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WARD 3



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Councillor's Corner - APRIL 2017 by Al Vinni

A beautiful spring day as I try to complete this column and get it to Pam Garbin a day late. Feels good to see the nice weather; winter was fine, but spring is always a welcome event.

Had a couple of messages about building suites onto houses in our Ward, thought I would answer them here in this column so everyone could see my response. So, the basic question is, can we add on a mother-in-law suite as we rebuild our homes? and if not, why not? The answer is that suites are generally illegal in Fort McMurray. Special permission has been given in some cases to some subdivisions in Fort McMurray allowing suites to be legal, these exceptions are all in Timberlea, as far as I know, and form a very small percentage of each subdivision where that have been allowed.

The reluctance of the RMWB over the years to allow suites is that they lead to higher densities, and higher densities lead to more vehicles being parked on streets and things get really crowded. We're all aware of that reality. So where it has been allowed, provision for parking has had to be addressed. So, the response from Sapræe Creek and Draper Road citizens is then, well, we have lots of parking, so what's the issue? The second reason that the RMWB has been reluctant to allow suites is that suites devalue the property and character of a neighbourhood. This happens in a neighbourhood because the tenants of the suites are not always your very nice and quiet mother-in-law; there can be less desirable tenants, who, lacking the ownership of the property, may not pay it or the neighbourhood the respect that owners do.

Further, once Pandora's Box has been opened up, it is hard to control whether all those additional residents are even living in proper suites. Some house become like bunkhouses (like that house on Freestone where the restoration company stayed last summer; I counted 15 trucks on that property one day on a property that used to be a very nice single family home). So for some, you give an inch, they take a mile. Abuse of specified zoning leads eventually to the reduction, not only of property values, but to the lessening of the character and lifestyle of a neighbourhood.

That is why the RMWB has been reluctant to allow any temporary accommodation to be constructed for a possible army of contractors who will be in our region for the next two years or more. Temporary work accommodation takes on a seedy look, and leads to undesirable outcomes in nearby neighbourhoods. The Council of the day is charged with making decisions about what sort of zoning they will support to see the type of community they think is most desirable thrive. At this point in time, the direction of Council has been not to support suites, temporary accommodation or other types of housing that might diminish from the character and life-style of residential residents and that could drive down residential property values.

There has been no interest at Council over the last year to deviate from the philosophy that I have attempted to describe above. That is not to say that others may disagree. Their option is to run for Council (next election is this October) or support Council candidates that would favour suites being allowed. However, like I said, your wonderful mother-in-law is not the problem, but filling up all of our residential neighbourhoods with short-term tenants could be a problem. Sometimes you have to watch what you ask for, because you might get it.

Allan Vinni

Councillor, Ward 3



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IN THE CREEK



It is that time of year where we say goodbye to board members who are moving on and welcome new board members.

First I would like to thank Michael Morin for his time on the board as our Industry Contact. There were a few years that this could have been a full time job on its own. We cannot thank you enough for the number of volunteer hours you put into making sure that industry would not impact Sapræe Creek. I also want to take a chance to thank you for your knowledge and insight during the 2016 wildfire and the photos you provided which offered the start of closure and peace of mind to many residents. All the best to you Mike.

Second, I would like to thank Melanie Asher. Melanie brought health and fitness to the youth and adults of Sapræe Creek in so many ways. Thank you for overseeing so many programs over the last 4 years that got us moving and more health conscience. Thanks Mel.

Last, it is time for me to move on. Its been a pleasure getting to know you and your children over the last 7 years on the board but now it is time for me to focus on my own rebuild, health and my family. Thank you and I am sure I will see you around the Creek soon.

I would like to welcome Jennifer McQueen to the board as municipal contact, wishing everyone a great year ahead.

Pam Garbin





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IN THE CREEK



THE HUB Parent/Child Program



WHEN: Wednesdays

WHERE: Vista Ridge, Spruce Valley Room

TIME: 10-11:30

NO PROGRAM APRIL 5th

Geared towards ages 0-5, a great way for your child to socialize with similar aged children in Sapræe Creek by way of interactive stations and craft time, followed by a light snack.

Watch the [Sapræe Creek Facebook Page](#) in an event the program is cancelled for the day.



This is such a great program for families in Sapræe when your oldest child(ren) is in school and you want to get the chance to get out of the house once a week and meet some fantastic people in our community.

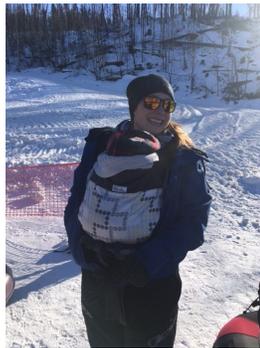


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Photo Credit: Melanie Asher

TUBING EVENT

Thank you for all the volunteers that made this a successful event





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WHEN: Friday April 28th

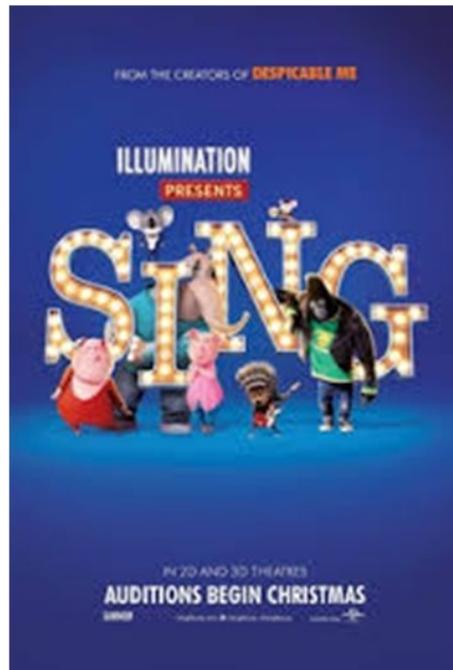
WHERE: Spruce Valley Room at Vista Ridge

TIME: 6-7:30

COST: FREE

Join us for pizza and a movie

This event is sponsored by the Sapræe Creek Residents Society and grant money provided by the RMWB.



This is NOT a drop off event parental supervision is required!

Please respond to the event invitation on the Sapræe Creek Residents Society Facebook Page



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SAPRAE CREEK SPRING 2017

RECREATION AND CULTURE GRANT

Overview

This fund is designed to encourage the development and growth of amateur cultural and sport activities for youth and adults who reside in Saprae Creek within a priority framework. To promote and encourage development and growth in activities related to amateur sport and cultural activities.

Organizations and Individuals Eligible for Funding

Within a priority framework, the following are eligible for funding and applicants must be:

- A resident of Saprae Creek for a minimum of one year.
- A student living outside the area with parents residing in the area for a minimum of one year. The student must consider the area their principal residence.
- A recognized sport or cultural organization, which is based in Fort McMurray

The Deadline for application is April 30, 2017

You can download the application from the www.sapraecreek.com website

Mail completed application to:

Saprae Creek Residents Society

215 Freestone Way Fort McMurray, AB

T9H 5B4

OR Contact Marilyn Rustad 780-715-4960



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SPOTLIGHT ON SAPRAE

I would like to use this page as a chance to support local business owners that live in Saprae Creek. Our community has seen a lot of change in the last 11 months and there are quite a few new residents who might not know what is offered right here in our own backyard.

If you have a business you would like me to spotlight, please email me at pamgarbin@shaw.ca

I would like to welcome Beauty By Brenda to Saprae Creek.

She has opened up her own beauty salon offering a wide range of services

Brenda is located at 187 Weiss Drive

New clients welcome

Services offered include:

Color, foils, extensions, waxing, cuts, pedicures, manicures and gel nails.

Please support local and contact Brenda today for a little pampering.

Beauty By Brenda

*Cuts, Colors, Perms
Extensions, Gel Nails
Pedicures, Waxing*

*187 Weiss Drive
Fort Mc Murray
(780) 215-8897*





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Thanks for another great ski and snowboard season.

VISTA RIDGE WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 3-9th

GATES WILL BE LOCKED

Watch for some exciting new additions to our

Late Spring & Summer offerings!!!!

SADRAE CREEK COMMUNITY SKATING RINK



Thanks for a GREAT season

The ice rink is now closed for the
winter season.

Stay tuned to some exciting uses of the
covered rink this summer!!!!



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Rural Water & Sewer Servicing (RWSS) – March Update

The municipality's Engineering Department attended engagement sessions in Conklin and Janvier in March to provide updates and answer questions. We're committed to timely engagement in all communities and will announce future engagements as information comes available.

Anzac and Gregoire Lake Estates

Design work in Anzac is ongoing. The municipality is reaching out to the community association and local leadership to discuss the design work to date.

In Gregoire Lake Estates, construction will begin this summer. More info will be provided once the contractor is selected.

Conklin and Janvier

In Conklin, the municipality is reaching out to local leadership to discuss the design work to date. In Janvier we gathered information from residents to help advance the design.

Draper and Sapræ Creek

The municipality is reaching out to the Draper Residents' Association to touch base on the design work to date. In Sapræ Creek, design work is ongoing.

More Information

For more information please call the Construction Hotline at 780-793-1054, email constructionhelpdesk@rmwb.ca or view the Rural Committee archives at rmwb.ca/council.





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HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo conducts hydrant flushing throughout the region starting in springtime through the fall each year.

2017 HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

April	Abasand, Grayling Terrace and Beacon Hill
May	McKenzie Industrial Park, Gregoire, Prairie Creek, Sapræe Creek, Airport, Anzac, Janvier and Fort McKay
May and June	Downtown and Waterways
June and July	Thickwood
July	Dickinsfield, Wood Buffalo, Abrams Landing and Fort Chipewyan
July and August	Timberlea
September	Stonecreek, Parsons Creek and TaigaNova

WHY WE'RE DOING IT

Each spring the Municipality commences with its Preventative Maintenance program to ensure that the drinking water in the region is of the highest quality. The process also protects the Municipalities investment in its drinking water infrastructure and ensures that the hydrants are in good working condition for any emergency situation that may arise.

IMPACT TO RESIDENTS

Flushing is done from Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. During the flushing process your water will continue to be of high quality and your service will remain uninterrupted. You may however notice a fluctuation in pressure. If you happen to

notice some slight discoloration, run the cold tap for approximately 15 to 20 minutes. If the discoloration continues call the Municipality.

IS FLUSHING A WASTEFUL PRACTICE?

No – Flushed water is discharged to the storm water system. It is dechlorinated to ensure there is no harmful impact to the environment.

WHOM DO I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, please call the Pulse: Wood Buffalo Call Line at 780-743-7000. This line is staffed 24 hours a day, every day of the year.



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COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is accepting applications for four Community Investment Program grant opportunities.

The deadline to apply for these grants is April 28.

The grants open for applications are as follows:

Community Beautification Grant – This grant encourages community groups and non-profit organizations to submit applications for projects that aim to beautify the region. Applicants may apply for grant funding up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety Grant – This grant offers community groups and non-profit organizations the opportunity to submit applications for programs that support crime prevention and community safety in the region. Applicants may apply for grant funding up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Games Legacy Grant – This grant encourages participation in amateur sport and cultural activities by providing financial assistance to athletes and performers competing or training at a provincial, national or international level. The individual grant funding maximum is \$2,000 and the team/group maximum is \$3,000.

Joint Initiatives Funding – This grant supports partnerships that promote, encourage and assist community groups and non-profit organizations that enhance the quality of life for residents in the Municipality through artistic growth, excellence in sport and stimulating economic development. Applicants may apply for grant funding up to a maximum of \$20,000.

For more information, contact CIP@rmwb.ca or 780-788-4309.

rmwb.ca/CIP



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HOME FIRE SPRINKLERS



Home fire sprinklers can provide affordable, reliable and effective protection for your family.

- Fire sprinklers save lives, reduce property loss and can even help cut homeowner insurance premiums.
- Installing both smoke alarms and fire sprinklers reduces the risk of death in a home fire by 82%.
- On average, home fire sprinklers cost \$1.35 per square foot (1-1.5% of the total cost of construction) of sprinklered space in new construction.
- Modern residential sprinklers can be mounted flush with walls or ceilings making them aesthetically pleasing.

FIRE SPRINKLER MYTHS

MYTH: If one goes off, they all go off.

FACT: Sprinklers activate independently; only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate.

MYTH: Sprinklers will leak.

FACT: Sprinkler mishaps are generally less likely and less severe than home plumbing system problems.

MYTH: Water damage from sprinklers is worse than fire damage.

FACT: The property loss in a sprinklered home fire is a small fraction of the typical loss in an unsprinklered home fire.

MYTH: Sprinklers will freeze in winter.

FACT: The national installation standard provides guidance for proper installation in cold regions.

MYTH: I have smoke alarms so I don't need fire sprinklers.

FACT: Smoke alarms are essential in every home. But they can only detect a fire, not control it. Fire sprinklers detect the fire and automatically control it, saving lives and property.

For more information about fire prevention visit www.rmwb.ca/fireprevention

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- Rural programming and events
- Public engagement or information sessions
- Construction notices
- Service changes in your area
- Other rural news

Join our page for easy access to regular updates or ask us questions when you need more information.

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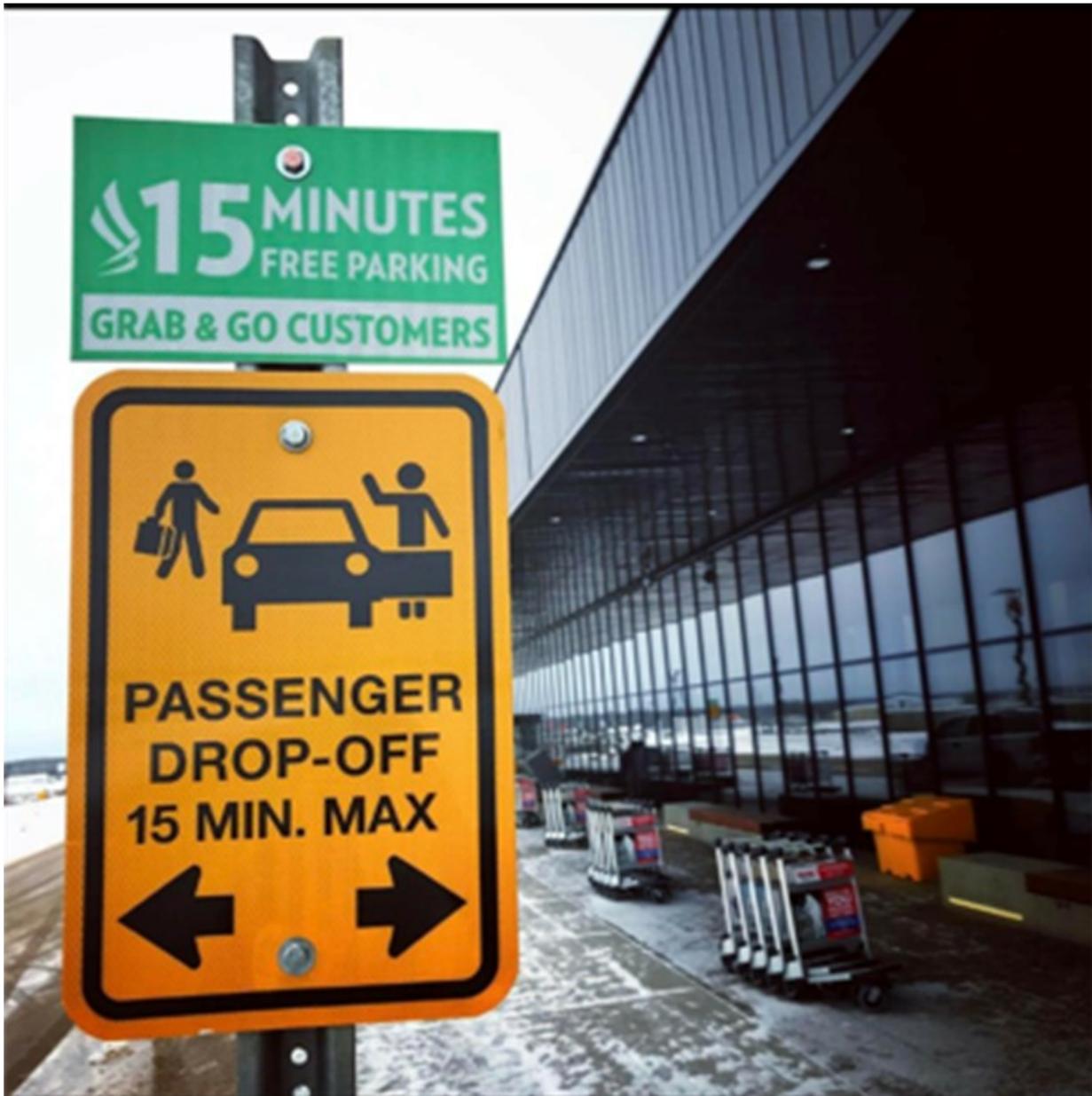
Here for You Launching Bi-weekly Sessions at McMurray Experience

Starting Wednesday, March 1, 2017, the Here for You Public Information Sessions will be coming to the McMurray Experience at Jubilee Plaza every second Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.



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APRIL GARBAGE AND RECYCLE SCHEDULE



April 7th (Light Blue)



April 14th (Dark Blue)



April 21st (Light Blue)



April 28th (Dark Blue)





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Saprae Creek											
Saturday and Sunday											
Lv. Main St. at Franklin Ave. Transfer Station	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Advantage West Inn & Suites	Lv. Gregoire Dr. across from Grenfell Cres.	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre	Lv. Saprae Creek Mailboxes	Lv. Vista Ridge Ski Hill at Spruce Valley Dr.	Lv. Saprae Creek Community Centre	Lv. Saprae Creek Mail Boxes	Lv. Gregoire Dr. across from Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Grenfell Cres.	Lv. Gregoire Dr. across from Advantage West Inn & Suites	Ar. Main St. at Franklin Ave. Transfer Station
Bus Stop Number											
10034	06045	06024	06025	32001	32002	32003	32004	06050	06020	06022	10034
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12:45	12:53	12:55	12:58	1:13	1:17	1:21	1:28	1:43	1:46	1:48	1:56
5:45	5:53	5:55	5:58	6:13	6:17	6:21	6:28	6:43	6:46	6:48	6:56
<p>■ Shaded area indicates Sunday and Statutory Holiday service. Note: Saprae Creek operates weekends and holidays only. Bolded times indicates PM service.</p>											



Community Calendar APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 HUB	13	14 GOOD FRIDAY	15
16	17 EASTER MONDAY	18	19 HUB	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 HUB	27	28  MOVIE NIGHT	29
30						

Schedule of Programs and Events

- Sapræ Creek Volunteer Fire Department Practice Nights: (Mondays)
- HUB: Wednesdays 10-11:30am (NO PROGRAM April 5)
- Family Movie Night: April 28th 6-730



May 12th: Ladies Night
May 28th: Community Clean up

