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Councillor's Corner - SEPTEMBER 2017 by Al Vinni

It's that exciting time of the year, back to school for the children, back to work for those lucky enough to have some significant time off from the day-to-day hustle and bustle. I got to drive down to Idaho Falls and see the total eclipse of the sun as well as do some camping along the Missouri River, that was the highlight of my summer.

Last Councillor's Corner for me, and I want to focus on the Southern Communities sewer, water and roads project. This is a project that Council agreed to do in July 2014, and Council has not waived from that commitment since, although along the way a lot of questions have been asked, a lot of tweaking has been done; and that is good, a three-hundred and fifty million dollar project should have eyes on it at all times. At this point the project is about 1/3 done, with a significant chunk of work laying the main trunk sewer pipe in Sapræe Creek ready to proceed this fall. The target date for full completion of the entire project is late 2019.

The project includes complete upgrades to all southern community roads. Many roads or sections thereof have already been upgraded. A significant stretch of Draper Road, all of Freestone Way and Sapræe Crescent, main roads in Anzac for example. Ditching has been proceeding on Draper Road this summer in preparation for the completion of rebuilding and paving Draper Road right to its eastern end. Most of the roads will be redone in concert with the installation of the sewer and water pipe installations.

The entire program has been designed to give home owners options to the extent that is possible. In Sapræe there is a lump sum charge to each property of \$10,000, while in Draper the one-time charge is \$16,000. The difference is because Sapræe Creek already has water service and residents have been paying for that for quite a number of years now. The payment can be made in a lump sum or spread over 25 years at 3% interest (about \$500 a year). Those choosing not to hook up right away with the new sewer or water will be required to pay the lump sum amount plus interest when they hook up or at the end of the 25-year period, regardless of whether they ever hook up.

The RMWB really wants everyone to agree to hook up initially, but that decision has been left up to you. I personally think it is a good idea to hook up right away; I certainly will be, even though our field is doing well. The reason is that I am going to enjoy the decreased risk of having city style sewer and water, rather than worrying about pumps breaking down or getting plugged up, or our field having a major failure.

Councillor's Corner continued.....

Also, I appreciate that although the RMWB will continue to pump out my tank until the new service is available for me to hook up to, *the RMWB will not be doing any pump outs or hauling once the new systems are in place.* Residents who need pumps outs or water delivery after the newly completed service is available to them will have to rely on private pump out companies being formed. This is an additional risk. The RMWB has pretty well put the private pump out companies out of business, and I am not sure how excited pump out companies will be to get back into the much-reduced residential pump out market. Fees for private dumping at the lagoons will also be higher to reflect the cost of that service being provided.

Like I said, the RMWB would really like to have people chose to hook up to the new system. Monthly cost will be 98% of water bill, just like in the city, very reasonable even with increasing water and sewer rates across the municipality. Those new rates are based much more on usage than the existing rates, so homeowners will be in control of reducing their water and sewer bill amount at the end of the month by practicing water conservation. (Something us rural folk are better at doing than urban folk, that's what RMWB statistics show.)

There are open houses coming up, September 13th for Sapræe Creek, 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Vista Ridge and for Draper Road, September 20th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Kinesiology Room at the Syncrude Sport and Wellness Centre. Please attend if you have any questions, comments or concerns about the sewer, water and roads project. We are always looking for input on this project. Please give this issue some thought, hooking up now has its advantages. For those rebuilding, a chance to install compatible tanks regarding hooking up later, while RWMB continues to pump out tanks until new system hook up is supplied. Please talk to our project people about doing this in a way that will work for both you and the RMWB.

Thanks for your attention to this very important project and thanks for seven years of being your Council representative. All the best to you and your family as we all continue to move forward to make our home a better place to live, work and play.

Allan 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.

Tamara will be out starting September 6th

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.



RMWB PULSE Line: 780-743-7000

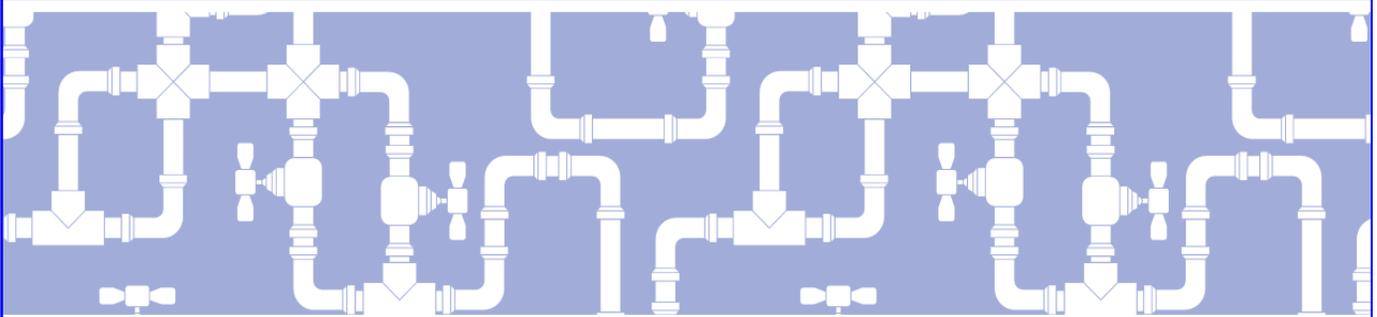
Animal Control: 780-788-4200

SPCA: 780-743-8997

Fish and Wildlife: 780-743-7200



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RWSS open house – Saprae Creek

We're holding an open house about the rural water and sewer servicing program (RWSS) in September.

Bring your neighbours and your questions about the project.

Where: Vista Ridge - Upstairs

When: September 13, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m.

We're continuously updating rmwb.ca/rwss with more information throughout the duration of the project.

For questions about these open houses please call 780.588.3735 or email janine.kruse@rmwb.ca.



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What an incredible summer for SUMMER PRIGRAMS in Saprae Creek.

First a thank you to Melanie Reddy who took on the task of planning our Wednesday and Thursday Programs and to the RMWB for sponsoring the FREE Monday and Tuesday Program. Of course there were lots of helping hands making for light work so here are a few more much deserved

THANK YOU'S

Kevin Grogan of Vista Ridge for unlimited use of the facilities and the fantastic staff:

Jess, Lucy, Chishea, Macaela, Brianna and Lauren

Local boys (counsellors)

Zac Harris, Lochlin King and Lucas Ryan

Bricks 4 Kidz David and Ann Seggie

Ruth Perry and Brad Fraser from the Art Foundry

RMWB WOOSH for providing transit to town on the town trips

RMWB Koralee Samaroden and her wonderful staff:

Katelyn Maher, Sianna White, Felix Xun and Ahmed Rana

Tammy Plowman and staff for the Heritage Village and Marine Park Tours

Miss Kelis Dance Crew for a fun 3 days

Miss Chantel for her Intro to Irish Dance Class

SCRS: Brittany Ianetti, AnnMarie Hintz, Tracy Unger and Marilyn Rustad

If anyone was missed, thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!



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SAFE COMMUNITY

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SAFETY EVENT

With more than 20 kids in attendance on August 18th's safety event we want to thank Safe Community Wood Buffalo for coming out and teaching about:

Injury prevention, sun and hot weather safety, bike safety, wheeled sport safety and pedestrian safety





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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 changes 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 your information at pamgarbin@shaw.ca



Fall will be here before we know it, which means LEAVES, lots and lots of leaves.

Have no fear, Aurora is here!

Every service, every season.

When you have had enough of raking those leaves, give us a call.

\$100 per hour will get you

- TWO labourers armed with back pack blowers
- Our fancy lawnmower that will shred those leaves like butter
- A dump trailer to load them all up and take them away at no extra charge

Give us a call today

587-645-0158



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Aerial Adventure Park

AND

Mini Putt Golf

Operates Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

Prebookings for the Aerial Park are recommended

10am-4pm

(Hours may vary, please check with the office 780-743-8651)

CLOSING for the season on OCTOBER 1st



Season passes for the winter will be out around the beginning of September.

The "Recovery Rate" will be available again this year as we are recovering from yet a another terrible winter.

Thank you to our season pass holders, your loyalty over these tough times is greatly appreciated.





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The Sapræe Creek Playscape at Vista

If you have not had a chance, take a trip over to Vista Ridge to check out the **NEW** Playscape. A fantastic addition to Vista Ridge and perfect for all ages.

Thanks to the staff at Planning and Development for allowing Vista Ridge to use the PUL for this purpose. The park is intended to replace the park that was on the municipal reserve (MR) at end of Freestone and is now incorporated into the future golf course.

Landscaping in the area around the skateboard park and Playscape has happened this summer, please ensure that these areas are respected. It is the long term intention is to ask the RMWB to maintain this excellent quality of landscaping set out by the Vista Ridge staff. This was a initiative started by the Residents Society over five years ago and its great to see the final results!





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CITIZEN RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2017

Do you know an
outstanding resident
who deserves
recognition by Mayor
and Regional Council?

Visit rmwb.ca/champions

Nomination forms are available online and at
your local municipal contact office.
Submission deadline September 30, 2017.



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FALL COMMUNITY CLEANUP



Pick up & pitch in!

September 1 to 18, 2017

HELP CREATE A LITTER-FREE WOOD BUFFALO!

Register for a one-time community cleanup session with your friends, family, co-workers or neighbours. You pick the location, and we'll provide the cleanup supplies.

PICK AND CLICK CONTEST

Snap a photo of your group, send it to us by October 6 and you could win one of three prize packages from the Wood Buffalo Regional Library!

Cleaning supplies, including yellow garbage bags and gloves, are provided. To register or to submit your Pick and Click photos, visit rmwb.ca/cleanup.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 780.743.7966 or email beautification@rmwb.ca

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WATCH FOR THESE SIGNS!

Please be courteous
and respect our seniors.

DESIGNATING PARKING FOR SENIORS IS AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING SITES THROUGHOUT THE REGION:

- J. Howard Pew Park (Waterways)
- Wood Buffalo Spray Park
- Anzac Recreation Centre
- Vista Ridge All Seasons Park
- Dr. K.P. Wong Water Park (Synchrude Athletic Park)
- Casman Centre
- Eagle Ridge Community Centre
- Frank Lacroix Arena
- Haxton Centre / Borealis Park
- Jubilee Centre
- Ron Morgan Park
- Rex Terpening Landing (Snye Park amenities building)
- Shell Place
- MacDonald Island

No permit is required. The designated stalls can be used by anyone age 60 and older on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, visit rmwb.ca/seniors.



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Shape the future of our community!

Want your voice heard in the region? Volunteer on one of Wood Buffalo's Council-appointed boards and committees.

Apply by October 27.



rmwb.ca/boards



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Regional Emergency Services

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 9th • 9 a.m. to noon
Downtown Fire Hall #1



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK COMMUNITY KICK-OFF

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Join Emergency Services and a variety of industry fire departments and community partners for an afternoon of family fun. View a variety of fire department vehicles and equipment, tour the fire safety trail and enjoy a FREE barbeque.

For more information and details visit www.mwb.ca/fireprevention



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Thanks for helping us shape the way you have your say! Your feedback will contribute to the development of our public engagement framework so that we can best connect with our residents about community matters that are important to you. The below survey is just one way we will be collecting information for the framework and you can learn more about this project by visiting rmwb.ca/engage. All questions are optional.

1 Please identify your age.

- Under 18
- 19-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 +

2 Please identify the area where you live in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo:

- Abasand
- Anzac
- Beacon Hill
- Conklin
- Downtown
- Draper
- Fort Chipewyan
- Fort McKay
- Grayling Terrace
- Gregoire
- Gregoire Lake Estates
- Janvier
- Sapræe Creek
- Thickwood
- Timberlea
- Waterways
- Other: _____

3 When we speak about public engagement activities, we are generally referring to open houses, surveys (online or in person), focus groups, etc. Have you ever participated in Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo organized public engagement?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, continue below, if No skip to question 7.

4 What kind of public engagement activity did you participate in? (check all that apply)

- Information session about project or service
- Survey
- Open House about a construction project
- Here For You session
- Other: _____

5 Why is public engagement important to you? (check all that apply)

- I feel listened to.
- I am participating in decision making.
- I know more about what is happening in my community.
- It shows accountability and transparency.
- It's an opportunity to make new connections and meet new people.
- Other: _____

6 Are there any specific reasons why you may not have participated in additional public engagement sessions? (check all that apply)

- No specific reason.
- There hasn't been a topic I feel the need to give feedback on.
- It doesn't work with my schedule.
- The location is inconvenient.
- I never get the answers I am looking for.
- There is no information about the project/service on the website ahead of time.
- I didn't know one was happening.
- I don't feel that what I say makes a difference.
- Other: _____

7 If you answered Yes to question #3, please skip this question. If you answered No to question #3: Is there a specific reason why you have not participated in an engagement? (check all that apply)

- No specific reason.
- There hasn't been a topic I feel the need to give feedback on.
- It doesn't work with my schedule.
- The location is inconvenient.
- I never get the answers I am looking for.
- There is no information about the project/service on the website ahead of time.
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- Other: _____



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8 Public engagement is established around certain principles that will guide the Municipality in how we engage and how residents are involved in the process. Which of the following principles are important to you: *(check all that apply)*

- Accountability
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Inclusion
- Timeliness
- Transparency
- Trust
- Other: _____

9 Public engagement is often undertaken to gather feedback on construction projects, service delivery, and a variety of initiatives. As a resident, which of those areas would you like to be engaged on? *(check all that apply)*

- Capital Projects (eg. recreation centre),
- Changes to Municipal Services (eg. transit),
- Changes to Policy (eg. winter maintenance zones),
- Changes to bylaws (eg. land use bylaw),
- Changes to Municipal Programs and Events (eg. parades, festivals),
- Annual Municipal Budget Development, and/or
- Other: _____

10 Using 1, 2, and 3, please rank your top three preferred methods of providing feedback:

- Read information on a website and respond electronically.
- Flyer/postcard in my mail with an option to call, email or provide an electronic response.
- Fill out an online survey.
- Fill out an in-person survey.
- Open house so I can drop-in and talk to someone face to face in a group setting if I want.
- Participate in one on one, or small group meetings.
- Other: _____

11 Using 1, 2, and 3, please rank the top three ways you have heard about Municipal public engagement sessions:

- From a RMWB social media channel.
- Hear about it in a radio ad.
- Read about it or hear it reported by the media.
- See an ad on a bus or bus shelter.
- One of my neighbours tells me.
- See it displayed on one of the electronic signs on the roadway.
- I receive a direct email from my employer or an organization I belong to.
- I usually don't hear about them.
- Other: _____

12 Considering your schedule, when is a good time to hold public engagement sessions? *(check all that apply)*

- Weekdays, during the day,
- Weekdays, during the evening,
- Weekends, during the day,
- Weekends, during the evening,
- My schedule regularly changes so I can't comment, and/or
- I prefer to engage online/send an email/write a letter.

13 Do you have any suggestions on how the Municipality can improve public engagement and encourage dialogue?

Thank you!



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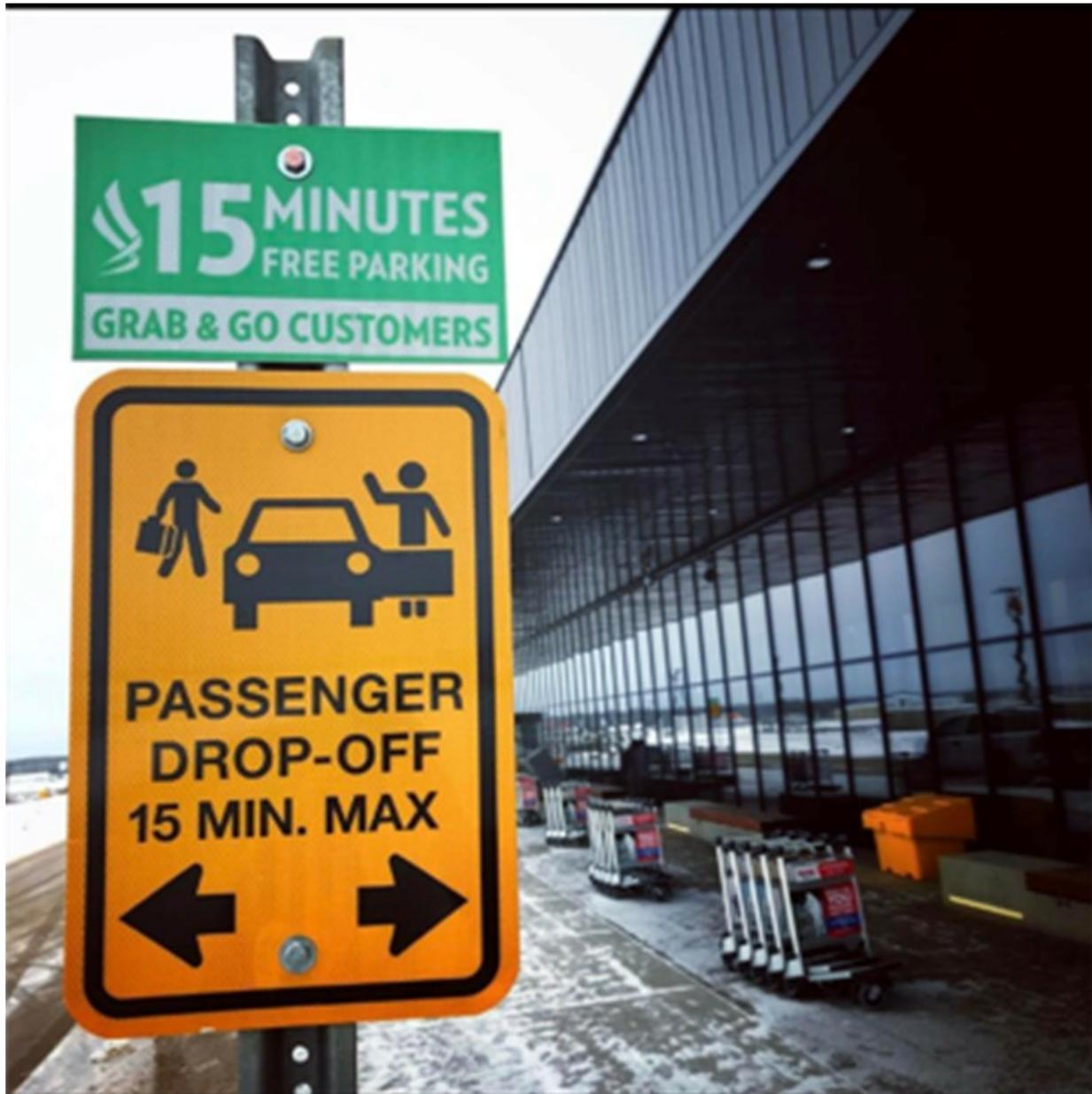
- Rural programming and events
- Public engagement or information sessions
- Construction notices
- Service changes in your area
- Other rural news

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FORT MCMURRAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT





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MUNICIPALITY NEWS



SEPTEMBER GARBAGE AND RECYCLE SCHEDULE



SEPTEMBER 1st (Dark Blue)



SEPTEMBER 8th (Light Blue)



SEPTEMBER 15th (Dark Blue)



SEPTEMBER 22nd (Light Blue)



SEPTEMBER 29th (Dark Blue)





Community Calendar **SEPTEMBER 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 	2
3	4 Labour Day	5 	6 HUB	7	8 	9
10	11	12	13 HUB RWSS OPEN HOUSE	14	15 	16
17	18	19	20 HUB	21	22 	23
24	25	26	27 HUB	28	29 	30 

Schedule of Programs and Events

- Saprae Creek Volunteer Fire Department Practice Nights: (Mondays)
- HUB Programming: Wednesdays Vista Ridge 10-11:30
- Rural Water Sewer System OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday Sept 13th VISTA RIDGE 6-8pm

