

# SAPRAE CREEK NEWSLETTER

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**All EMERGENCIES**

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### Councilor Update:

As I'm sitting here, listening to the rain and watching the grass grow, I'm reminded yet again that Mother Nature is a smart woman, most of the time. Summer and construction season is upon us once again. I'll just start with the reminder for everybody to slow down around the construction crews and to remind our young people and their friends to drive safely on their ATV's. Please remind them to be aware of the moving equipment and to obey the flaggers when driving on the road. We want everyone to be safe and healthy this summer.

It's been a busy few months with travelling to Ottawa to lobby the Senators, Members of Parliament and the Leaders of the Parties on Bills C-69 and C-48. It looks like some of the amendments that were suggested made it into the bills so it looks like they heard some of our concerns. We'll keep trying to ensure that the Federal Government realizes that the RMWB is an economic driver. I also attended the FCM conference in Quebec City and met with other municipal leaders. The topic of conversation seemed to include their thoughts on pipelines and once we explained that if our product doesn't make it to tidewater, that it would affect their economic growth and development, they seemed to understand its not just about us. We've got a few public hearing coming up in July; one is on the definitions of project accommodation and the bylaws regarding fees for them and depending on how the June 25th meeting went, there could be one on land acquisition by a church.

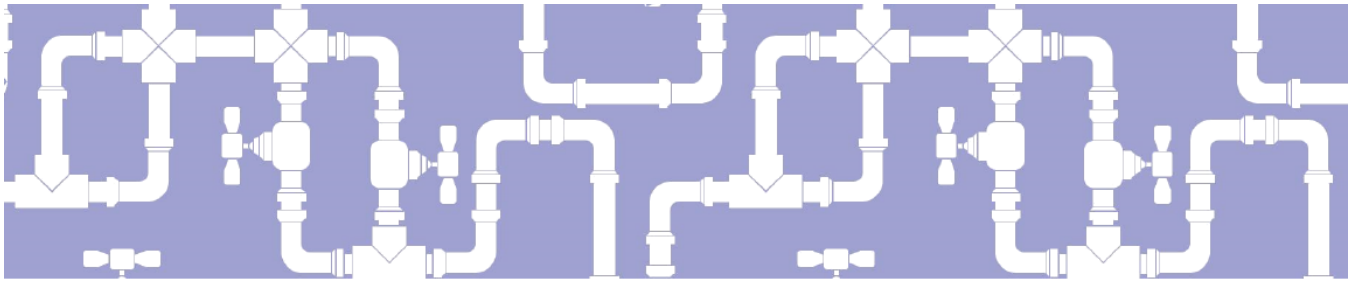
### Now onto the construction updates:

Draper will be getting the main road from the paved section of Waterways to approximately just before the s bend paved this year. The actual kilometers that will be done is 3.7 kms. It's starting so please have patience with the paving/ road building crews as it will be a pain in the butt.

Saprae Creek has much more going on and I do post on Fridays on the Saprae Creek page when I get updated. The last update I received before the cutoff for the newsletter was June 21, 2019. There are 4 underground crews working and they're moving along nicely on Freestone Way, Saprae Crescent and Weiss Drive. The rough grade for the ditch work on Community Lane east will be done this weekend. After the Canada Day long weekend, the sub-contractor will be doing the final landscape in the ditches of Freestone and Community. Monday (June 24) the base crew will be starting on Weiss Drive between Spruce Valley Drive and Spruce Valley Gate for the road rebuild and first coat of pavement.

The lot by lot assessments should almost be done and once the numbers are crunched, we should have more accurate answers on the Rural Water and Sewer Project. Please everyone be patient, specific questions can be directed to the PULSE line at 7807437000 as they can get the question to the right department really quickly.

Until next month,  
Sheila



# 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.

Once the plan is approved, it will be 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](http://www.rmwb.ca/rwss)

This July, the underground crews will have completed work on Sommer Way and moved to Saprae Crescent, Weiss Drive, and Freestone Way. Crews are starting at one end of the intersection and moving along to the other end.

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.

You can view project information and construction notices at [www.rmwb.ca/constructionmap](http://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](http://rmwb.ca/pulse).**

**\*All timelines are subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances.**





## July 2019

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Do you like to create photographs or designs?

Submit two (2) photos or designs by July 8, and if your photos are chosen to be featured on the traffic cabinets and bear-proof collection bins, you will receive \$500 plus GST per chosen submission.

Traffic cabinets and bear-proof collection bins have been identified to be wrapped with images that represent our region. The number of awarded photographs will be based on site suitability, available budget, and feedback from the selection panel.

Visit [RMWB.ca/artcall](http://RMWB.ca/artcall)



### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has scheduled a Public Hearing to take place on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber, Fort McMurray, regarding the following:

#### **Bylaw No. 19/018 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 to provide better regulatory oversight for project accommodations.**

Bylaw No. 19/018 proposes new provisions to better regulate project accommodations in the region to provide more robust direction to the Development Authority when reviewing development permit applications for project accommodations. The proposed amendments update relevant definitions and introduce provisions to the identification of appropriate locations, duration of the permit approval and application submission criteria.

A copy of the above-noted Bylaw and all related documents may be inspected by contacting the Land Administration Department (309 Powder Drive, Timberlea Landing, Fort McMurray); or Legislative Services (7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jubilee Centre, Fort McMurray), between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Bylaw No. 19/018 is also available on the Municipality's website at [www.rmwb.ca/hearings](http://www.rmwb.ca/hearings).

#### **If you would like to appear before Council:**

- You must forward a request to the Chief Legislative Officer, clearly stating your support or opposition of the Bylaw, along with any related information, by:
  - Registering on-line at [www.rmwb.ca/publichearingsubmission](http://www.rmwb.ca/publichearingsubmission);
  - Emailing [Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca](mailto:Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca); or
  - Calling Legislative Services at 780-743-7001.
- Ensure that your correspondence includes your address, and a telephone number or e-mail address at which you may be contacted.
- All submissions must be received by the Chief Legislative Officer by **12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 3, 2019**.

**Please note any information you submit to Council for their consideration at Public Hearings is added in its entirety to the agenda, which is made available to the public and posted on the Municipality's website.**

DATED at Fort McMurray, Alberta this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2019.

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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 are due June 28, 2019.**

If you qualify for the rural non-residential tax sub-class after June 28, 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](http://rmwb.ca/taxes)



## **Safety Tips:**

**Cross Safely:** Mom was right; 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 separated from the road or a wide bike lane, you should walk in single file. This is especially important on a road with many curves, where traffic has only a split-second chance of seeing you before hitting you. While it can be enjoyable to walk down the road two to three abreast chatting merrily, drivers don't expect it and you may lose your best buddies.

**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, and move to walk single file, allowing them to pass safely. Runners should also call out for passing. Bike-walker collisions can result in broken bones or head injuries for either, or you aren't wearing a helmet.

**Be Visible:** Wear bright colors when walking in daytime. When walking at night, wear light-colored clothing and reflective clothing or a reflective vest to be visible. Drivers are often not expecting walkers to be out after dark, and you need to give them every chance to see you, even at the street crossings that have crossing signals. Be just as cautious at dawn or twilight, as drivers still have limited visibility or may even have the setting or rising sun directly in their eyes.

**Hang Up and Eyes Up:** Chatting or texting while driving is a dangerous as doing those things 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 may also see you as a distracted easy target.

## **Putting the sanitary back into sanitary service**

Do you rely on sanitary sump pump service?

Water and wastewater services are important for everyone.

But did you know that animal waste in the vicinity of the sanitary tank pump can have health and safety risks for operators?

To ensure we can continue to provide this service to you safely, please clean up after your pets if they leave their poop in area.

Animal waste can be harmful if it isn't disposed of properly.

How to dispose properly?

Be sure to double-bag when disposing of any pet waste.

Your help keeping the area clear of pet waste will help us continue to provide this service to you.

Learn more at [www.rmwb.ca/animalwaste](http://www.rmwb.ca/animalwaste)

Questions? Contact Pulse toll free at 1-800-973-9663.

## RMWB News/Notices



### 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.

## July Dates for Garbage Bins are:



Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19, 26<sup>th</sup>,

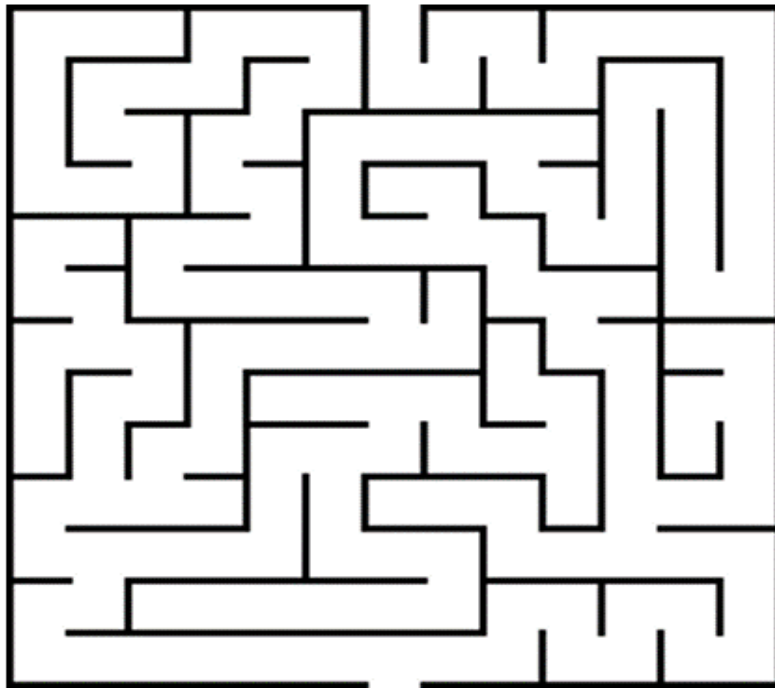


Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>



Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

## Kids/Youth Corner



Difficulty: easy

[www.KindergartenTeacherResources.com](http://www.KindergartenTeacherResources.com)

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## July Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5	6
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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

