

# DRAPER ROAD NEWS



# April 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](https://rmwb.ca/banner)



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF WOOD BUFFALO

## **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](http://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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# Wood Buffalo Senior Social

Join us for an afternoon of  
lunch, bingo, music and  
prizes!

Where: Anzac Rec Centre

Time: 12-3 PM

Date: May 7<sup>th</sup> 2026

FREE TO ATTEND!

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

TO REGISTER:

FORT MCMURRAY/MCKAY/CONKLIN:

780-559-2235

ANZAC/468/GLE: 780-334-2298

JANVIER: 780-559-2230

**RSVP DEADLINE: APRIL**

**15TH**

# 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.*

# 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](mailto: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](https://rmwb.ca/assessments) for appeal forms and guides and more information.
- [rmwb.ca/taxes](https://rmwb.ca/taxes) for information about paying property taxes.
- Contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or online at [rmwb.ca/pulse](https://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**.

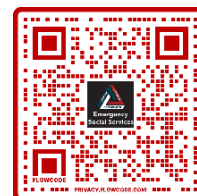
If you're having trouble finding municipal information on our website, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or [rmwb.ca/pulse](http://rmwb.ca/pulse).

## 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.



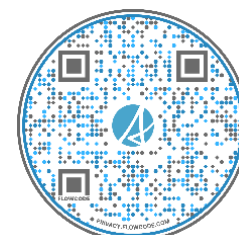
**Vulnerable  
Persons  
Registry**

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.





**PULSE**

780-743-7000 • 1-800-973-9663  
[rmwb.ca/pulse](http://rmwb.ca/pulse)

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](http://www.rmwb.ca/pulse)

## EASTER WORD SEARCH

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BUNNY  
BASKET  
HOP  
CANDY  
DYE  
CARROT  
BLOOM

EGG  
SPRING  
CHOCOLATE  
SUNSHINE  
HUNT  
RIBBON  
SUNDAY

CHICK  
FLOWERS  
GRASS  
TULIP  
PEEP  
JOY



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR:**

**Health Career Exploration Camp**

Registration required:  
Contact Sabrina for more information: Swatson@nextgen.org



April 24, 2026  
Keyano College

**CAREERS Health Care Exploration Day**

Join CAREERS for a hands-on day discovering real healthcare careers.  
Explore your future in healthcare!

**Forestry Quick Connect 2026**

Registration required:  
Contact Nicole Krull for more information: nkrull@nextgen.org

**Explore Forestry  
Protect The Planet  
Build Your Future**

**FORESTRY QUICK CONNECT**

Explore Careers In Forestry & Environmental Science

**MAY 6, 2026**

Northland Forest Products

SIGN UP TODAY!

**OUTLAND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (OYEP)**

Applications are open! Contact CAREERS if you are interested in applying or have any questions.

**THE OUTLAND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

SIX WEEKS ON THE JOB

**A REMOTE CAMP EXPERIENCE:**

- Semi-private male and female accommodations
- On-site chef
- 3 meals and snacks
- Bi-weekly pay schedule
- Free time after work:
  - workout spaces,
  - volleyball, swimming, canoeing, etc

**WHO CAN APPLY:**

- Indigenous youth
- 16 to 18 years of age
- Eligible to work in Canada
- Must have a Social Insurance Number

**HOW TO APPLY:**

- Email: [OYEP@outland.ca](mailto:OYEP@outland.ca)
- Visit: [www.OYEP.ca](http://www.OYEP.ca)
- Speak to your school guidance counsellor!

**OYEP**

SAFETY FORESTRY SCIENCE WEEK ENERGY MINING FIELD WORK

**FIND US IN THE COMMUNITY AT THESE EVENTS:**

**ATC CAREER FAIR**  
APR 15 & 16, 2026 – 10am - 3pm Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre

**FORT MCMURRAY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION CAREER FAIR**  
APR 21 – 8:30 – 3:30 - Father Mercredi High School

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**  
APR 21 & 22, 2026 – 4:30pm – 7:30pm – Father Mercredi High School

**RURAL SERVICE NETWORK PUBLIC TRADESHOW**  
APR 23 – 3:00PM – 7:00pm – FORT MCKAY  
Community members invited to attend

**HEALTH CAREER EXPLORATION CAMP – Registration Required**  
APR 24 – Keyano College - Exploring Careers in Health Care

**FORT MCMURRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION CAREER FAIR**  
APR 28 - 8:30am – 3:30pm – École McTavish Public High School

**THE SHARK TANK TRADER'S MARKET**  
MAY 1, 2026 – 12:00 PM – 6:00PM - J.A. Williams High School - Lac La Biche

**FORESTRY QUICK CONNECT – SIGN UP NOW – Registration Required**  
MAY 6, 2026 –Northland Forest Products  
Explore Careers in Forestry & Environment

**PLEASE REACH OUT ANYTIME  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**

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# 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

<b>PULSE (MUNICIPAL SWITCH BOARD)</b>	1-800-973-9663 780-743-7000	PULSE@RMWB.CA	RMWB.CA/PULSE
<b>COMMUNITY CONTACTS:</b>		<b>SOCIAL MEDIA:</b>	
<b>RCMP</b>	780-788-4000	 @WOODBUFFALORURALCOMMUNITYCONNECTION   @RMWOODBUFFALO   @RMWOODBUFFALO	
<b>FISH &amp; WILDLIFE</b>	780-743-7200		
<b>HEALTH LINK</b>	811		
<b>ALL EMERGENCIES</b>	911		

To submit information to the newsletter please email:

[infor.rr@rmwb.ca](mailto:infor.rr@rmwb.ca)

Deadline for May Newsletter submissions:

April 24, 2026

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Drop in Curling MacDonald Island 7 – 9pm   	4 Drop in Gaming WB Library 1pm – 12am
5 	6	7 E-Sports and STEM Camp @ Keyano 1 – 4:30pm	8 Spring Job Fair SMS Equipment place Grand Ball Room 11 – 6:30	9 Me, Myself & Cecil @ Keyano Theater 8:00pm	10 Drop in Curling MacDonald Island 7 – 9pm   	11 Youth Drop in Night (ages 11 – 17) Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre
12	13	14	15	16	17 Unmasking the lived experience of Autistic Individuals 9 – 12 & 6 – 7:30 @ Autism Society   	18
19 YMM Women’s Trade Show @ MacDonald Island 1 – 5pm	20	21 Mom’s Matter @ The Hub Family Resource Centre 1 – 2pm	22 ASRMWB Annual General Meeting @ Autism Society 7 – 8:30pm	23 Boston Marriage @ Keyano Theatre 7:30 - 10pm	24 <b>Deadline to submit to the newsletter</b>   	25 Youth Drop in Night (ages 11 – 17) Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre
26	27	28	29	30		