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Councillor's Corner May, 2017

Spring is in the air, presumably without any more regression into winter. Activity in Sapræ Creek and on Draper Road is getting busier everyday. I trust that in your dealings with your insurance company, your builder and with the RMWB, if dealing with that trio is a necessity for you, everything is going suitably well. My role as Councillor includes trying to do quality control for all issues that you encounter with the RMWB. Please contact me at allan.vinni@rmwb.ca or call or text 780-792-7616 with any concerns, new or old, and I will do my level best to get the proper person in our administration in touch with you to try and help you resolve any issues you are having. Any topic, whatever your concern is, let me know.

At the last Council meeting our Municipal Assessor, Phil Schofield, came to let us know that if you have concerns about the assessed value of your property, you can call the municipal assessment office and talk to him or one of his 11 inspectors. They will come out and take another look at your property if it appears that the assessed value could be off. They will continue to do this throughout the year, even though the official appeal period expires as of May 1st. If the inspectors believe that an adjustment of your assessment is required, they will prepare a document called a '305' and it reports the new assessed value to you. This document restarts the 60 day appeal process. Of course, for those of you with destroyed homes, there should not be a lot of concern with assessed value for this year and last, as no municipal or education taxes will be levied on your property until improvements as of December 31st of 2016 or 2017 have been done. The Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs will be in town on May 1st announcing that that they will again not levy the education tax on destroyed properties this year. The RMWB has already past such legislation concerning the municipal property taxes.

The Hear for You session scheduled for May 1st has been cancelled until a more suitable date can be arranged for later in the month. The engagement team has heard from community members, and is arranging to add topics to this session that will take place at Vista Ridge, like I said, someone time later in May. Keep an eye on the Sapræ Creek Residents Society website, and Facebook page for that rebooking date. Topics will include a full update on hazardous tree removal and the plans of Tree Canada, through their 'Releaf' program to begin planting small trees in Sapræ Creek and Draper Road areas affected by the fire. Also, there will be a full update on the sewer, water and road project that will be proceeding this year. Other topics may be added as well, hopefully something on the new community hall and maybe an update on the addition to the fire hall.

Thanks to all for respecting the cleared areas behind many of our homes, these are the areas that will be replanted this spring, and we will see the beginning of the regeneration of our trees in the very near future. Best wishes to everyone as we note the one year anniversary of the disaster that befell us all. Strong, resilient and together we will rebuild our properties, grow trees and reach a better place emotionally as we all move forward with our lives.

Thx, Al Vinni

Councillor, Ward 3.



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IN THE CREEK



THE HUB Parent/Child Program



WHEN: Wednesdays

WHERE: Vista Ridge, Spruce Valley Room

TIME: 10-11:30

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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Council Commendation Wildfire Medal Program

Recognize someone you know for their contribution to our community within the first 100 hours of the 2016 Wildfire.

The Council Commendation Wildfire Program recognizes the outstanding service of community members during the first 100 hours of the 2016 Horse River Wildfire – including Fire Fighters, RCMP, Bylaw Sheriffs, and members of the public.

We are looking to you to provide the names of community members who helped during the first 100 hours (May 3, 1 p.m. – May 7, 5 p.m.) through online nomination. Nominations are open from April 27 – May 19, 2017. Fire Fighters and Law Enforcement Personnel from across our region do not need to be nominated through the online process – the Municipality already has an extensive list of their names, and they will be receiving medals in this program.

Online nomination is available from April 27 – May 19.

Medals will be presented at a community event which will be held at Shell Place following the Canada Day Parade.

Visit rmwb.ca/medal for program information, details on the nomination process, and information on the July recognition event.

rmwb.ca/medal

Printed forms are also available at Municipal offices.



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Community Gathering at Snye Point Park In recognition of the May 2016 Wildfire

In recognition of the May 2016 Wildfire, residents are welcomed to attend a community-driven, dawn-to-dusk gathering at Snye Point Park on May 3.

The atmosphere of the gathering will be tranquil, supportive, welcoming and community-centered. No formal presentations will be made at the gathering and all activities will be free.

May 3, 2017
5 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Snye Point Park

For more information, visit rmwb.ca/communitygatherings.



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LADIES NIGHT

AND

HOME BASED BUSINESS OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: Friday May 12th

WHERE: Vista Lounge, Vista Ridge

TIME: 6-9pm

GET TO KNOW THE OTHER LADIES IN SAPRAE CREEK

BEVERAGES AND SNACKS PROVIDED BY THE SCRS

Perfect chance to buy yourself that perfect Mothers Day Gift!

Vendors include:

Tupperware, Stella and Dot, Scentsy, NuSkin, Jewlery, Dream Catchers, Pruvit,

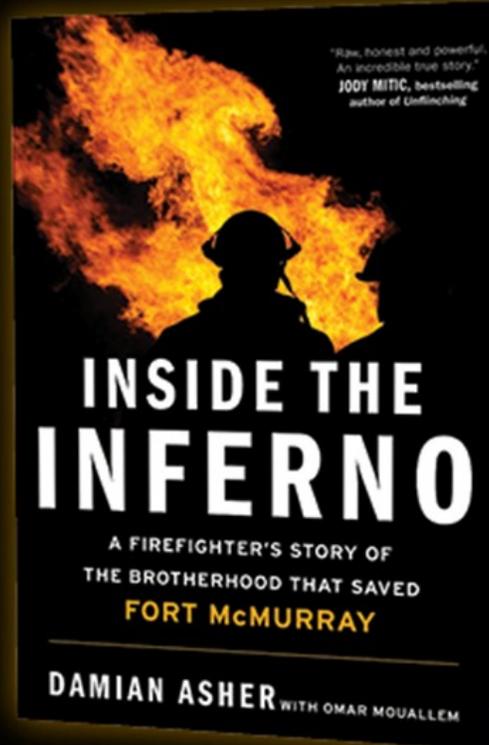
Thirty One Totes, Vententus, Lipsense and Epicure





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**You are invited to a special event for
Friends & Family in Sapræe Creek!**



**DAMIAN ASHER, author of *Inside the Inferno*,
will be signing copies of his book at**

**Vista Ridge
1 Spruce Valley Dr, Fort McMurray, AB on
Saturday May 13th from 7:30-9:30PM**

**Books will be available for sale with thanks
to our local Coles book store.**

COLES



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COMMUNITY CLEANUP

WHEN: Sunday May 28th

TIME: 10-1pm

WHERE: Meet at Vista Ridge to get your picker sticks and road assignment

There will be a Community BBQ at 12pm

FREE White Spruce, Colorado Spruce, Poplars, Amur Shrubs and Buffalo Berry Shrubs for you to take home and plant

(NOTE these are smaller seedlings but a great start to adding trees back into Saprae)

Hope to see you there!





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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

This month it is my pleasure to Spotlight Lois Coull

Lois and her husband Mark have been in Fort McMurray since 2006 and moved to Saprae Creek in Aug 2013.

Lois has two businesses to offer Saprae Creek residents help in their home renovation needs including the newly acquired business called "The Blind Spot"

Offering custom blinds for your home including brands such as
Hunter Douglas, Shade-o-matic and Elite

Lois has also been doing interior painting for about 15 years. Lois has accumulated a lot of experience including 10 clients already here in Saprae Creek.

Two fantastic business to aid in your rebuild or home renovation project

Contact Lois today!

Contact: Lois Coull
(780) 799-1434
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MAINTAINING YOUR WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

If your home in Anzac, Conklin, Draper, Janvier, Gregoire Lake Estates or Sapræ Creek has a privately-owned water or sewer system, then its maintenance, including costs, is the homeowner's responsibility.

By incorporating a few simple habits into your routine, you can avoid system disruptions, backups, overflows, unplanned maintenance fees and other problems. Check the following on a regular basis:

- Are your delivery tags current and accurate?
- Has service been provided as scheduled?
- Is your septic tank alarm system working properly?
- Is your backflow preventer device being maintained?
- Is your water tank alarm or overflow working correctly?
- If you post your order for water service, are you posting in liters? This will help crews provide better service.

By checking your water and sewer systems on a regular basis, you can ensure that they are functioning properly and that there are no issues with your service.

Should you have any questions about water and sewer hauling service, contact us.

More Information:

Phone: 780-598-6025 (7 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 days a week)

Pulse Call Line: 780-743-7000 (evenings, weekends and holidays)

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Animal Control and Care in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo



A litter of puppies enjoy their temporary home at the RMWB Animal Control Services facility in Fort McMurray.

It has been said, time and time again, that the residents of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) are its greatest strength, this proves no exception for our furry sidekicks.

An estimated 40,000 pets are believed to live and enjoy northern life in Wood Buffalo; with the beautiful Birchwood Trails, spacious off-leash parks, ample pet stores, animal support organizations, and wonderful veterinary clinics – the amenities for our four-legged friends are abundant.

The RMWB also advocates for the safety and well-being of all animals, as it does its human residents. Bylaw Services plays an integral role in ensuring pet owners have emergency support service, dispute mediation, safe off-leash parks and reuniting lost pets. Non-pet owners are provided with professional dispute resolution support to promote community safety and responsible pet ownership.

Animal Control Services within Bylaw Services, has a skilled team of Animal Health Technologists who ensure the safety of lost pets or strays while in their care. The RMWB Animal Control Services facility ensures the best possible love and care for any animals within the provision of Bylaw Services.

As a region, it is no doubt we are doing our part in caring for pets, and as residents you have the *purr*-fect opportunity to do your part as well!

Within the RMWB it is a pet owner's lawful duty to register pets within 14 days of becoming a pet owner or taking up residency within the Municipality. With the estimated pet population versus the number of registered pets, we know compliance to our region's Animal Control Bylaw is not where it should be.

There are many great benefits to licensing your pets- should your pet ever get lost, or in the unlikely, yet possible, event of an emergency or evacuation, a registered pet is easily identifiable and returned to its owners as quickly as possible- at no cost to its owners. Through compliance, having the most accurate pet population documented can identify the needs for our region in terms of recreational pet services, health services, as well as emergency response services.

Another great benefit of licensing your pet is that it's extremely affordable! For only \$15.00 annually, all neutered pets (cats and dogs) can be official RMWB residents, if your pet is still intact the fee is \$50.00, and pet owners over the age of 60 years can register their furry companions at no cost. Exotic pets such as reptiles, birds and other pets are also registered at no cost.

April is pet registration month, so it's the perfect time to do your residential due diligence and register your Sparky and/ or Fluffy - to register your pet visit www.rmwb.ca/bylaw or call Pulse: Wood Buffalo Call line at 780.743.7000.



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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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As part of improvements to the intersection of Highway 63 and Sapræ Creek Trail (Highway 69), crews will mobilize in May to begin work. Upgrades will include the widening of Highway 63 at the intersection to three lanes both northbound and southbound, and installing new traffic signals and signage.

During construction, access will be maintained, with two lanes open for traffic northbound and southbound. Traffic signals and signs will be in place to notify drivers of the construction.

E Construction will be acting as the municipality's contractor on this project, supported by consultant Associated Engineering.

Work is expected to begin May 2017 and completed by November 2017, depending on weather.

This construction is as a result of the 2014 Wood Buffalo Land Exchange Agreement, whereby the municipality agreed to provide transportation infrastructure and ongoing maintenance of Sapræ Creek Trail (Highway 69) and additional improvements on Highway 63 within Wood Buffalo. In return, the municipality received a land transfer from the provincial government.

If you have questions, call the Construction Help Desk at 780-793-1054 or email constructionhelpdesk@rmwb.ca.



Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Helmet Law

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is an OHV?

In Alberta, an off-highway vehicle (OHV) is defined in the Traffic Safety Act as any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice or marsh or swamp land or on other natural terrain, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes, when specifically designed for such travel,

- 4-wheel drive vehicles,
- low pressure tire vehicles,
- motorcycles and related 2-wheel vehicles,
- amphibious vehicles,
- all-terrain vehicles (ATVs),
- utility terrain vehicles,
- miniature motor vehicles,
- snow vehicles,
- minibikes, and
- any other means of motorized transportation.

This definition includes OHVs known as side-by-sides, dirt bikes, snowmobiles and snow bikes. Excluded are motor boats, farm machinery and construction machinery.

2. When does the new law take effect?

May 15, 2017 is when the new OHV helmet law will in effect.

3. What will the penalty be for not wearing a helmet?

The fine for not wearing a helmet when operating or riding on an OHV on public land would be \$155 in total, including the victim surcharge. This is same penalty as riding a motorcycle without a helmet.



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Contact the Urban Market team at
urban.market@rmwb.ca or **780.714.8349**.

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SMOKE & CO ALARMS



SMOKE ALARMS

Working smoke alarms save lives, cutting the risk of dying in a home fire in half. Smoke alarms should be installed and maintained in every home.

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home for the best protection.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working.
- Replace batteries at least once a year.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or per manufacturer's instructions.
- Replace any smoke alarm that does not respond after a new battery has been installed.

CO ALARMS

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that is odourless, colourless, and tasteless and is often called "the silent killer." CO poisoning can result from malfunctioning or improperly vented fuel appliances.

- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month and replace them if they fail to respond when tested.
- Replace the CO alarms according to manufacturer's instructions or when the end-of-life signal sounds.
- Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year.

CO EXPOSURE

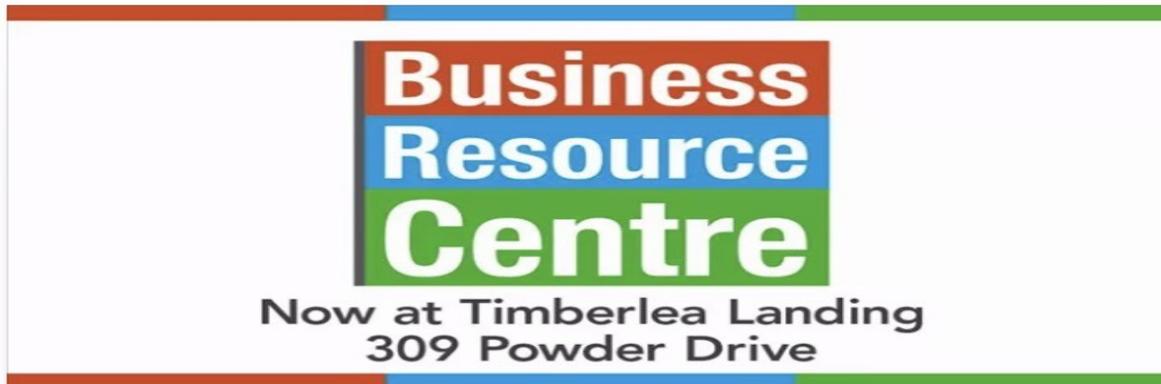
Exposure to CO can cause symptoms such as dizziness, headache, nausea, fatigue, burning eyes, vomiting, loss of muscle control, or death.

If your CO alarm sounds or you are experiencing symptoms immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors and call 9-1-1.

For more information about smoke and CO alarms contact the Fire Prevention Branch at 780.792.5519 or visit www.rmwb.ca/fireprevention.



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Effective May 1, 2017, the Back to Business Resource Centre will be transitioning from its Hardin Street location to a new location on the second floor of Timberlea Landing, located at 309 Powder Drive.

The transition also marks a significant milestone in the recovery of the business community as the Centre begins to transition away from offering recovery-related supports toward offering tools and resources geared toward those in the community who are starting and growing businesses.

In its new location, the Centre will also change names, transitioning to the Business Resource Centre, to reflect the shift in focus.

“It’s important to recognize that this transition is happening because the businesses in our community have shown incredible resilience and determination and the majority of them are now back to business at some level,” said Amanda Haitas, Manager, Economic Development. “Our business community has shown us that what they need is access to resources to both grow and maintain the businesses they’ve worked so hard to reopen and to start new businesses to meet the changing economic needs of this region.”

The Business Resource Centre will continue to offer programming and learning events including one-on-one Ask an Expert meetings, Business Support Network events, and learning workshops.

Anyone growing or starting a business will also be able to connect with other local business support organizations through the Business Resource Centre.

Questions about this transition and about the services offered at the Business Resource Centre should be directed to economic.development@rmwb.ca or to 1-855-WBEcDev (923-2338). Get more information at choosewoodbuffalo.ca.



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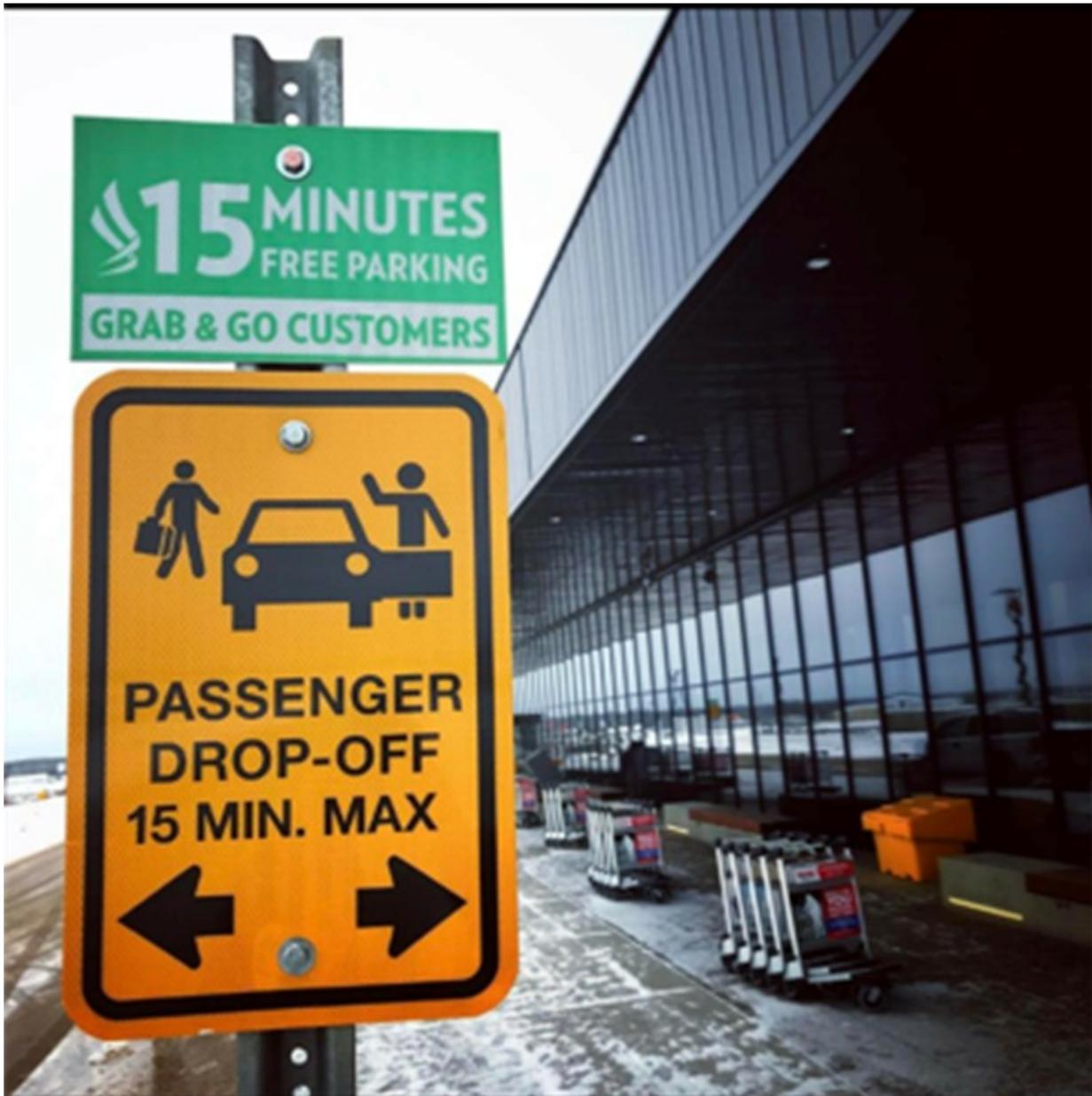
- Rural programming and events
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MUNICIPALITY NEWS



MAY GARBAGE AND RECYCLE SCHEDULE



May 5th (Light Blue)



May 12th (Dark Blue)



May 19th (Light Blue)



May 26th (Dark Blue)





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MUNICIPALITY NEWS



**A RIDE
WORTH
TAKING**

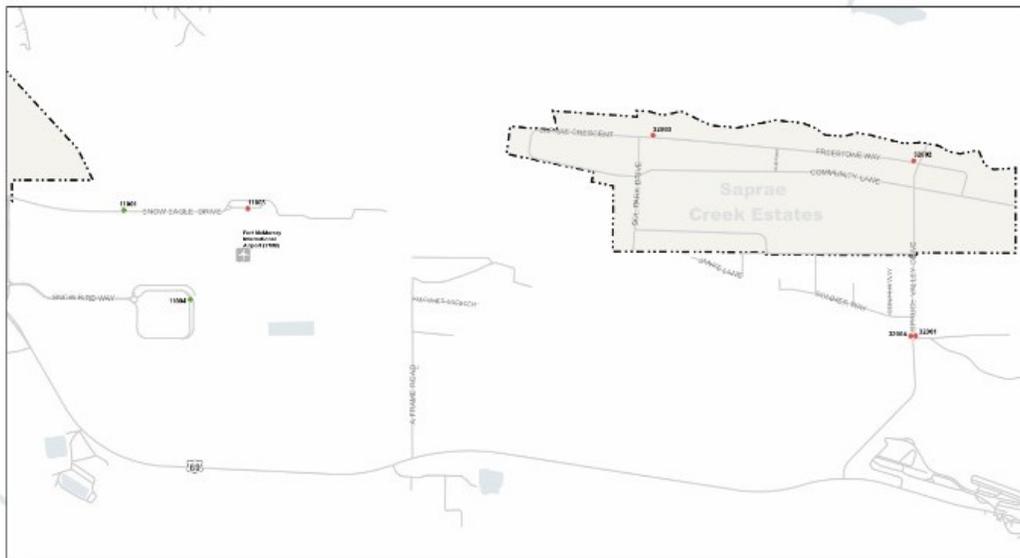


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Saprae Creek Saturday Service											
Lv. City Hall	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at McDonald's Restaurant	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Greely Rd.	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Sawridge Inn	Lv. Saprae Creek Mailboxes	Lv. Vista Ridge Ski Hill at Spruce Valley Dr.	Lv. Saprae Creek Community Centre	Lv. Saprae Creek Mailboxes	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Sawridge Inn	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at Greely Rd.	Lv. Gregoire Dr. at McDonald's Restaurant	Ar. City Hall
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11:45	11:53	11:55	11:58	12:13	12:17	12:21	12:28	12:43	12:46	12:48	12:56
1:45	1:53	1:55	1:58	2:13	2:17	2:21	2:28	2:43	2:46	2:48	2:56
3:45	3:53	3:55	3:58	4:13	4:17	4:21	4:28	4:43	4:46	4:48	4:56
5:45	5:53	5:55	5:58	6:13	6:17	6:21	6:28	6:43	6:46	6:48	6:56

Note: Saprae Creek operates Saturday only
Bolded times indicates PM service





Community Calendar MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Community Gatherings HUB	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 HUB	11	12  Ladies Night	13 Into the Inferno Book Signing
14	15	16	17 HUB	18	19	20
21	22 Victoria DAY	23	24 HUB	25	26	27
28 Community Clean Up 	29	30	31 HUB			

Schedule of Programs and Events

- Sapræ Creek Volunteer Fire Department Practice Nights: (Mondays)
- HUB: Wednesdays 10-11:30am
- Community Gatherings at the Snye: 5am-9pm May 3rd
- Ladies Night and Home Based Business Open House: May 12th 6-9pm
- Into the Inferno Book Signing with Damian Asher: 7:30-9:30 Vista Ridge
- Community Clean up Sunday May 28th 10-1pm

