

SAPRAE CREEK NEWSLETTER

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Councillor's Report:

Saprae Creek and Draper August Newsletter

Wow, I can't believe how quickly this summer is going! I sure hope that everyone is having a great summer so far and is enjoying the sunshine and the various activities around town and at Vista Ridge.

I don't have much to report this month as we are on summer break and haven't had any council meetings since the beginning of July. We've had some interesting presentations mostly with the camps and the land use bylaws regarding camps. That has been deferred until the fall as industry and the RMWB are still tweaking the final copy. There was also a presentation on the east Clearwater Highway which I voted against. I'm all in favour of having a second way out of the RMWB but when the ECH was presented and asked for a letter to be sent to the province, we were told that a report was just being released and I felt that it would make more sense to wait until the report came out. I know it's only a letter, but the Government of Alberta is on summer break as well and no one would act on it until after session starts again in the fall, I thought waiting would be more responsible.

Coming up in the next few weeks, Councillor Stroud and I will be attending the RMA district meeting in High Prairie area on August 8/9. This will be my first district meeting, so we'll see what it's all about.

Construction in Saprae Creek was temporarily on hold to resolve some issues, but the construction crews are back at work. Completing this project safely while minimizing inconvenience remains the priority. Please be patient and remind your young people to be aware of the construction crews.

Draper construction has been pretty quiet. All I know is that Draper road will be paved from Waterways to approximately the "s" turn.

I won't be submitting anything in the newsletter for the end of August/ beginning of September as I will be on official holidays and may not have reliable internet access. I will be checking as often as I can, so please be patient if I don't respond right away. Please use the Pulse line at 780-743-7000 as they are usually quicker to reach the right person/ department.

Enjoy the rest of summer

Sheila



*Welcoming you to the new design
in September!*

Beginning next month, your rural newsletter will have a new look that has been designed to ensure you have the information you want and need! The newsletter will have all the same features presented in a new style to improve your experience.

Thank you for enjoying the newsletter – we look forward to welcoming you in September to the new design!

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Apply for Municipal grant opportunities!

Is your non-profit organization looking for new or additional support for your events and programs? Are you an athlete or performer competing at a provincial, national or international level?

If so, you may be eligible to receive funding from the Games Legacy Grant or Community Impact Grant! To learn more, visit rmwb.ca/cip.

The application period for the Games Legacy Grant and Community Impact Grant is **August 12, 2019 to September 23, 2019**.

Once the call for applications open, the grant guidelines and application forms will be available at your local Municipal Office and online at rmwb.ca/cip.

The application deadline is 4:30 p.m. on September 23, 2019.

Members from the Municipality's Community Investment Program will be holding drop-in information sessions in the rural communities to discuss the grant opportunities and answer any questions you may have. The details of the sessions will be announced shortly.

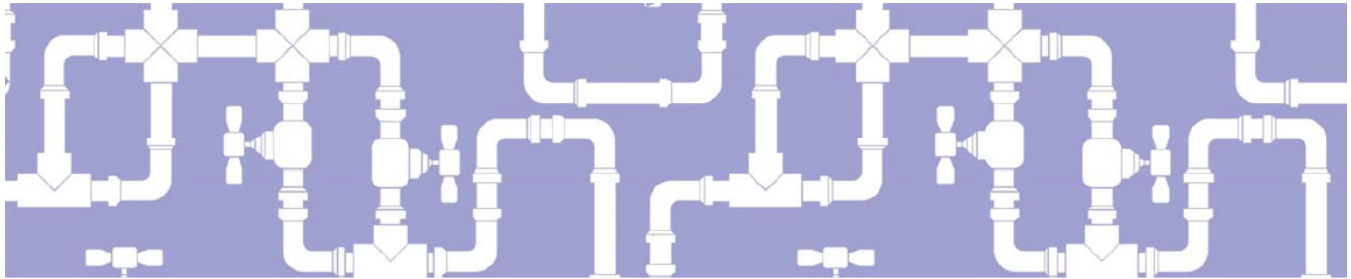
If you have any questions or would like help with your application, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll free at 1-800-973-9663.

*To receive funding from the RMWB you need to apply for a grant offered by the CIP. Distributing funding through the CIP creates opportunities for the RMWB to provide additional support for your community events, programs and organizations.

For more information, please visit the CIP website at rmwb.ca/cip



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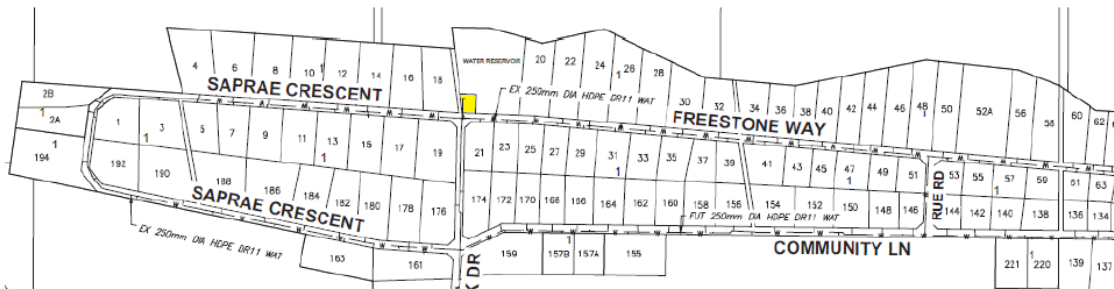
Notice of Construction # 1

Saprae Creek Estates Lift Station

Date of Distribution July 25-26, 2019

Dear Resident,

This letter is to inform you that on behalf of the RMWB, Chandos Construction, will be installing a new Lift Station at the Firehall in the Saprae Creek Estates community from **August 2019 to June 2020**. A Sanitary lift station upgrade will be installed in the yellow area shown below North of Freestone Way. Residents can expect minimal disruptions to traffic. No road closures will take place.



We want to thank you for your cooperation and patience during this process as we work to improve our region. All construction project information can be viewed at www.rmwb.ca/constructionmap.

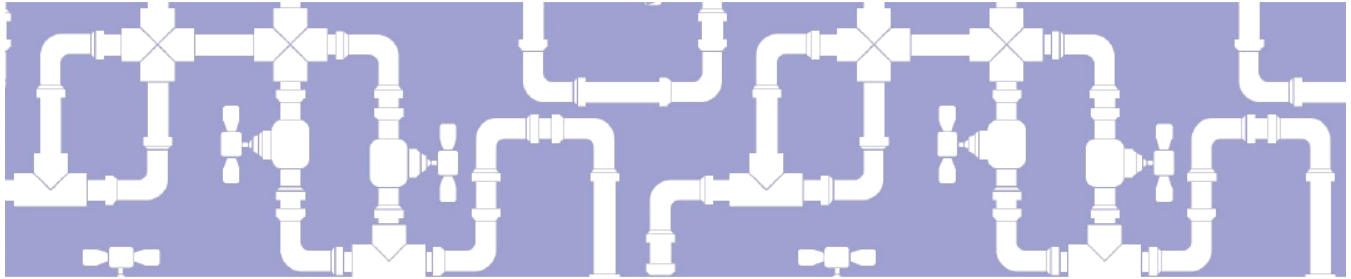
All construction timelines are subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances. If you have any concerns during construction, please contact the RMWB Pulse Line at 780-743-7000 or www.rmwb.ca/pulse.

SAPRAE CREEK CONTRACT 3 – Notice #1

www.rmwb.ca/RWSS
780-743-7000



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Rural Water & Sewer Servicing (RWSS) Saprae Creek Estates Update

NEXT STEPS: LOT BY LOT ASSESSMENT

Thank you to all residents who participated in the lot by lot assessment. The information gathered will be compiled and presented to Council in the fall. The lot by lot assessment process will help support the proposed on-site service connection plan that was presented on November 27, 2018. This plan includes how and when residents will be able to pay their service connection fee.

The on-site service connection plan is being drafted into a by-law for Council's approval. This means that the by-law must be read three times in a public meeting for Council's consideration. The aim of the proposed on-site service connection plan is to finalize service connection fees and all other aspects of the program. For more information please visit www.rmwb.ca/rwss

H. Wilson has started major construction in areas of Saprae Creek Estates. The underground crews are currently on Saprae Crescent, Weiss Drive, and Freestone Way. Work is starting at at one end and progressing along to the other end. Crews are also working on the intersection of Sol Park Drive and Freestone Way.

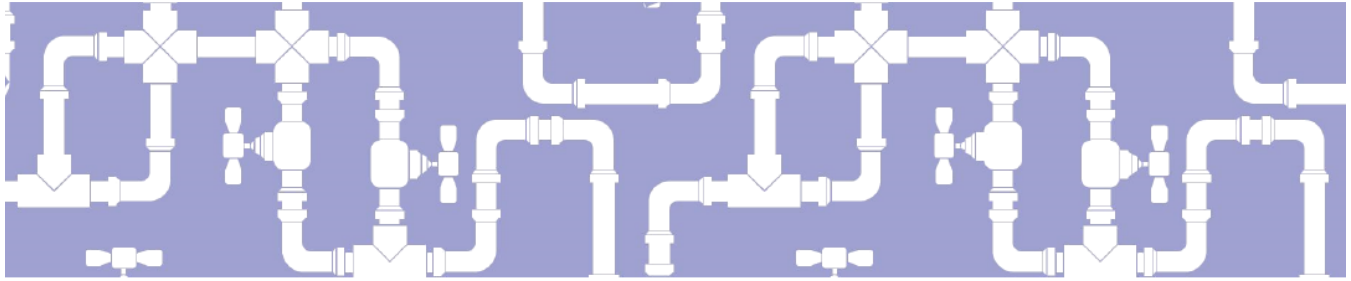
Residences that are currently on temporary water services are on Freestone Way, Saprae Crescent and Weiss Drive. Road work has started on Weiss Drive and crews are working to keep driveway disruptions to a minimum.

Community Lane's ditch grading and landscaping work is progressing.

Weaver Group Ltd. is completing the sanitary pipeline system along Saprae Creek Trail, A Frame Road and the south area of Sol Park Drive. Equipment is in the area, and minimal disruptions to the community are anticipated.

Notices will be going out to residents as construction progresses to inform you of road closures, detours, and temporary driveway blockages. During construction, we are working in close cooperation with emergency services to ensure your safety is cared for. We thank you for your patience and consideration while we continue to make improvements to the Saprae Creek Estates community.





Beginning immediately, construction notices will also be posted on Facebook at @WoodBuffaloRuralCommunityConnection

You can view project information and construction notices at www.rmwb.ca/constructionmap.

To allow our Engineering team to reply to your question, please submit your questions to Pulse by calling 1-800-973-9663 or visiting rmwb.ca/pulse.



August 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3 Uptown Farmers' Market	4
5 STAT	6	7	8	9	10 Downtown Farmers' Market	11
12	13	14 Urban Market	15	16	17 Uptown Farmers' Market	18
19	20	21 Urban Market	22	23	24 Uptown Farmers' Market	25
26	27	28 Urban Market	29	30	31 Uptown Farmers' Market	

Urban Market
 Uptown Farmers' Market
 Downtown Farmers' Market

Urban Market @ Jubilee Plaza 11a.m.– 6 p.m.
 Uptown Farmers' Market @ Holy Trinity HS Parking Lot 10a.m.-2p.m.
 Downtown Farmers' Market @ Jubilee Plaza 10a.m.–2p.m.

Rural Non-Residential Small Business Tax Sub-Class.

APPLY TODAY!



Do you know there is a tax sub-class for rural small businesses that could **save you money?**

Your current property tax notice doesn't reflect the rural non-residential small business tax rate. **Eligible properties must apply every year to receive this rate.** Eligibility requirements are available online.

Applications will be accepted until December 31, 2019. Regardless of the status of your application, **property taxes were due June 28, 2019.**

If you qualify for the rural non-residential tax sub-class, you will receive a credit on your account, or you may apply to receive the credit via cheque.

To apply and learn more, visit rmwb.ca/taxes



Very important reminder:

Your Garbage & Recycling bins should be placed out by the curb by 7:30am every Friday. (Except for statutory Holidays).

Please remove garbage bins off the road or shoulder after your bins have been emptied, pull them back onto your property.

Household waste (**BLACK**) will be emptied every week.

Recycling Bins (**LIGHT BLUE**: paper and cardboard & **DARK BLUE**: metal, drink containers) will be emptied alternate weeks.

August Dates for Garbage Bins are:



Friday August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th



Friday August 9th, 23rd



Friday August 2nd, 16th, 30th

Kids' Corner



August Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Heritage Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Saprae Creek’s ON-GOING FUNCTIONS:

Mondays Nights: Saprae Creek Volunteer Fire Department Training

Fridays Garbage Days:

Fridays Saprae Youth Group Programs: Subject to Change depending on weather



HAVE YOUR SAY

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

RMWB.CA/DOWNTOWN

Please have your say on downtown revitalization in our community by completing this short survey. All questions are optional and no personal information will be collected.

The information gathered from you through this survey and at public engagement sessions and stakeholder meetings will be used to help capture your vision for downtown revitalization.

Once this takes place, we plan on returning to the community in the Fall with additional engagement opportunities – to communicate what we are hearing and to further refine how you think we should move forward together.

You may want to review information at rmwb.ca/downtown before completing this survey. Thank you for participating!

Please indicate by major street names (or general areas) that you consider to be the physical boundary of Fort McMurray’s downtown? Where does downtown begin for you and where does it end?

Specifically, why do you go downtown *right now*? (check all that apply)

- a. Business reasons
- b. To go to work/due to work
- c. I live downtown
- d. Because of recreation and/or entertainment
- e. I go to school downtown
- f. Other (please indicate): _____



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When you think about the phrase, 'downtown revitalization', what does that mean to you? Basically, how you think we should define revitalization?

When you think of downtown, are there specific areas within downtown where we should focus revitalization efforts to make the biggest impact? What are some changes that you think could be made in the short-term to strengthen existing downtown assets or realize potential in the downtown?

What would be your vision for the downtown be in the next *five years*?

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This question is about understanding what attractions would encourage you to spend more time downtown. What are the top three to five things listed below that would encourage you to spend more time in Fort McMurray's downtown?

- a. Areas that encourage walking year-round
- b. Alternate parking options
- c. Cultural facilities (for example: interpretive centres, galleries, museum etc.)
- d. Education Facilities
- e. Employment opportunities
- f. Gathering spaces
- g. Green spaces
- h. Improved cleanliness
- i. Public art
- j. Restaurants/cafés
- k. Retail/shopping
- l. Recreational and sports facilities
- m. Residential development
- n. Special events (for example: festivals, concerts, food markets)
- o. Streetscaping (for example: benches, flowers, trees, etc.)
- p. Sense of personal safety and security (during the day and at night)
- q. Transit services
- r. Trails/paths
- s. Unique character/something that tells our story
- t. Waterfront development
- u. Wi-Fi hotspots
- v. Other (please indicate): _____

What are the top things you feel could be done to revitalize the downtown during the summer months?

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What are top things you feel could be done to revitalize the downtown during the during the winter months?

Please provide any additional feedback you may have about downtown revitalization:

Please identify your age:

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+





Where do you live in the region?

- Abasand
- Anzac
- Beacon Hill
- Conklin
- Dickinsfield
- Downtown
- Draper
- Eagle Ridge
- Fort Chipewyan
- Fort McKay
- Fort Fitzgerald
- Grayling Terrace
- Gregoire
- Gregoire Lake Estates
- Janvier
- Parsons Creek
- Prairie Creek
- Saprae Creek Estates
- Stone Creek
- Thickwood
- Timberlea
- Waterways
- Wood Buffalo
- Other: _____

Thank you!