

DRAPER ROAD NEWS



March 2026



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

COMMUNITY NOTICE

How rural winter maintenance works in your community

Winter maintenance in rural communities is done by municipal contractors, and includes:

- Snow plowing and snow removal.
- Sanding/salting asphalt roadways whenever needed to create a safe driving surface.

Snow plowing in your community:

- Primary (high-traffic) roads are plowed within 24 hours of snowfall.
- School routes will be plowed within 24 hours for easier school pick-up and drop-off.
- Secondary roads are plowed within 48 hours.
- Gravel roads are plowed within 72 hours.
- Contractors will try to remove windrows (snowbanks) at residential and commercial driveways where possible.

Snow removal in your community:

- Contractors start snow removal when snowbanks are too high and block safe sightlines at intersections.

Help your community with winter maintenance:

- Remove garbage and recycling bins from the roadside to leave room for plowing.
- Do not shovel/push snow onto the road or into ditches, as this creates flooding issues in the spring.

More details are available at rmwb.ca/snowplow

Questions? Please contact Pulse at rmwb.ca/pulse, or by phone at 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663 (toll-free).

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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.

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 for appeal forms and guides and more information.
- rmwb.ca/taxes for information about paying property taxes.
- Contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or online at rmwb.ca/pulse.

New year, new Land Use Bylaw!



As of Jan. 1, 2026, Land Use Bylaw (No. 26/001) is now in effect.

So, what does this mean for residents, businesses, and developers?

Whether you're planning a home business, building a garage, developing a secondary suite, or putting up a sign, the new Land Use Bylaw outlines what's permitted and how to get started.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/LandUseBylaw.

Have questions?

With the 2026 construction season just around the corner, we know you may have some questions - and we're here to help!

The RMWB Planning and Development team is available to answer them and walk you through the new bylaw. Call Pulse to connect with a planner.

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.



The RMWB is accepting applications from full-time post-secondary students interested in gaining valuable summer or co-op work experience with the Municipality.

Select summer and co-op student positions have an application deadline of **March 13**, unless otherwise specified in individual job postings.

Additional positions will be posted shortly with an application deadline of **March 20**.

Summer employment typically runs from early May through the end of August, while co-op placements may be offered at various times throughout the year.

There are positions in several municipal departments including:

- Community Services
- Human Resources & Safety
- Legal Services
- Planning & Development
- Environmental Services
- Regional Emergency Services
- Corporate Services
- Public Works

View the available positions and submit your application online at rmwb.ca/employment.

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.



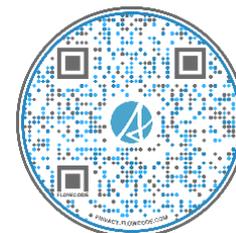
**Vulnerable
Persons
Registry**

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**

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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

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PATRICK'S
DAY**



iHeartCraftyThings.com



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Grounded in Spirit: Indigenous Art as Our Foundation

DATE:

March 19, 2026 from 5 to 7 p.m.

LOCATION:

Main Lobby, Jubilee Building (municipal entrance)
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray

Join us as we celebrate the unveiling of four remarkable artworks by Bernadette Cree Dumais, Shawn McClure, Jane Ash Poitras, and Tiffany Shaw – pieces that speak to heritage, resilience, and the enduring spirit of Indigenous culture. Artworks pay tribute to traditional craft, ancestral knowledge and the lived experiences that continue to shape Indigenous identity and culture.

In keeping with oral storytelling traditions, each piece is accompanied by an audio narrative recorded by the artist, creating an immersive and inclusive experience for all visitors.



This venue is wheelchair accessible.
ASL interpretation will be available during speeches.

Please direct inquiries to the culture branch at culture@rmwb.ca

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



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CELEBRATING SENIORS & ELDERS IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO (RMWB)

Because of the contributions of Seniors & Elders, our municipality is a vibrant, inclusive and thriving place to call home.

Nominate a senior/elder for the 2026 60+ Impact Award

Nominees must be currently living in the RMWB

Please provide the following information:

Name, age, phone number and email address of the nominee

One or more letters of support

Name, phone number and email address of the nominator

Confirmation that the nominee accepts the nomination

A paragraph or two about why they deserve a nomination

Email your nomination or if you have any questions please contact:

Carolyn Evancio – carolyn.evancio@gmail.com

Curtis J. Phillips – cjphillips@shaw.ca OR Harvey Tulk – harveytulk@hotmail.com



The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2026

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

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:
infor.rr@rmwb.ca

Deadline for April Newsletter submissions:
March 25, 2026

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Oil Barons VS Bonnyville Pontiacs 6:00pm Centerfire Arena	2	3	4 2026 Mayor's Address Networking Luncheon 11 - 4pm Grand Ballroom SMS Equipment Place	5 Fort McMurray Multi- Employer Job Fair 10 - 2pm Unifor Bldg.	6 Drop-in curling 7 - 9pm Mac Island Curling rink 	7
8 	9 Autism and Neurodiversity Awareness training 12 - 2:30pm & 6 - 8:30pm Autism Society of the RMWB	10	11 Oil Barons VS Bonnyville Pontiacs 7:00pm Centerfire Arena	12	13 	14 Oil Barons VS Lloydminster Bobcats 7pm Centerfire Arena
15	16	17 	18	19	20 Women Sport Passport Program 6 - 7pm 	21
22 Bowl for kids sake 12:30 to 8pm - The Alley	23	24	25 Newsletter submission deadline	26	27 One man Lord of the Rings Keyano theatre 7:30 - 10pm 	28
29	30	31				