 homes have connected; 35 applications received of 55 eligible properties.



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The 2025 construction season is well underway, and you shouldn't wait any longer to start the process to connect your home to piped water and sewer services.

Why connect your home through the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing program?

- Save a lot of money. The Municipality is offering 0% financing and covering a large portion of your cost. This offer won't be available forever, so don't wait to connect.
- Say goodbye to trucked water deliveries and sewer pickup. Once the connection window closes, the Municipality will no longer be helping arrange these services for homes. It will be your responsibility as a homeowner to coordinate and pay for these services, which can cost hundreds of dollars monthly.
- Increase the value of your home. Adding piped water and sewer services should increase the value of your home by more than the cost to connect through the RWSS program.

How do you connect?

- The first step in applying to connect your home is choosing a certified contractor and asking them to prepare a quote and discussing what this work will entail. A list of certified contractors is available on the municipal website.
- You're in control of the entire application process, but your contractor can take the lead on everything if you prefer.

Need help?

Connecting your home to piped water and sewer may seem complicated, but we're here to help guide you through the process. Visit your local municipal office or call 780-743-7000 to learn more and ask questions.

Find everything you need to know about the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Program, including how to apply at rmwb.ca/rwss



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





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





Bring your creative vision to life in the region







The Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant provides up to \$5,000 for projects that create, inspire and preserve within the cultural landscape of the region.

Apply early!

Individuals and groups may apply for a maximum of \$5,000. The deadline for grant applications is Dec. 31, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. MST or until the total \$50,000 funding is exhausted, whichever comes first.

Apply early through the Community Investment Program (CIP) Grant Portal as funding is awarded in order of completed applications received.

What projects are eligible?

Projects must align with one or more <u>Wood Buffalo Culture Plan</u> priorities. The eligibility list varies and ranges from performing arts to heritage restoration to landscape design.

Projects that have received grant support in previous years include:

- Palette Town, a video showcasing the potential for art in Wood Buffalo.
- Rock the Rails, an annual skateboard and BMX competition that also features local musical acts.
- Lavender Skies: Exploring Queer Creativity in Wood Buffalo, a local art show at the Kirschner Family Community Art Gallery at MacDonald Island Park.

Get started today by visiting rmwb.ca/CIP.

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Join the Volunteer Fire Department We need paid on-call members!



What we do:

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

Who you are:

 Reliable and dedicated - with time for weekly training and the ability to respond.

Learn more:

Call 780-743-7000 (toll free 1-800-973-9663) and someone from the fire department will contact you.

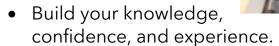


Step up in an emergency

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.



• No experience required. Training will be provided.



For more information call:

- 780-743-7000
- Toll Free 1-800-973-9663

ESS VOLUNTEER

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.







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: 780-788-4253Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

• Email: <u>restorative.justice@rmwb.ca</u>

Get involved.

We need committed volunteers to help! Please contact us.

For any questions, please contact Pulse!



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





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







Did you know that you can drop off residential garbage and recycling, including household hazardous waste, for free at the Janvier Waste Transfer Station?

Help protect the environment and keep Janvier clean by disposing of items properly. All dropped off items are brought to the Municipal landfill for proper disposal or recycling.

Everyone, including First Nation communities, are encouraged to use the facility! It is located at the end of MacDonald Avenue in Janvier.

Fall/Winter Hours of Operation (Nov 1 – Mar 31):

- Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
 - Friday: 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
 - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

The following items are **not allowed** to be dropped off at the Janvier Waste Transfer Station:

- Commercial waste
- Ammunition
- Explosives
- Radioactive waste
- Biological, biomedical or pathological waste

- Animal carcasses or deceased pets
- Asbestos
- Oilfield waste
- Waste containing free liquids
- Vehicles and vehicle parts

Learn more about garbage and recycling services at rmwb.ca/garbage. If you have any questions, connect with Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-96









9809-77 Avenue | Peace River, AB T8S 1C9 I (780) 624-2060 or 1-800-362-1360 I nsd61.ca

School Board Elections – Official Results For immediate release – October 24, 2025

Northland School Division (NSD) is pleased to announce the official election results!

Ward 9 - Anzac, Janvier, Conklin

Aimee McCamon - 61
Jules Nokohoo - 76 Elected

The Organizational Meeting and Regular Board Meeting is Saturday, October 25, 2025. The Board of Trustees will be sworn in before the start of the Organizational Meeting on October 25, 2025.

NSD extends deep gratitude to the outgoing Board of Trustees for their outstanding service to education, to candidates for putting their name forward, and to all those who took the time to vote.

For more information please contact Media Relations Manager Curtis Walty at 780-624-2060 ext. 6183

or curtis.walty@nsd61.ca.





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Offering general counselling to all ages.
*Grief, loss, trauma, anxiety, depression, addiction, etc.







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Join us for a virtual presentation!

REGULATION AND COMMUNICATION



November 12th, 2025 6:00PM-7:30PM

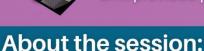


Virtual Session Link provided prior to session

Presented by:

Alanna Keoughan, M.Sc., R.SLP, S-L P (C)

Jennifer McCray, MSc. OT (Reg. AB)



When children are able to regulate and communicate, it becomes easier for them to connect with others. whether that's making friends, bonding with family, or joining in at school. By supporting these areas, we give children the tools they need to feel understood, build relationships, and grow with confidence.



SCAN ME







For questions or more information, please contact: Jasmine Lauzon- Community Development Coordinator Phone: 587-452-9334







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.

The NEAFAN team is available in:

Janvier Multiplex Building – November 5th, 12th, 26th
Fort McMurray #468: Health Centre – November 4th, 18th, 25th
Fort McKay: Family Support Building – November 10th, 17th, 24th
Fort McKay Wellness Fair – November 19th
Anzac: Recreation Centre – November 6th
Fort Chipewyan: Nunee Health – November 6th
Conklin: Multiplex Building – November 13th

To schedule an intake appointment, please contact:

Kenisha Boothe
9916 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray AB
Phone: 780-799-1748
Email: Kenisha.boothe@mcman.ca

Alyssa Nicolle 9916 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray AB Phone: 587-919-5237

Email: <u>Alyssa.nicolle@mcman.ca</u>





Wood Buffalo Addiction and Mental Health Services: Travel Team

Mental Health Therapist Addiction Counsellor Registered Nurse Indigenous Cultural Liaison

Not sure what would help? Our team can support you to determine what would help.

Services we provide:

Mental Health Support: Individual counseling; crisis intervention; stress management; coping strategies for anxiety, depression, and trauma; assistance in accessing other mental health and addiction services.

Addiction Counseling: Support for substance use concerns, relapse prevention, personalized recovery plans.

Nursing Services: Mental health assessments, medication administration, health monitoring, education on medication management, support for physical and mental wellness; information on mental health, wellness, addiction prevention; provision of harm reduction supplies.

Indigenous Cultural Support: Facilitate connections between Indigenous clients, community members and service providers to enhance access to mental health services through a culturally appropriate and holistic approach.

Walk in Services are available:

Wednesday — Chipewyan Prairie First Nation (Janvier)
 ⑤ 11:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
 ¶ Multiplex/ Health Center/ RMWB











JANVIER MUNICIPAL OFFICE

110 Opportunity Way, Chard AB TOP 1G0 PH: 780-559-2230 Fax: 780-559-2447

Office hours are:
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
& 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

INFO.RR@RMWB.CA

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION PULSE 1-800-973-9663 PULSE@RMWB.CA RMWB.CA/PULSE (MUNICIPAL SWITCH BOARD) 780-743-7000 **COMMUNITY CONTACTS: SOCIAL MEDIA: RCMP** 780-788-4040 FISH & WILDLIFE 780-743-7200 @WOODBUFFALORURALCOMMUNITYCONNECTION JANVIER SCHOOL 780-559-2240 **ATCO** 1-800-668-2248 @RMWOODBUFFALO **CHARD METIS** 780-799-0645 @RMWOODBUFFALO **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE** 780-791-6247 **HEALTH LINK** 811 **ALL EMERGENCIES** 911 DEADLINE FOR **<u>DECEMBER</u>** NEWSLETTER SUMISSIONS: **NOVEMBER 25, 2025** INFO.RR@RMWB.CA



COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

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2	Senior Lunch 12-2pm Food Bank Deadline	4 AA@6:30	Alberta Recovery 11-4pm	AA@6:30	7	8
9	Senior Lunch 12-2pm	OFFICE CLOSED AA@6:30	Chard Metis Pal Training 10-6pm Alberta Recovery 11-4pm	Food Bank 11-1pm Rural Sharing Trade Show At Multiplex 3-7pm	14	15
16	Senior Lunch & Bingo 1-3pm Bylaw Chat12-1pm Family Night 5-7pm	18 AA@6:30	Chard Metis Class 7 Course 8:30-4:30pm Alberta Recovery 11-4pm	20 Chard Metis Class 7 Course 8:30-4:30pm Legacy Counselling 11-2:30pm	21	22
23	Senior Lunch 12-2pm	25 Conklin Senior Lunch & Bingo	Alberta Recovery 11-4pm	27 AA@6:30	28	29
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