

June 2026

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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

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Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED
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Sunday:
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RMWB...



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Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!





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RMWB...

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Fort Chipewyan Water Intake Relocation Project

Continuing the conversation about the water source
for the Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant.

In April, community members identified potential locations for
consideration. This session will share what was heard and ask:

What can you tell us about these areas?

Your input, experiences and observations will help the project team
better understand the land, water and locations being considered.

JOIN US IN PERSON

Community Open House

June 12 - 5:30 p.m.

Mamawi Hall

Come share a meal, learn more about the project,
ask questions, and share your feedback with the project team.

LEARN MORE



Scan the QR code or visit the project
website at rmwb.ca/FCWaterIntake.

Questions? Please contact Pulse and they
will connect you with the project team.

1-800-973-9663 | pulse@rmwb.ca



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RMWB...



Celebrate your community spirit by joining the Canada Day Parade!

When: July 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Who: Local businesses, nonprofits, sports teams and community groups are invited to participate with a **float or walking group!**

Fundraising opportunities for non-profits

Eight **opportunities** are available to raise funds for local non-profit community organizations or on behalf of one in key event support roles, including:

- barricade monitors
- safety walkers
- members of the Swag Squad

Register and apply by **June 16** at rmwb.ca/CanadaDay

Celebrate, learn, and reflect together

We acknowledge and honour the land on which we live, work and play —Treaty 8 territory, the traditional and ancestral land of the Cree, Dene and the unceded territory of the Métis.

Each of us can participate in advancing reconciliation by:

- Listening and learning from Elders and Knowledge Keepers.
- Participating in events that honour and celebrate Indigenous cultures.
- Reading the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report and the 94 Calls to Action.
- Taking the free online [Indigenous Learning Series](#).
- Joining the [It's Time to Read Book Club](#) to explore Indigenous history, culture and the experiences of local Indigenous communities.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/TRC.



RMWB...



Check your mail - property tax notices are out

The Municipality mailed out 2026 property tax notices to all residential and commercial property owners.

It is the responsibility of property owners to contact the municipality if they do not receive their notice. Late payment penalties will be applied to any outstanding balance of property taxes after June 30.

In addition to mail, there are a variety of ways to pay your property taxes:

- At a bank/financial institution
- Through online banking

[RMWB's Online Payment Portal](#)

In-person at a municipal office

The RMWB also offers the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) for monthly property tax payments for those without taxes included in their mortgage. For the full list of options and payment details, visit rmwb.ca/taxes.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/taxes or contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or Toll Free at 1-800-973-9663.

Rural non-residential small business property sub-class

Don't forget: Business owners that meet the criteria outlined in the provincial regulation can apply to receive a 25 per cent reduction from the rural non-residential municipal tax rate. Visit the RMWB website for more details and to apply.



FYI...



FORT CHIPEWYAN RCMP PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) ENFORCEMENT

Recently, the Fort Chipewyan RCMP Detachment has received numerous complaints from concerned citizens regarding the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) by youth on public roadways within Fort Chipewyan.

Several of these complaints involve dangerous driving behaviours that could have resulted in serious injury to both operators and members of the public.

The Fort Chipewyan RCMP Detachment is responsible for enforcing the Alberta Traffic Safety Act and applicable Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo bylaws. Due to the recent increase in complaints and infractions involving OHVs, RCMP members will be conducting increased enforcement initiatives throughout the community.

Parents and guardians are reminded that, pursuant to Section 2(3) of the applicable legislation, they may also be charged for permitting a person under the age of 14 to operate an OHV while unauthorized in a public place. This offence carries a fine of \$162.

The purpose of this bulletin is to educate OHV users within the Detachment Area of Responsibility regarding the applicable rules and regulations, and to advise the public of upcoming enforcement efforts aimed at deterring unsafe and unlawful operation.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED AN OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV)?

An OHV includes, but is not limited to:

- Motorcycles and minibikes
- Snow vehicles
- All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) including Side by Sides

Fort Chipewyan RCMP strongly encourages all OHV operators to familiarize themselves with municipal bylaws and the laws established under the Alberta Traffic Safety Act.



FYI...

DID YOU KNOW?

The following regulations apply to the operation of OHVs and will be strictly enforced:

- The operation of OHVs is permitted on municipally controlled highways within the Hamlet of Fort Chipewyan; however, all rules and regulations under the Alberta Traffic Safety Act still apply.
- OHVs may only be operated on highways between the hours of **7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.**
- OHVs traveling on a highway must not exceed the posted speed limit.
- All OHVs operated on a highway must be equipped with:
 - At least one headlight
 - At least one tail light. Both lights must remain illuminated while the OHV is being operated on a highway.
- Any OHV operated on a highway or public land must be properly registered and insured.
- Operators must hold:
 - A valid driver's licence; or
 - A learner's permit while accompanied by a licensed driver who is 18 years of age or older.

Operators must also obey all traffic laws and rules of the road.

- Holders of a valid Trapper's Permit are authorized to operate an OHV on highways within the Hamlet of Fort Chipewyan, provided they comply with all applicable provincial and municipal regulations.
- Persons under the age of 14 are prohibited from operating an OHV on a highway.
- Persons under the age of 14 may only operate an OHV on public property when:
 1. They are supervised by a person:
 - Occupying the passenger seat of the OHV; or
 - Traveling in close proximity in or on another vehicle; and
 2. The supervising person is 18 years of age or older.

Operators should be aware that violations of these laws and regulations may result in enforcement action and fines.

For further information regarding OHV regulations or other traffic-related concerns, please contact the Fort Chipewyan RCMP Detachment at **(780) 697-3931**.



THIS & THAT...



WELCOME TO OUR INDIGENEOUS YOUTH CAREER COACH



We are delighted to welcome Michelle Oke to the NE Team.

Michelle will be visiting each rural community alongside Sabrina over the summer to connect with students, build relationships, and begin planning exciting career exploration opportunities based on students' interests.

We look forward to the positive impact Michelle will bring as she supports Indigenous youth in preparing for future career pathways and summer employment experiences.

YOUNG WOMEN IN TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY (YWITT) CAMP June 29-July 3, Wood Buffalo

This free camp will expose young women to the skilled trades and technologies where they will experience hands-on activities and hear from other women. Must be entering grade 10-12 to register.

Registration will open soon, Contact acampbell@nextgen.org to be added to invite list.

HEALTH CAREER EXPLORATION CAMP



In April, students in both Wood Buffalo and Elk Point experienced a day of hands-on exploration into a variety of health care careers. Students enjoyed the fun and engaging learning experience and were inspired to pursue a career in health care. Thanks to partners RhPAP, Keyano, and RES for some great learning days.

FORESTRY QUICK CONNECT 2026



May 6, 2026 – Wood Buffalo

Forestry Quick Connect provided 27 students with hands on learning and meaningful engagement in forestry and environmental careers. Thank you to Northland Forest Products for hosting and providing lunch, and to Keyano College, Work Wild, Wood Buffalo Environmental Association for inspiring youth to pursue forestry and environmental careers.

FIND US IN THE COMMUNITY AT THESE EVENTS:

NAABA Golf Tournament

June 4th, Miskanaw Golf Club, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo

Rural Sharing Network Public Tradeshow

June 9, 2026 – 1 – 3:30 pm Conklin Multiplex, Conklin

Rural Sharing Network Public Tradeshow

June 11, 2026 – 3-7 pm Fort McKay Community Hall, Fort McKay

U21 OPEN INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Rena Landriault (phone (587)442-7555 or llandriault@nextgen.org) with questions regarding the following opportunities:

- **Lac La Biche - Laborer/equipment operator position with preferred oil field experience. 12 hours shifts, 2 weeks in camp - Conklin, 1 week off. Must have own transportation to Conklin.**
- **Cold Lake/Bonnyville - Apprentice Scaffolder at CNRL Wolf Lake near Bonnyville, Alberta. 7 Days On AND 7 Days Off.**
- **Cold Lake - A Plant Operator position through the Indigenous Internship Program is available at Imperial's Cold Lake, Alberta**



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Free Library Cards & Delivery

Check out the latest books, movies, video games, and more with your free library card! Place hold requests online, and we'll deliver your items to your community. Free library cards also give you access to fantastic resources for language learning, studying, digital materials, and so much more! Visit wbrl.ca for more information.

WBRL in Fort Chipewyan – June 11, 4-8pm

Join us in Fort Chipewyan to make porcupine beaded earrings. Free for ages 14+.
Register online as space is limited:

<https://wbrl.bibliocommons.com/events/6a020635055b429f3b3ae847>

WBRL programming in Fort Chipewyan is sponsored by Suncor.





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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers and community groups for joining us for our annual Community Clean-up event— Your time, effort and dedication make a BIG difference in keeping our community clean, beautiful and safe for everyone! We appreciate you! See you next year!



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AGES 12+

Teens

Paint

4 Fun

JUNE 5TH, 2026

6-8PM

AT THE YOUTH CENTRE

**Join us for a fun evening
of Painting & Storytelling
with Elder Karen
Fersovitch**

**Only 12 spots available! Comment on
this post to sign up!**



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Shine On  Northern
Alberta



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...

JOIN US FOR A FATHER'S DAY BBQ



Wednesday, June 17th @ 5:00pm

**Drive Thru - Dads Only - stop and
grab a meal on the way home from
work**

Archie Simpson Arena



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...

Vendor Call Out Canada Day Celebrations!

We are currently seeking vendors for our Annual Canada Day Celebration taking place on:

Wednesday, July 1st

Location: Mamawi Hall and Surrounding areas

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products, food, or services to a large, family-friendly crowd as we celebrate together as a community!

We welcome a variety of vendors, including:

Food trucks & concession vendors

Arts, crafts & handmade goods

Local businesses & community groups

Family-friendly activities & services

Vendor spots are limited, so be sure to secure your space early!

For more information or to register, please contact:

tamera.ellingson@rmwb.ca



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...



**Invitation to all organizations and individuals to participate , team up with your co-workers, family and friends to come up with a creative idea and be a part of the
Canada Day Parade!**

2026 Theme: Disney

Parade will run from Northern to Mamawi Hall

**Float staging begins no later than 9:30am on Wednesday, July 1st.
Parade will begin at 10:00am**

Parade will be followed by judging of floats, bikes, wagons and quads and festivities at Mamawi Hall and surrounding areas

**Please email tamera.ellingson@rmwb.ca to confirm your float by
June 16th, 2026**

Happy Canada Day!



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COMMUNITY EVENTS...



SENIORS BBQ & BINGO

**AGES
55+**

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 3RD @**

**12:00PM
MAMAWI HALL**

**IF YOU NEED A RIDE - PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR NATIONS
COORDINATORS - BRING BINGO DABBERS!**

**HOSTED BY: RMWB
WITH SUPPORT FROM: MCFN, ACFN, FCMN, NUNEE HEALTH**



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING...



Seniors Paint 4 Fun

As part of Alberta Seniors week we are hosting a Paint4 Fun session for Community Seniors aged 55+

Tuesday, June 2nd
1-4pm
Mamawi Hall

Limited Spots Available - To register please email Tamera.Ellingson@rmwb.ca



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING...

**Fitness Classes with
Drew will be paused
for the summer
months starting on
May 1st - we will
resume in the Fall**



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AQUATIC CENTRE...

aquafit

with Jonny

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00PM

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

AGES 16+







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YOUTH CENTRE...

June

2026

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	 1 3-5 Wii/ Gym Time 6-8 Pickleball/ Powwow Dance Class	 2 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Dream Catcher Making	 3 3-5 Crafts/ Board Games 6-8 Teen Swim	 4 3-5 Basketball/ Park Fun 6-8 Air Hockey/ Pool	5 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teen Paint Night	6 All Ages All Day Smoothie Saturday		
7	8 3-5 Outdoor Chalk Fun 6-8pm Pickleball/ Powwow Dance Class	9 3-5 Badminton 6-8 Teen Painting	10 3-5 Scratch Art 6-8 Teen Swim	11 3-5 Father's Day Craft 6-8 Fuse Beads	12 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teens Choice	13 All Ages All Day Fish Scale Art Workshop		
14	15 3-5 Soccer Baseball 6-8 Pickleball	16 3-5 Board Games and Puzzles 6-8 Nintendo Switch	17 3-5 Soccer Baseball 6-8 Teen Swim	18 3-5 Basketball/Park Fun 6-8 Teen Cooking (Nachos)	19 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teens Choice	20 All Ages All Day		
21	22 3-5 Wii/ Gym Time 6-8 Pickleball	23 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Dream Catcher Making	24 3-5 Dodgeball 6-8 Teen Swim	25 3-5 Crafts 6-8 Wii/ Boardgames	26 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teen Choice	27 All Ages All Day Make your own Pizza Buns		
28	29 3-5 Basketball/ Park Fun 6-8 Pickleball	30 3-5 Puzzles 6-8 Teen Boardgames						

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



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COLOURING FUN...

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**





WORD SEARCH FUN...

Father's Day Word Search

R E H T A F Q Q Q D
B A S E B A L L D R
W Y A K E C W O G A
P D C V I X G I G C
G G N I H S I F X V
B C N N E C K T I E

BASEBALL
CARD
FATHER
FISHING
GOLF
NECKTIE





JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Seniors Paint 4 Fun @ Hall 1-4pm	3 Seniors Luncheon @ Hall 12pm	4	5 Teen Paint Night @ Youth Centre 6-8pm	6 Family Movie Day @ Hall 2pm
7	8 Pow wow Lessons @ Youth Centre 6pm /Drop in Pickleball	9	10 Bike Rodeo/ Corn League @Youth Centre Gym 7pm	11	12	13
14	15 Pow wow Lessons @ Youth Centre 6pm /Drop in Pickleball	16	17 Father's Day Drive Thru BBQ @ Arena 5pm	18 ACFN Treaty Days	19 ACFN Treaty Days	20 MCFN Treaty Days
21 MCFN Treaty Days	22	23	24	25	26	27 Fort Chip Pride Event @ Hall
28	29	30				

HAVE CHIP CHAT NEWS? CONTACT INFO...
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