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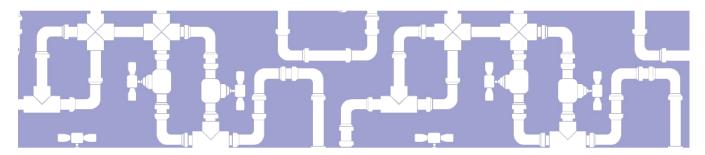
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Rural Water & Sewer Servicing (RWSS) Saprae Creek Estates Update

LOT BY LOT ASSESMENT

The Engineering team will be undertaking a lot by lot assessment from **May 1- June 1, 2019**. In April we will be sharing more information on this process and asking residents to provide us permission to access their lots.

During the lot by lot assessment a contractor/consultant will walk around the property and visually assess the lots to identify the best connection points and price out the on-site service connection. Particular attention will be given to:

- Locations of the existing water and sewer tanks
- Distance of the home from the street
- Alignment of buildings, trees or any other construction constraints

It is important to note that measurements and photos will be taken to keep a record of the lot and at no time will the contractor enter any homes or structures.

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

Prior to the 2019 Construction Season we will be in your community to discuss RWSS. Please keep an eye out for the upcoming engagement in your community.

Saprae Creek Community Centre Engagement

March 28, 2019 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Vista Ridge

2019 WINTER CONSTRUCTION

Saprae Creek Estates Contract 2 Force Main

All winter construction project information can be found 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.

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO

RCMP 2019/2020 Policing Priorities



The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) is seeking input from the public on the region's policing priorities for the next fiscal year of 2019-2020.

The Wood Buffalo RCMP is committed to preserving the peace, upholding the law and providing quality service in partnership with the communities it serves. In addition, the Fort McMurray and Fort Chipewyan detachments establish annual policing priorities that focus on issues identified by the public.

To ensure these policing priorities align with those of the public, the RMWB has partnered with the RCMP to conduct a brief survey. Residents are invited to provide their feedback online, in person or over the phone between February 11 and March 5. Take the survey online at rmwb.ca/rcmp/app or by calling PULSE at 780-743-7000 or toll free at 1-800-973-9663.

Information collected from this survey will be reviewed and considered by the RCMP and Council.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

Property Assessment Notices for the 2019 Tax Year have been mailed to all property owners in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. The property assessment reflects market value as of the legislated date of July 1, 2018.

Please take some time to review your Property Assessment Notice carefully.

Have questions or concerns about your property assessment?

Call 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663 to speak with an assessor. Assessors will be available 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, to speak with property owners. You can also visit our website to review the frequently asked questions about property assessment.

If you are still concerned with your assessment after speaking with an assessor, you can file a complaint with the Assessment Review Board. All complaints must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 29.

What happens next? Council will set the 2019 tax rate in May. Property taxes are determined by applying the approved tax rate to the assessed value shown on your Property Assessment Notice. Property Tax Notices will be mailed in May.

ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE



PROPERTY TAX RATE



PROPERTY TAX BILL

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Residents across the region may get a phone call from Yardstick Research in the coming weeks. The Municipality has contracted the professional research firm to conduct the 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey.

The 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey will assess how residents feel about a number of issues:

- Quality of life and safety
- Municipal services, programs and facilities
- Contact with municipal staff
- Value received for tax dollars
- Municipal priorities

With the results of the survey, the Municipality can better identify our successes and areas that require improvement throughout the region.

Households will be randomly selected for the phone survey. Depending on the length of resident answers, it should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

No call? No problem! Residents who do not receive a phone call from Banister Research and wish to share their feedback can take the 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey online at rmwb.ca/satisfaction.

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Do you rely on the winter roads and trails to get around the region?

Now you can subscribe for email updates.

The RMWB maintains the Fort Chipewyan Winter Road, La Loche Winter Trail and a portion of the Lac La Biche winter trail.

With changing weather conditions, it's important to stay up to date before driving on winter roads and trails.

Visit the winter roads web page and click on the link to choose the winter road or trail you'd like to know about. Click on the mail icon to subscribe for updates to either Fort Chipewyan or La Loche and stay informed this winter. When we send updates, you'll get them straight to your email.

Visit rmwb.ca/winterroads to sign up for email updates.







Understanding Racism

Presented by Becky Kuffner, Race Relations Coordinator Treaty Six Territory, Saskatoon SK

Working to develop an action plan to address racism in the RMWB. 'Understanding Racism' focuses on the importance of anti-racism as a foundational concept in social structures. Municipalities, stakeholders and key partners have an obligation to be leaders in this field.

"Anti-Racism is an action-oriented strategy for institutional, systemic change to address racism and the interlocking systems of social oppression that perpetuate unequal social outcomes that

are detrimental to the social, political and economic health of municipalities and communities."

The Understanding Racism session aims to provide a foundational understanding of Institutionalized Racism, Systemic Racism, Interpersonal Racism and Internalized Racism.

Tuesday, March 12 6:00 - 8:00pm Fire Hall #5, 200 Saprae Creek Trail Fort McMurray Free and open to the community. Register: cathy.steeves@rmwb.ca



Becky Kuffner, Race Relations Coordinator

FIRST AID

FIRST AID TRAINING

Do you need to renew your First Aid Training or take it for the first time? We highly recommend this this course, especially when it's being offered for FREE! Being prepared for small medical emergencies can mean a world of difference.

Registered members of the ESS team are eligible to participate in this training.

Saturday March 9th and Saturday March 16th 9:00am-5:00pm Fire Hall #5 Bring your own lunch and free parking You must attend BOTH days to receive your certificate.

Space is limited so please register ASAP! Email cathy.steeves@rmwb.ca to register





RMWB Emergency Social Services (ESS) – Training Exercise

Taking place in Conklin

Being prepared to work at a Reception Centre or Group Lodging facility during an activation is empowering and provides a valuable service to evacuees during a time of great need. Community partners and volunteers are invited to attend the upcoming training exercise to get a good sense of how they could be helpful and how Reception Centres and Group Lodging facilities would operate during an emergency activation.

Come for the experience, learn something new and be prepared to lend a hand in emergencies.

Tuesday, March 12th

10:00am-3:00pm

Conklin Multiplex

LUNCH PROVIDED

Free transportation provided – reserve your spot! Bus departs from Fire Hall #5, 200 Saprae Creek Trail Fort McMurray at 8:00am and returns at 4:30pm

RSVP to: cathy.steeves@rmwb.ca

THANK YOU TO OUR ESS VOLUNTEERS

On the evening of February 4th, the Emergency Social Services Team responded to the Royal Canadian Legion Reception Centre to receive evacuees from Hearthstone Manor. These dedicated volunteers served for the following 72 hours with kindness and compassion.

One grateful evacuee wrote: "On the night of the 4th of February 2019, there was an emergency evacuation from the Hearthstone Manor building...where we had to be accommodated at the Legion for a couple of days. To start with, the great friendliness of the staff who gave 100% exceptional and outstanding customer service in all aspects one can expect or think of...the place was not a 5 star hotel of any sort but they made it look like it was a 5 star hotel. My family and I would like to extend our gratitude to all the ESS Volunteers who welcomed us and made us feel at home which really felt like a home away from home. We thank you so much for being in your company."

We are very thankful to the wonderful crew of volunteers who gladly filled day, evening and night shifts and treated each evacuee with tremendous dignity and respect. This was our very first activation since the 2016 wildfire and we did a great job!



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.

March Dates for Garbage Bins are:



Friday March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th



Friday March 1st, 15th, 29th



Friday March 8th, 22nd

Kids/Youth Corner



March Community Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 17 ST. Paddy's Day | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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Saprae Creek's ON-GOING FUNCTIONS:

Mondays Nights: Saprae Creek Volunteer Fire Department Training

Wednesday Mornings: The HUB 10-11:30pm

Fridays Garbage Days:

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

