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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

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Regional Municipality of
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Pulse Line:
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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

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Youth Centre Hours

Monday to Friday
1:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday 12:00 –8:00pm

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
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Facility Bookings — 780-697-3600



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*For updates on Rural Happenings like our page on
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Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!





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RMWB...

Council's Excellence Awards: Nominate today!

 **Council's**
EXCELLENCE
AWARDS

**Help shine a light on
outstanding people in
your community!**

**Nominate them for
an award by Dec. 3.**

rmwb.ca/excellence


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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



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RMWB...

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 neighbourhood, 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/CommunityRinks. 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/CommunityRinks.

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



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RMWB...

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.



**RMWB 2025
Elections**

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 (Six)	Mike Allen	2,379
	Ty Brandt	2,838



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	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.



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THIS & THAT...



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:

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9916 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray AB

Phone: 780-799-1748

Email: Kenisha.boothe@mcman.ca

Alyssa Nicolle

9916 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray AB

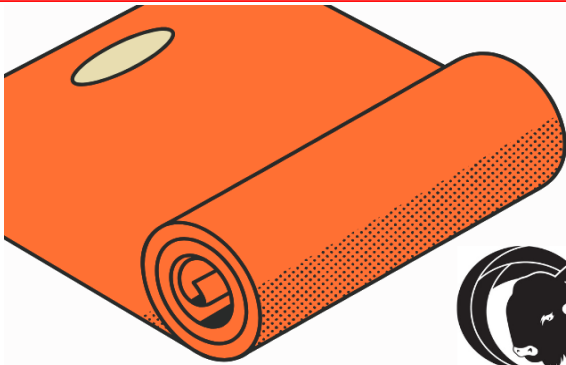
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Email: Alyssa.nicolle@mcman.ca

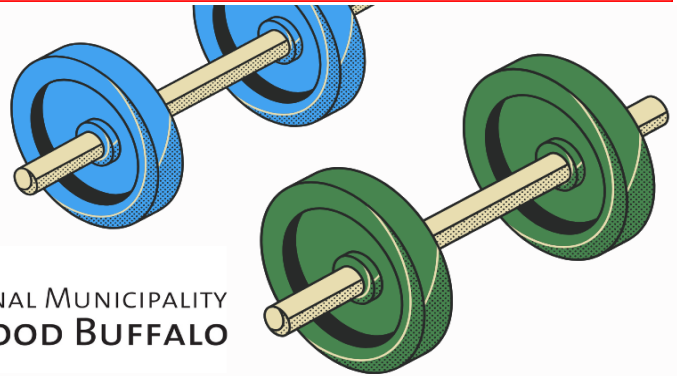


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COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING...

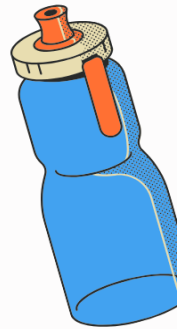
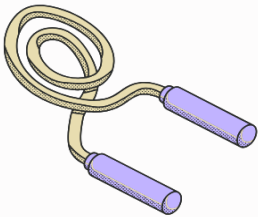


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JOIN US FOR WEEKDAY EVENING

FITNESS CLASSES

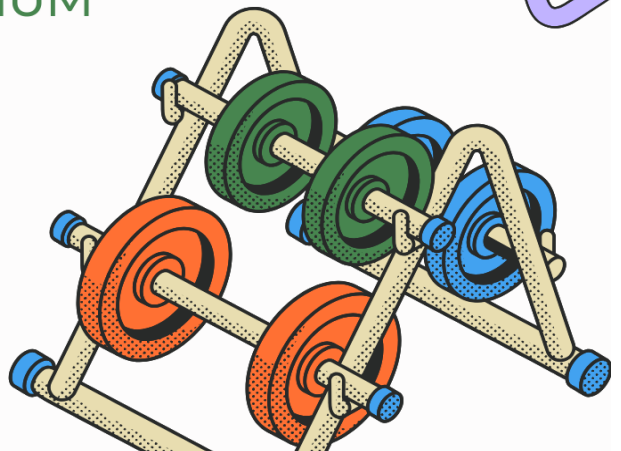
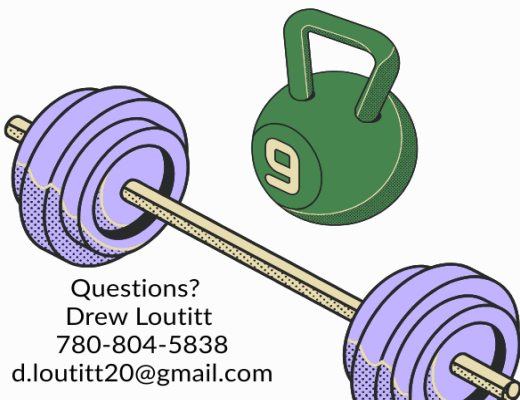
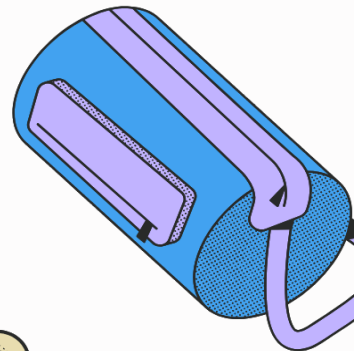


Finish off your day, stay active,
and have fun in a supportive
environment!



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

YOUTH CENTRE
GYMNASIUM



Questions?
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COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING...

EMPOWER HOUR

**FREE - NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

Join Drew Loutitt for a supportive, confidence building fitness program designed for women who want a fresh start in a comfortable, private space.

**Women's Fitness
Starting Sept 8, 2025
Every Monday & Wednesday**

 **5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

 **Archie Simpson Arena
Fitness Centre**

Attend every class until November 26, 2025 and
be entered into a draw to win an Apple Watch SE!



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BUILD STRENGTH. BOOST CONFIDENCE. FEEL EMPOWERED.



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING...

GYM NOTICE



Every Monday & Wednesday



5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

The gym will be **CLOSED** to general members during this time.



**WOMEN ONLY -
EMPOWER HOUR**

Thank you for your understanding
and support!



RMWB & ATC





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COMMUNITY EVENTS...

Seniors Christmas

Luncheon & Bingo

Tuesday, December 2nd
12:00pm - Mamawi Hall

If you need transportation, please
reach out to your nations coordinator





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COMMUNITY EVENTS...

Christmas GIFTCARD BINGO

GREAT PRIZES AND FUN FOR ALL

NOVEMBER 26TH
MAMAWI HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
CANTEEN

PLEASE BRING DABBERSI CHILDREN 8 & UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN





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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...

November

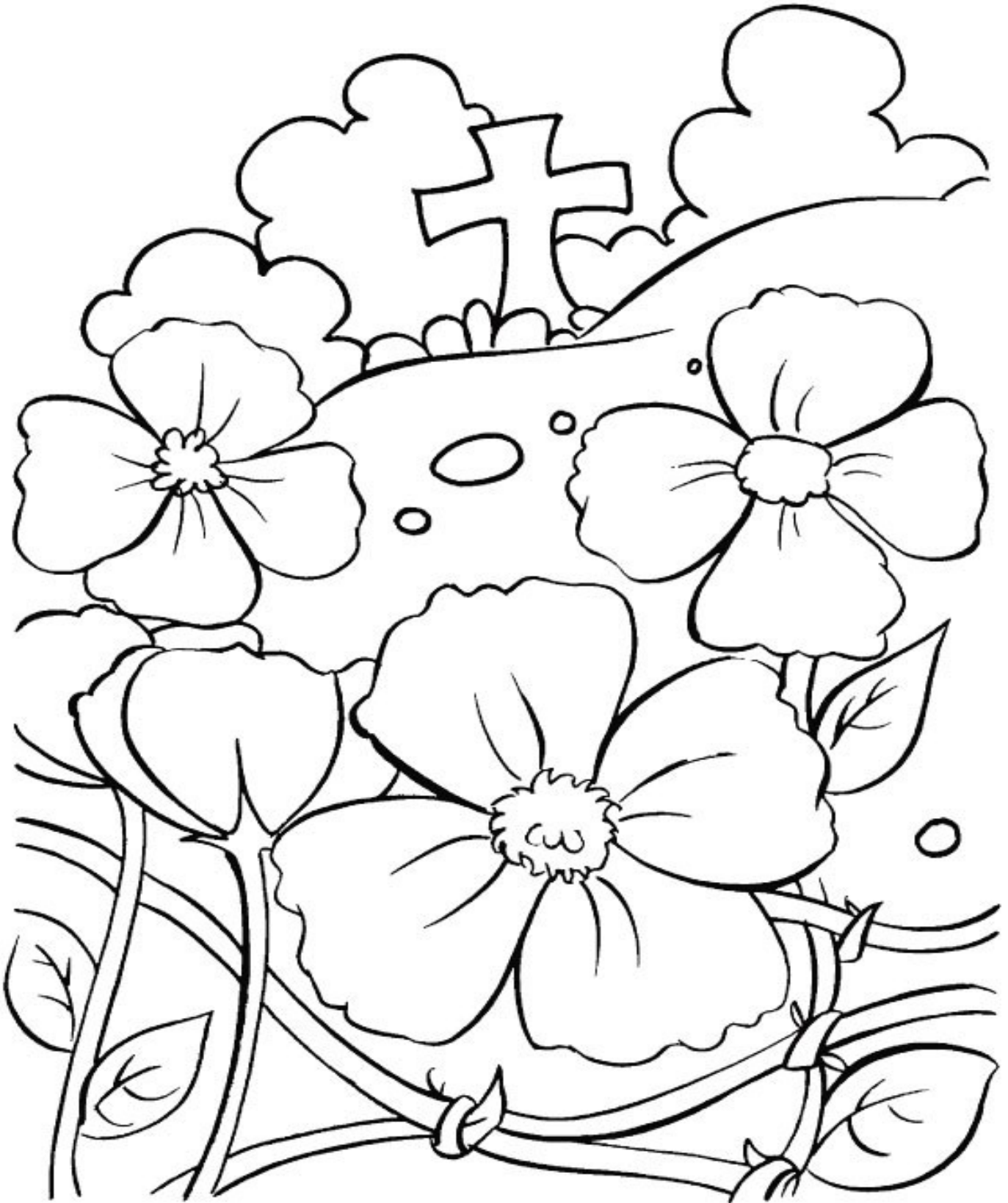
2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						
						1 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)
2	3 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	4 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Painting 6-8 Laneyard Making	5 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Puzzles 6-8 Swimming	6 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	7 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie & Popcorn	8 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)
9	10 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	11 Remembrance Day Centre Closed 	12 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Soccer Baseball 6-8 Swimming	13 1-3 Parents & Tots Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	14 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie & Popcorn	15 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)
16	17 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	18 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Modeling Clay 6-8 Wii/ Gym	19 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Badminton 6-8 Swimming	20 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	21 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie	22 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)
23	24 1-3 Parents & Tots 3-5 Wii/ Free gym time 6-8 Free Time	25 1-3 Parents & Tots 3-5 Board games 6-8 Dodgeball	26 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Puzzles 6-8 Swimming	27 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Floor Hockey	28 1-3 Parents & Toddler Drop in 3-5 Movie & Popcorn 6-8 Movie & Popcorn	29 1-8 Free Time (All Ages)



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COLOURING FUN...





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WORD SEARCH FUN...





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Gift Card Bingo	27	28	29 AWG Trials in Slave Lake
30 MCFN Youth XMAS Event		<u>HAVE CHIP CHAT NEWS? CONTACT INFO...</u> E-mail: Tamera.Ellingson@rmwb.ca				