

DRAPER ROAD NEWS



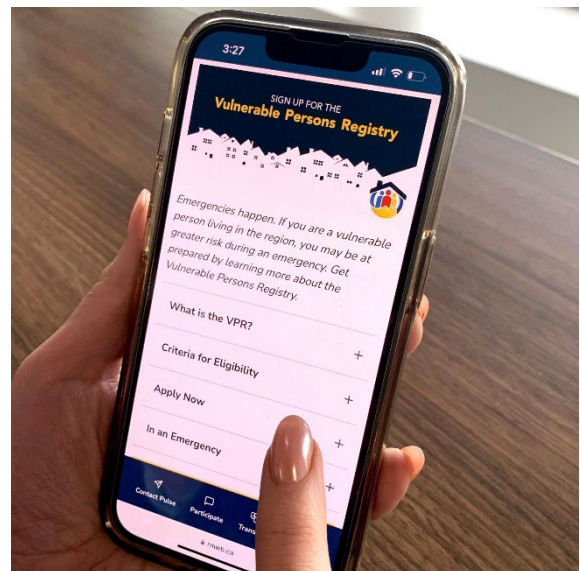
June 2025

SIGN UP FOR THE **Vulnerable Persons Registry**



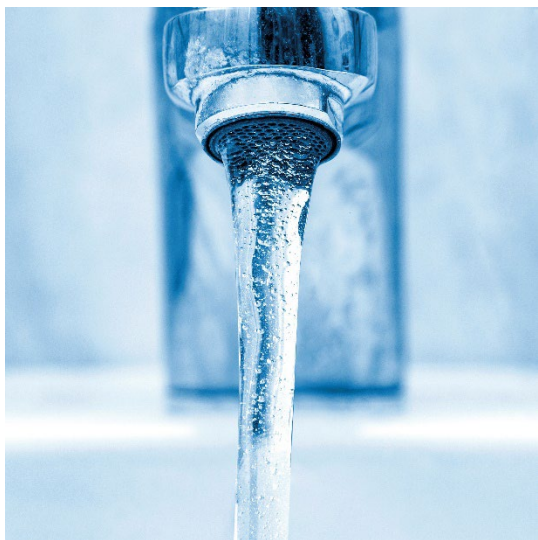
Emergencies happen. If you are a vulnerable person living in the region, you may be at greater risk.

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

Upcoming changes to utility billing for water and sewer services



Effective April 1, in addition to garbage collection charges, Draper residents will begin receiving utility bills for water and sewer services. The fees will be billed in accordance with the rates set in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw 24/026.

You can expect to receive a utility bill from the Municipality once every two months. While the amount of your water and sewer bill will depend on your household usage, based on typical household water usage in Fort McMurray we have estimated the average fees for a Draper residence to be approximately \$235 per bill.

For years, these services have been subsidized by the Municipality in the Draper community. Following a Council Resolution on July 13, 2010, Draper residents received a \$135 rebate from the Municipality toward their monthly costs of water delivery services. In 2016, the Municipality began fully subsidizing the cost of water delivery and sewer pickup services in Draper, only charging residents for the costs of garbage collection.

However, this is not sustainable and a consistent approach to utility billing is being implemented across the region. Recovering costs through user fees for garbage collection, water and sewer services will help ensure the long-term sustainability of reliable, high-quality services for Draper and all communities in Wood Buffalo, while reducing the subsidy from the Municipal tax base.

We understand this change represents a significant adjustment for Draper residents. Please know that this decision was made with careful consideration to balance service delivery across the region.

We are committed to providing clear and transparent information to help residents through this transition. If you have questions, or for more information, please visit rmwb.ca/utilitychanges or contact the Municipality through Pulse at 780-743-7000.

Census 2025

Can we count on you?

The 2025 Municipal census is underway until June 30, 2025.

It's important for everyone, including Municipal residents in rural communities to complete the census.

Why should you fill out the Census?

- It helps us to understand the needs of your community.
- It helps us plan for community services, to make Wood Buffalo a better place to live, work and explore.
- It provides demographic information to industry, community groups, businesses and the social profit sector. This information also supports and enhances diversity in the region.

You can complete the census online at rmwb.ca/census, call Pulse at 780-743-7000 or watch for an enumerator at your door.

Showcase your community spirit on Canada Day



Connect with the people that call Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo home with a float or walking group in the Canada Day Parade on July 1 at 10:30 a.m. Register by 4 p.m. on June 16 at rmwb.ca/CanadaDay.

Fundraise for your organization or group

Contribute to Canada Day's success and raise funds for your organization at the same time! There are eight fundraising opportunities available for local non-profit community organizations and groups. Positions include barricade monitors, safety walkers and members of the Swag Squad.

Apply for an opportunity by June 16 at rmwb.ca/CanadaDay.

Get ready to line the sidewalks with red, white and orange - safely

Family, friends, and neighbours, get ready to line the sidewalks of Franklin Avenue with red, white and orange to enjoy the Canada Day Parade on July 1 at 10:30 a.m.

The parade will travel down Franklin Ave., beginning on Main St. and ending on Riedel St. For community members seeking a quieter parade experience, find a spot along Main St. between Clearwater Dr. and Franklin Ave. for a sensory-friendly experience from 10:15 to 10:30 a.m.

There will be more free family events and activities happening too: keep an eye out for updates from MacDonald Island Park and other community organizations.

Reflect on Canada's shared history

Let's celebrate Canada Day in a way that unites us as a community.

Acknowledge with gratitude that the land on which we live, work and play is Treaty 8 territory, the traditional and ancestral land of the Cree, Dene and the unceded territory of the Métis.

Learn more about moving reconciliation forward in the region at rmwb.ca/TRC.

Be a voice for youth issues in the region

Students entering grades 9 to 12 in the next school year are encouraged to apply for the **Mayor's Advisory Council on Youth (MACOY)** this summer!



Made up of 26 students from across the region, MACOY members get to:

- 💛 Work closely with community leaders.
- 📢 Advocate for the youth of Wood Buffalo.
- 👉 Participate in meaningful volunteer work.
- 📅 Support community events.
- 😊 And more!



How can rural students participate?

MACOY meetings are flexible and will be adjusted to ensure **all** members can participate seamlessly.

Apply online

If you're ready to give a voice to youth in the region, meet new people and build valuable skills for your resume, apply online by Aug. 18 at rmwb.ca/MACOY.

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 [Wood Buffalo Culture Plan](#) 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 mwb.ca/CIP.

Candidate nominations open for 2025 municipal election

New rules in place for campaigning, find more information at rmwb.ca/elections

Candidate nominations are now open to all eligible residents interested in running for the position of RMWB mayor, councillor or school board trustee.

New rules are in place for 2025 municipal election

Changes to the [Local Authorities Elections Act](#) require candidates to submit a notice of intent to appear on the official register of candidates before accepting campaign donations and incurring expenses. In addition, all candidates must complete the nomination process to appear on the ballot.

The general election for the RMWB and all municipalities in Alberta will be held on Oct. 20, 2025.

Call for candidate nominations

Nominations are now being accepted from candidates for the upcoming 2025 municipal election. Prospective candidates must file their notice of intent and complete the nomination process by **noon on Monday, Sept. 22, 2025**.

Find the notice of intent form, nomination forms, required documentation and additional information for interested candidates at rmwb.ca/elections.

Potential candidates with questions or in need of assistance, can contact the Elections Office through Pulse at 780-743-7000 or email elections@rmwb.ca and a Legislative Services staff member will assist.

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.



WOOD BUFFALO

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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: 780-788-4253
- Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250
- Email: restorative.justice@rmwb.ca

Get involved.

We need committed volunteers to help! Please contact us.

Join the Volunteer Fire Department

We need paid on-call members!



What we do:

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

What you have:

- Valid Class 5 license. (Q endorsement is even better)
 - Time for weekly training and ability to respond

Interested?

Contact: Regional Emergency Services: 780-792-5500

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.

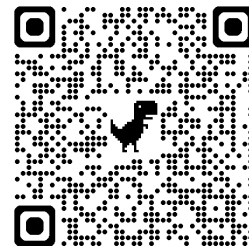
- Build your knowledge, confidence, and experience.
- No experience required. Training will be provided.



RMWB.ca/ESSVolunteer

For more information call:

- [780-743-7000](tel:780-743-7000)
- Toll Free [1-800-973-9663](tel:1-800-973-9663)



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.



COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Small actions make a
big impact!

Register at

[rmwb.ca/cleanup.](https://rmwb.ca/cleanup)



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
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Refresh your community and pick up the trash from winter

Get involved with the Adopt-A-Trail program or host a Community Cleanup event!

How can I register?

- Online at rmwb.ca/cleanup.
- By calling Pulse
- At your local municipal rural office.

Registration for both programs will close Sept. 15, and all cleanup supplies must be returned by Sept. 30.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/cleanup.

WOOD BUFFALO SENIOR SOCIAL

JUNE
TUESDAY | **24** | 12-3 PM
2025

Anzac Recreation Centre
Come join us for a free
bingo and lunch!

TO REGISTER:
FORT MCMURRAY/MCKAY: 780-559-2235
CONKLIN: 780-559-2235
JANVIER: 780-559-2230
ANZAC: 780-334-2298

Transportation Available!
RSVP by June 13th!

Aging in Place

What's on your wish list for the aging-in-place project?



Chat with us in person and submit your survey!

Fort McMurray

June 3 - Tailgate Tuesday (St Aiden's Society)

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Syncrude Athletic Park

Register: 780-743-4370 ext. 4

June 6 - Council's Luncheon for Seniors and Elders

11 a.m.

MacDonald Island Park (CNOOC Fieldhouse)

Register: rmwb.ca/luncheon or contact Pulse

780-743-7000

June 13 - Friday Coffee at the Golden Years Society

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Rural

June 17 - Janvier

Senior's Luncheon

12 - 2 p.m.

June 19 - Conklin Senior's Luncheon and Bingo

12 - 2 p.m.

More information including printed surveys can be found at rural municipal offices.

**Take the survey that fits you best
at rmwb.ca/AgingInPlace**



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

To submit information to the newsletter please email:

Info.rr@rmwb.ca

Deadline for July Newsletter submissions: **June 26th, 2025**



COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Senior's Week Begins	2 Hair Metal Music Bingo Kickin Horse Saloon 7 PM	3 Senior's Week Tailgate Party Timberlea Athletic Park 11:30 AM	4 Pots & Pinecone Painting Workshop SSWC 6:30-8:30 PM	5 Doubt, A Parable King Street Theatre 7:30 PM	6 Council's Luncheon for Seniors and Elders MacDonald Island Park 11-2 PM 	7 Metis Fest MacDonald Island Park 11-7:30 PM
8 Bingo and Lunch 55+ The Legion 10:30 AM	9	10 Giants VS Edmonton Prospects Legacy Dodge Field 7 PM	11	12 Europa Super Circus Centerfire Place	13 The Legion Friday Night Trivia 7 PM 	14 Girls with Grit Sport Summit MacDonald Island Park
15 Fort City Car Show 10-3:30 PM	16	17	18	19	20 Fort McMurray SPCA Garage Sale 	21 Rhythm and Recall The Legion 6:30-9:00 PM
22 Pride Beading Workshop Redpoll Centre 3-7 PM	23	24	25	26 Pride Paint Night Baileys Pub 7 PM	27 The Legion Friday Night Trivia 7 PM 	28 BBQ Hot dog & Pop Fundraiser Home Hardware 1-4 PM
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