

Ward 3 News



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

July 2008

Renée's Report

By Renée Rebus Councilor Ward 3

Summer is upon us and it's way too short so let's all get out and enjoy it safely. I have been receiving a few complaints on the number of quads and dirt bikes racing up and down the roads. Parents please remind your children of the rules pertaining to off highway vehicles; we do not want to lose the privilege of riding our machines out here.

FCM in Quebec was a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk with other councilors across the country. Mayor Blake had an enormous impact on everyone in attendance at one of the many forums, she spoke on infrastructure. The FCM has devised a new tool for Municipalities to use, to show how growth and projects in each community will help the balance of the province and the federal government, by way of jobs and taxes. The forum presenters spoke, and with the tool, showed how much the province and feds benefit from municipal projects. Whereas, when Mayor Blake spoke on the Waste Water Treatment plant, the audience could not believe how little the province and feds are doing to assist this region. This is not news to those of us who live here, but I believe it was an eye opener for the balance of Canada.

The brand new Sapræ Creek Recycling Centre is now open! I was glad and honored to on behalf of Mayor and Council to cut the official ribbon at the new centre on June 9th. I hope that the Sapræ centre will be the biggest producer of recycled materials per person in this municipality!

At the June 10th meeting of council; approved were the operating principals and protocols for all the Part IV corporations, monies for MacDonald Island, the Fort McMurray "Squirts" Softball Association to hold Provincials here on July 4th to 6th. If you are in town head up to Timberlea Athletic Park and cheer on the home team as they play fast pitch. Also, approved was additional money to complete the warehouse for the RCMP/Search and Rescue.

The June 24th meeting of council, Mayor Blake did the official swearing in ceremonies for Councilor Elect Sonny Flett who won back his seat in the June 9th by-election for Ward 2: Fort Chipewyan/Fort McKay. Mayor and council heard delegations by a group calling themselves the Fort McMurray Ice Users Group and Ross Green, representing the Part IV board of MacDonald Island. They were asking council to not close down MacDonald Island for the winter. This was never administration's intention. The old ice rink and curling ice will need to be brought up to current code for fire and safety and may have to be closed for the upgrades. Administration continues to look at alternatives to do the upgrades as quickly as possible and does have a plan to adjust ice times to enable everyone as much ice time as possible, including the utilization of the new outdoor rink on Signal Road. The rink will be outfitted with warm up facilities and a zamboni, this will be a great alternative should the ice rink be closed all winter. Also, approved was a land use amendment for Anzac to allow as discretionary use housing over ground floor commercial, money needed for the I

immediate repair of Draper Road and the Mackenzie pump house and reservoir.

I have been receiving complaints about the noise coming from the gravel crusher operating near the airport. I have asked administration to investigate the operating times allowed as per the permit and hope to have an answer shortly. If it is also keeping you awake at night, please call By-Law at 780-799-8850 to register your complaint.

Ms. Renee Rebus 791-6815
renee.rebus@woodbuffalo.ab.ca rrebus@shaw.ca

Cub News

By Nanette Clark

Well, our year is officially over. To finish off the year we had a wonderful trip to Camp Warwa. If anyone is interested in the camp you can look it up at www.campwarwa.org. It is a great camp and they have many camps during the summer. Our cubs loved their time trying things they had never tried before and going beyond what they thought they could achieve. Good job cubs!

As that was the last event it was also my husband and my last time working directly with the children. I plan to stay on to help in a different capacity if the group continues. Having said that, I am excited to say that a gal approached me with interest of keeping the group up and running. Her name is Shelene. She is looking for other leaders so if you are interested please give her a call at: 780-791-3668.

With that I will sign off. We would like to again thank the community and especially the parents of the cubs for all their support and encouragement throughout our years as leaders of the cub group. We wish you a very restful summer and great times with family and friends, as you go on vacation. Keep safe!

Nanette Clark aka Raksha



Around the Creek

Need a sitter this summer?

My name is Kathryn Clark. I will be 16 in two months. I have been babysitting for four and a half years and I am excellent with kids. Call me at 791-5087 or 747-2609.

Recycling Centre

Now open in Saprae Creek. Located at the East end of Freestone Way.

The HUB on Wheels: Interactive Play Group

Mondays 10:30-noon, Saprae Creek Fire Hall. Kids 0-5. Moms, nannies, dads and grandparents welcome. The coffee is always on. Free program.

Adopt-a-Trail

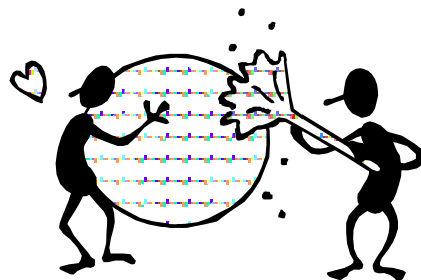
Join the Adopt-a-Trail program to help beautify our neighbourhood and keep it litter free. Yellow bags and gloves supplied by Karen Puga with Communities in Bloom. Call 799-8643 for more information.

Housekeeper available in Saprae Creek.

Call 743-5013

Save Energy!

It has been noted by a few residents of the community that some houses leave their outside lights on all night. Be environmentally aware and if a night light is needed, maybe limit it to one light. Energy tip: use compact fluorescent lighting wherever you can. They use about 75 % less energy than incandescent bulbs and last for years.



From the Chair

By Marco Paulichen

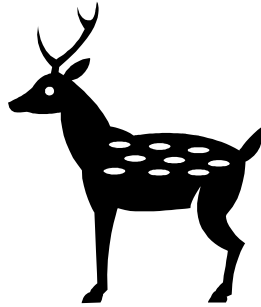
The Draper Road community clean-up was a success! Ten of us came out and braved the rainy weather to clean half the road; the east end up to the lookout beside Bishop's place is done. Also, near the entrance of Draper Road some larger items were rescued out of the slew. All in all, a great clean up!

The prize for best catch goes to Vice-Chair (no pun intended), Colin Grant, who pulled out an old sofa-chair from a treed ravine.

Thank you to all of you who participated as well as those who have taken it upon themselves to clean up a portion of the road on your own time. We will be having another community clean-up in the coming weeks to finish the rest of the road. If you are interested in participating, please phone Trish Paulichen for more information or stay tuned to your e-mail or this newsletter.

I've spoken with Al of the Sno-Drifters who will be cleaning up the quad/snowmobile trail; the trail is quite littered as it nears Waterways. Al shares many of our issues regarding the trail and I look forward to his future involvement with our group.

I am quite pleased to announce that the June 24th Council meeting saw more commitment to our community from the municipality than any other time in recent history. It was recently noted by the



DRRS

CAO of the roads department that Draper Road itself has failed. This report on the 24th was a recommendation as to what to do in the immediate future to repair the road until the final realignment and reconstruction is complete. Local resident, Tom Weber, made a presentation detailing the condition of the road. Several municipal councilors (including Councilor Rebus) also made extensive comments on the state of the road and other recommendations were brought forth. One recommendation was for the municipality to give the Draper area \$594, 000 for immediate repairs, however it was instead doubled to \$1.2 million. It was suggested that this money should be used to improve a 300 metre section at the beginning of the road, past the first "S" bend, and the vote was passed. Some brush on either side of the road will also be cleared for better visibility. Although it is only temporary, this is a step in the right direction. Please continue to phone in any concerns regarding the road to 743-7859.

It was also mentioned that the forthcoming King Street pump station will include provisions for a Draper area water line -- YEAH! While there is not much information currently available for the expansion project, I will be sure to keep our community informed as details become available. Several residents have been contacting me regarding dogs in the area. If you are a dog owner, please ensure it stays on your property! One resident was recently chased by 6 dogs and another resident was almost bit by a dog; both of these residents were simply talking a walk on our road and were not at all threatening anyone's property. Also, during our community clean-up there were 9

Saprae Creek Residents Society Board of Directors 2008

Jon Alcock
Chair
715-1155

Jackie Peden
Recreation Director
791-2829

Kathy Schneider
Youth Director
791-9870

Mariette Voigt
Vice Chair
792-0567

June LeClair
Treasurer
791-4339

**Saprae Creek Residents
Society (SCRS)**
215 Freestone Way
Fort McMurray, AB
T9H 5B4
sapraecreek@hotmail.com

Daryl Schneider
Infrastructure
791-9870

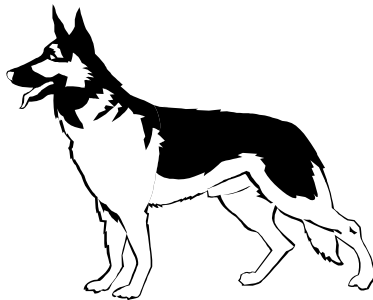
Wendy Smith
Secretary
790-9646



dogs following our cleaners! This is not acceptable, nor responsible, pet ownership and those who have phoned in their concerns to the society have been encouraged to contact the pound (743-8997) when issues like this arise.

There are several sections to the RMWB animal control bylaw, located at <http://www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca/residents/bylawservices/pdf/Animal%20Control%20Bylaw.pdf> that I would like to highlight:

- All dogs in the municipality are required to be licensed and wear appropriate tags (Section 3.01, 3.02 and 3.06)



- No more than 2 outdoor dogs per property (outside 12+ hours per day) are permitted within the municipality (Section 3.15)

- Dogs are not permitted to run loose off of the owner's property on to roads or any one else's property (Section 4.01)

- Dogs are not permitted to chase any vehicle (Section 4.05c)

It's also good to know that, if you are having difficulty keeping your dog(s) on your property,

you can purchase a radio collar/wireless fence system from Canadian Tire, Northstar Pets, and the like. We have one for our dog and it works great. She stays within 90 feet around the house and cannot wander on to the road to chase vehicles or harass any of our neighbours. The dog catchers have been patrolling our area, so please be sure to keep your animals on your property to avoid them being hauled away (and also to avoid neighbours being mad at you!).

Have a happy and safe July!

Best regards,
Marco Paulichen
DRRS Chairman

Envision Wood Buffalo: Towards 250K

Last of 4 sessions. Get your voice heard and take part in shaping the future of your Saprae Creek and Draper communities. July 10, 7:00pm to 10:00pm at the Royal Canadian Legion 9317 Hubbard Street in Waterways.

Ward 3 Newsletter

Submission, questions, comments or concerns? Call Melanie Reddy, Community Support, Saprae Creek at 743-8133 or email melaniereddy@shaw.ca. Newsletter deadline is the 25th of the month.

Draper Road Residents Society Board of Directors 2008

Marco Paulichen
Chair
790-1088

Trish Paulichen
Secretary
790-1088

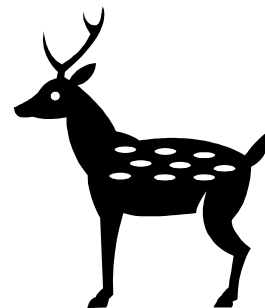
Dale Flanders
Director
791-0870

Colin Grant
Vice-Chair
791-9064

Jim Hiltz
Director
(743-1520)

Stella Osteneck
Treasurer
799-1346

Blain Hoult
Director
799-9117



DRRS