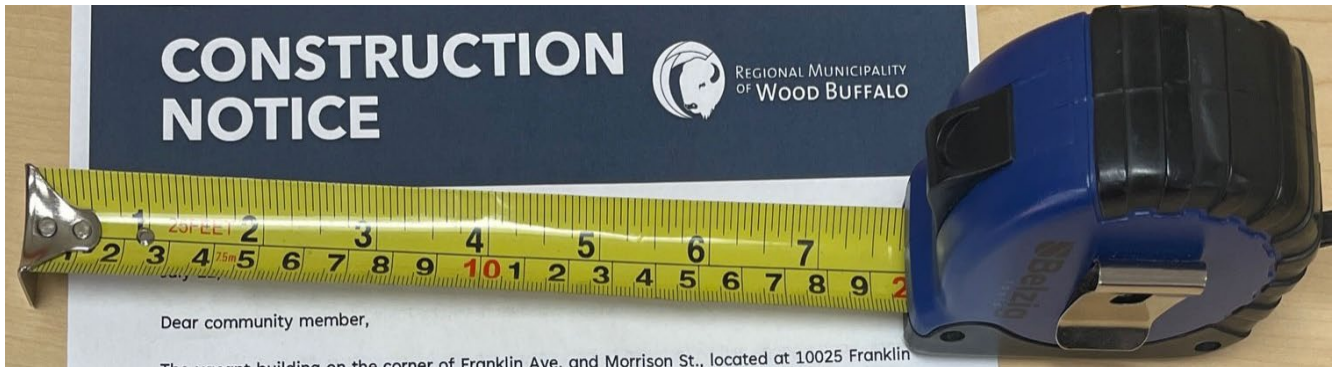


SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



November 2023



Construction Communication Survey

How did communication measure up this season?

Construction season runs from mid-May to mid-October, and there are many ways that the Municipality distributes information about projects in progress across the region.

Share feedback on construction communication until **November 3** at rmwb.ca/participate.

What is construction communication?

The Municipality uses a variety of channels to provide ongoing updates to keep residents informed about construction - **including this newsletter!**

Other examples include printed and online notices, interactive maps, email notifications, project signs, advertisements, social media, and more.

Participate until November 3

Complete a survey, quick poll, or point out feedback using the map tool at rmwb.ca/participate.

Construction underway on Fort Chipewyan Winter Road

Crews are preparing for construction of the Fort Chipewyan Winter Road this season. While opening the winter road before Dec. 25 is a priority, there is no guarantee this timeline will be met as the opening depends on weather conditions, ice integrity and the progress crews make ensuring the road is safe.

Crews preparing for La Loche Winter Trail construction

Crews are preparing for construction of the La Loche Winter Trail. The route will open when it is safe. Please follow the winter road safety tips and look for updates at rmwb.ca/winterroads.

Slow down! Winter road safety tips

Before travelling on the winter road, please review the Winter Road Safety Tips. Drivers are reminded to:

- Remember that travelling on the winter road when it's closed is strictly prohibited and extremely dangerous.
- Exercise caution and drive to conditions.
- Stay on the right-hand side of the road, especially on hills.
- Reduce speed to 30 km/h when passing equipment in the sandhills.
- Stay on the designated route. Travelling off road is extremely dangerous as there may be thin ice in areas surrounding the road.
- Prepare for emergencies ahead of time. There are no regular services like road patrol, gas stations or reliable cell phone coverage.
- Always inform someone of your travel plans before leaving.
- Make the drive using high clearance 4x4 vehicles (recommended)

Don't miss a winter road update

Further winter road updates will be provided as they become available. Check the following sources for the latest information:

- Winter Road Hotline (recorded message) - 866-743-6111
- Winter roads webpage – rmwb.ca/winterroads
- Sign up for email updates at subscribe.rmwb.ca
- RMWB Facebook and Twitter accounts
- Pulse – 780-743-7000, toll free 1-800-973-9663 or online at rmwb.ca/pulse



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

Saprae Creek Estates

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Vista Ridge
1 Spruce Valley Drive



Date

Thursday November 2nd, 2023



Time

6:30PM



Details

Meal will be served.

Call Oliva @ 780-792-1892
to register if you want a meal.



Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee

RMWB Mayor and Council have adopted a new council appointed committee to bring forward recommendations to Council regarding homelessness in the community.



The Homelessness Initiatives Strategic Committee (HISC) is an action-focused group that advocates for the [community plan on homelessness](#). HISC is involved with strategic planning, funding, communication, research and best practice.

Additionally, HISC approves funding recommendations made by the RMWB for homelessness programs related to federal and provincial funding, complies with provincial and federal agreements, identifies systems barriers, and works collaboratively with community to alleviate them.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member visit rmwb.ca/boards for more information. The deadline to apply is November 3, 2023.

Please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663 with any questions.

Register a float for the Santa Claus Parade!



Attention local businesses, social profits and community groups – register a float for the Santa Claus Parade and help Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo celebrate the holidays!

With more than five thousand people expected at the parade, you don't want to miss this great opportunity to showcase your organization, connect with community members and help spread holiday cheer.

The **deadline to register a float is Nov. 20.**

The 2023 Santa Claus Parade will be held on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. on Franklin Ave. Visit rmwb.ca/santa for more information.

Community Activities and Information:

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.

School Bus Safety Tips

Motorists (ATVs too!) need to respect the flashing lights on a school bus, which create a safety zone for children around the vehicle and are often the children's only defense when they get on or off the bus. Motorists should remember the following when approaching a school bus:



- Watch out for alternation flashing amber lights, which means a school bus is slowing to stop where students will either be getting on or off the bus
- **Slow down and stop** when the school bus activated its alternating flashing red lights. This means you **MUST STOP** whether you are approaching an on coming bus or following one. (The only exception to this rule is when the bus is on a two-way highway)
- Proceed only when the red lights on the bus have stopped flashing
- Watch for school buses loading and unloading children, even if the lights aren't flashing
- Be on the lookout for children crossing the road.





Free Library Cards & Delivery

Check out the latest books, movies, video games, and more with your free library card! Place hold requests online and we'll deliver your items weekly to your community. Free library cards also give you access to fantastic resources for language learning, studying, digital materials, and so much more! Visit wbrl.ca for more information or email rural@wbrl.ca.

Homebound Delivery

Great news, we offer our Homebound Delivery Services to our rural communities! Our Homebound Service brings the library to those who are unable to visit the library, or our pickup locations in rural, in person due to a disability or medical condition. We check out items for you based on your preferences or request and then deliver them to your door. When you are done, we arrange a pickup to return any items.

Want more information or to sign up yourself or someone else for this service? Reach out to homebound@wbrl.ca.

Book-A-Tech: WBRL's Bookable Tech on Wheels Service!

Did you know, patrons & community groups are able to book our Tech on Wheels?

That's right! A library staff member will come to your community with our mobile technology collection or specific items to suit your needs, at no cost.

Items include:

- Laptops
- Printers
- WiFi Hub
- and more!



To book, simply email techonwheels@wbrl.ca and we'll arrange the rest!



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS LIFESAVER IN YOUR SKY?

Did you know the Local HERO (Helicopter Emergency Response Organization) Foundation is a vital charity making a life-saving difference in the Wood Buffalo region since 2013? Over 500 critically ill or seriously injured patients have been flown to a higher level of care. Local HERO is the **only** Helicopter Emergency Medical Service serving our region and operates in partnership with the Regional Emergency Services of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB).

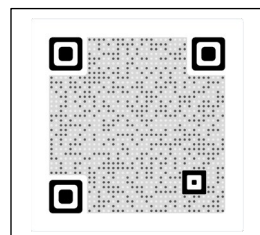
Local HERO is on standby 24/7 with a fully equipped medical-interior twin engine helicopter and responds to dispatch calls from Emergency Services. All our missions are rural scene calls, often in remote areas inaccessible by ground ambulance. Local HERO always flies with two RMWB Emergency Services paramedics on board. Local HERO saves lives, by saving time.

We want to hear from you! In an ongoing effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our region, Local HERO asks for your feedback. Let us know how our services have impacted you or someone you know. Please fill out the short survey here at this [survey link](#), by the QR code below, or by having someone print it off for you and emailing it back to team@ymmhero.com.

To thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, we will enter your name in a **DRAW** for a chance to **WIN** a \$100 gift card to the Smokin' Butcher.

The deadline to enter the draw is **December 15, 2023**. For a chance to win you will need to include your name and contact number on the survey. We will only use your contact information if you win the draw, or if you ask us to contact you about a survey question.

The Local HERO Foundation is pleased to provide your community with this impactful program through the generous support of our donors. Thank you!



Holiday Market



November 25th @ 6:00-9:00pm
Vista Ridge

Come to socialize and shop early for Christmas.
Local Saprae Residents and Vendors will be selling items.

Saprae Creek Residents Christmas Social

December 9th
5:30-8:00pm
Vista Ridge

Watch Facebook for details and sign ups
More information to follow





FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

NOVEMBER

ALL MONTH LONG

POSTER AT LANDMARK CINEMAS & COFFEE SLEEVES AT LOCAL CAFES
 SHELL PLACE CANOPY LIGHTING
 OIL BARONS GAMES FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH VIDEO TO BE PLAYED AT NOVEMBER HOME GAMES
 FAMILY VIOLENCE BOOK DISPLAY & RESOURCES WOOD BUFFALO REGIONAL LIBRARY

<p>NOVEMBER 1ST</p> <p>KICKOFF BREAKFAST RSVP VIA EMAIL AT OUTREACH.MANAGER@WAYPOINTSWB.CA</p> <p>ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION</p> <p>9am-11am</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 1ST & 30TH</p> <p>LIGHTING OF SALINE CREEK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IN PURPLE</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2ND</p> <p>GO PURPLE INFORMATION BOOTH</p> <p>KEYANO COLLEGE</p> <p>1pm-3pm</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 3RD</p> <p>LUNCH & LEARN SERIES</p> <p>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE 2SLGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY</p> <p>12PM -1PM</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 6TH</p> <p>GO PURPLE INFORMATION BOOTH</p> <p>MAC ISLAND</p> <p>10AM -6PM</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 7TH</p> <p>GO PURPLE INFORMATION BOOTH</p> <p>LOCATION TBD: FORT CHIPEWYAN</p> <p>11AM -4:30PM</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 10TH</p> <p>LUNCH & LEARN SERIES</p> <p>PEER SUPPORT AS A TOOL FOR SURVIVORS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE</p> <p>12PM -1PM</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 14TH</p> <p>GO PURPLE INFORMATION BOOTH</p> <p>CONKLIN MULTIPLEX</p> <p>10AM -2PM</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 16TH</p> <p>GO PURPLE INFORMATION BOOTH</p> <p>ANZAC RECREATION CENTRE</p> <p>10AM -3PM</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 17TH</p> <p>LUNCH & LEARN SERIES</p> <p>INDIGENOUS WOMEN & FAMILY VIOLENCE</p> <p>12PM -1PM</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 24TH</p> <p>LUNCH & LEARN SERIES</p> <p>SHAME, STEREOTYPES, AND SOUL: EXPLORING PERSPECTIVES CONTRIBUTING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</p> <p>12PM -1PM</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 27TH</p> <p>GO PURPLE INFORMATION BOOTH</p> <p>JANVIER HEALTH CENTRE</p> <p>10AM -2PM</p>

#VIOLENCEFREERMWB

780 743 1190
FAMILY VIOLENCE CRISIS LINE



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		

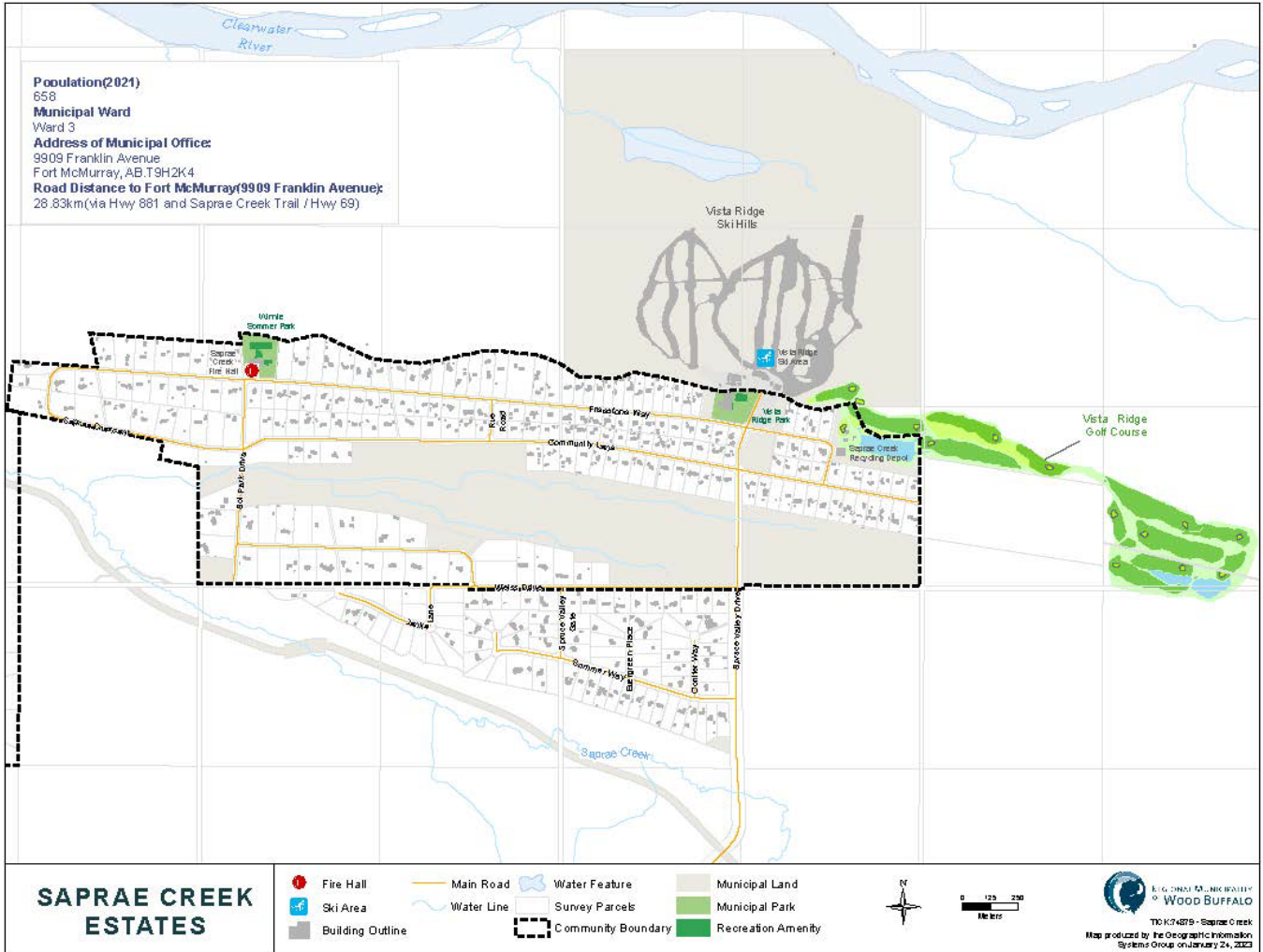
To submit information to the newsletter please email:
ruralnewsletters@rmwb.ca

Deadline for DECEMBER Newsletter submissions:
 November 24th, 2023

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

			1	2	3	4
				Saprae Creek Engagement Session 6:30 PM VISTA RIDGE		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						Remembrance Day 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Municipal Office Closed					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					Newsletter Deadline 	Holiday Market 6-9 PM
26	27	28	29	30		

Community Map



What would you like to see on the community map?

Please email Koralee.samaroden@rmwb.ca