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Councillor Report

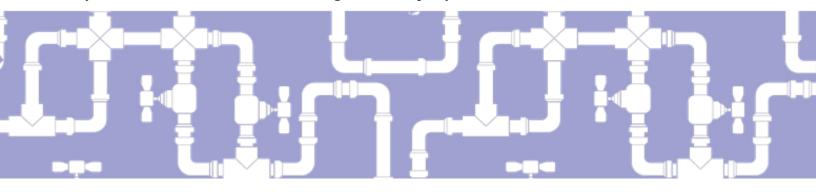
November 2018. Saprae Creek and Draper

Construction season looks to be finished for this season and hopefully next summer goes smoother than this one. Please fill out the survey the RMWB has posted for construction feedback so that they can improve their communication. I've heard mixed messages from the Saprae Creek meeting on October 24 and I'm hoping that your concerns and questions will be answered. I will be following up with Matthew. We had a meeting last month with the executives of the RMA (Rural Municipalities Association) to discuss concerns for the RMWB. We did bring up our concerns regarding rural crime, industry taxes and the second highway for our region. We also brought up funding for cannabis legislation and enforcement. I brought up the coke dust issue of last winter and they're also going to work with us to get this issue resolved.

We have a few things coming up in the next few months like the Citizen Recognition Program and the upcoming 2019 budget meetings.

I do have the upcoming RMA conference in Edmonton and we will be meeting with the provincial ministers again regarding issues in our region. I'm sure they're getting tired of us asking for the same things every meeting, but I've noticed the ministers are more prepared each time they meet with us.

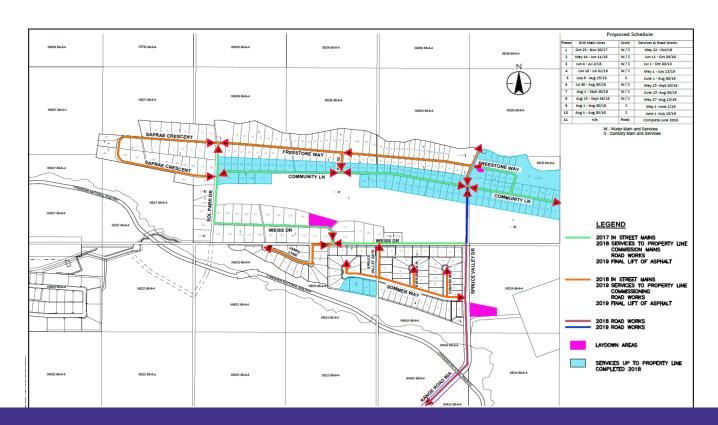
Until next month, Sheila



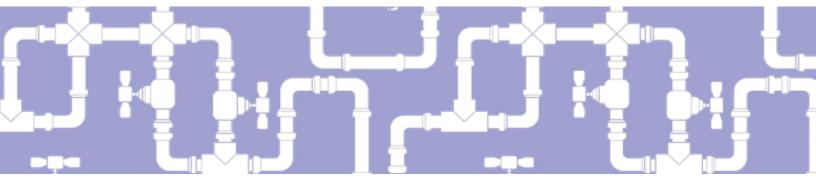
Rural Water & Sewer Servicing (RWSS) Saprae Creek Estates Update

November marks the completion of the 2018 construction season. This year, water and sewer mains have all been drilled in and completed. The majority of Spruce Valley Drive is complete up to the first lift of asphalt. Freestone Way and Community Lane east of Spruce Valley Drive, and Community Lane west of Spruce Valley Drive have their first lift of asphalt completed as well. In addition, services are complete along Community Lane and Weiss to Community Lane will be completed in 2019.

Please see the below map for a visual on the work completed this season and for what to expect for next year's construction season.







CONSTRUCTION ENGAGEMENT

We want to thank all of you who were able to attend our engagement session in October. If you missed this meeting, we would encourage you to visit **rmwb.ca/rwss** to view the presentation and updated frequently asked questions.

We are working on responding to all of your questions from the engagement session and appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns, recommendations and feedback.

STILL HAVE A QUESTION?

To allow our Engineering team to reply to your question, please submit your questions to Pulse by calling 780-743-7000 or visiting rmwb.ca/pulse.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Presentation to Council

The recommendation regarding the budget for on-site service connections will be presented at a Council meeting in late 2018.



RMWB News/Notices



Rural non-residential small businesses can now apply to receive new tax savings.

Qualifying rural non-residential small businesses can receive a 25 per cent reduction from the rural non-residential tax rate. To qualify, properties must meet criteria outlined in provincial regulation, specifically:

- Currently taxed as rural non-residential;
- Property must be owned or leased by a business (properties subleased are excluded);
- Business must hold an RMWB Business Licence as of December 31, 2017*;
- Business must have fewer than 50 employees across Canada; and
- Business must not be a designated industrial property as identified by the Provincial Assessor.

^{*}If your business is located within the rural service area and provincial legislation does not require you to hold an RMWB business licence, please contact Philip Schofield, Regional Assessor, at philip.schofield@rmwb.ca. For more information or to apply, please visit rmwb.ca/taxes.



Regional Responder fall 2018 is here and filled with an abundance of information for Wood Buffalo families to stay safe as our season and leaves change. This edition focuses on cannabis legalization, Fire Prevention Week, holiday fire safety, what to do if you're victim to a break and enter or auto theft, hunter safety, travel preparedness – and more!

Safety Spotlight, which highlights organizations in the region whose focus is safety, sheds lights on the Hub Family Resource Centre.

Learn more about the agencies that keep Wood Buffalo safe and find out how you can contribute.

- Bylaw Services
- Crime Stoppers (Edmonton and Northern Alberta)
- Fort McMurray Search and Rescue
- RCMP
- RCMP Support Services
- Regional Emergency Services
- Victim Services

Regional Responder reaches out to people like you in the community to work together and make our region a place to live, work, and play – safely.

To check out your seasonal safety resource, visit rmwb.ca/regionalresponder.



Apply for a Community Investment Program grant opportunity!

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

The Community Investment Program is now accepting applications for the Games Legacy Grant and the new Community Impact Grant. Guidelines and applications are available at rmwb.ca/cip.

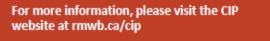
The deadline to apply for these grants is November 16, 2018

Games Legacy Grant – This grant encourages participation in amateur sport and cultural activities by providing financial assistance to athletes and performers competing or training at a provincial, national or international level. Individual applicants may apply for grant funding up to a maximum of \$1,500 and team/group applicants up to a maximum of \$3,000.

Community Impact Grant- This grant provides funding to registered non-profit organizations that meet community needs and contribute toward the strategic priorities identified in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 2018 – 2021 Strategic Plan. The Community Impact Grant consists of three different grant streams. Applicants may submit one application for each of the following grant streams:

- Community Programs and Projects
- Community Events
- 3. New Events

^{*} In accordance with Council's Community Investment Program policy, all funding provided by the RMWB will be distributed through the Community Investment Program (CIP). You need to apply for a grant offered by the CIP to receive funding from the RMWB. Distributing funding through the CIP creates opportunities for the RMWB to provide additional support for your community events, programs and organizations.







DO YOU RELY ON THE WINTER ROADS AND TRAILS TO GET AROUND THE REGION?

The RMWB maintains the Fort Chipewyan Winter Road, La Loche Winter Trail and a 10.7 km portion of the Lac La Biche winter trail.

With the dropping temperatures, crews will soon begin preparing ice bridges and trails for winter use.

Follow the RMWB for regular updates and information throughout the winter:

- RMWB website: www.rmwb.ca/winterroads
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/WoodBuffaloRuralCommunityConnection
- Pulse online: www.rmwb.ca/pulse
- Pulse Toll Free: 1-800-973-9663
- Winter Road Hotline: (recorded message) 1-866-743-6111
- Roads Hotline: 780-743-7859 or streets.resource@rmwb.ca

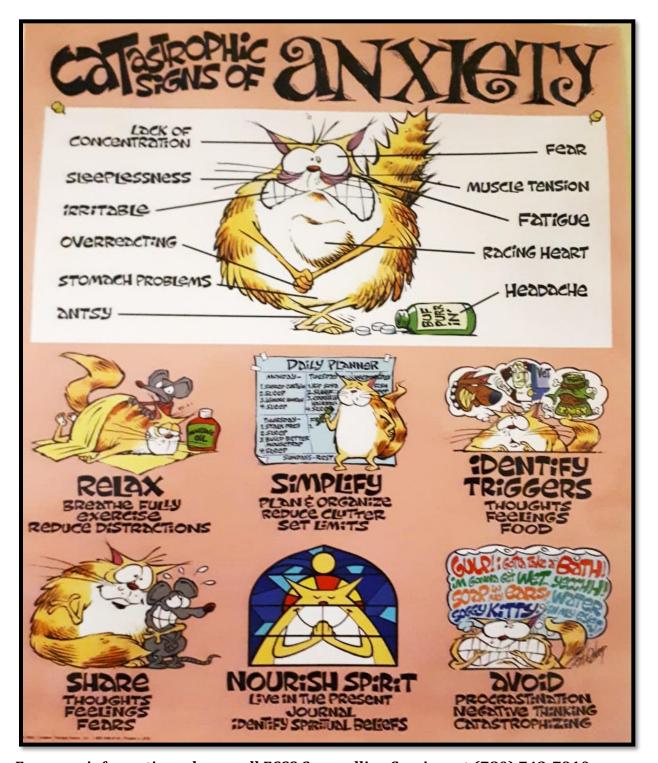
FORT SMITH WINTER ROAD

For information on the Fort Smith Winter Road, please call **Parks Canada at 1-867-872-7962.**



Wellness Corner

Brought to you by FCSS Counselling Services



For more information, please call FCSS Counselling Services at (780) 743-7910

The Municipality just got closer.



you've got questions. we've got Pulse, toll free.

1.800.973.9663 rmwb.ca/pulse



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.

November Dates for Garbage Bins are:



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

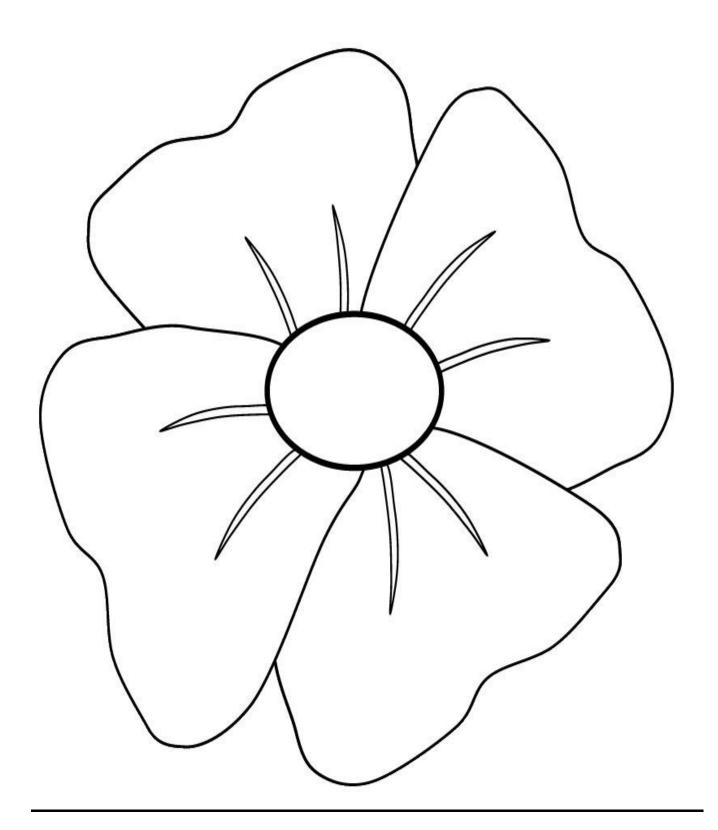


Friday November 9th, 23rd



Friday November 2nd, 16th, 30th

Kids/Youth Corner



Community News



The Saprae Youth Group will be meeting Friday nights from 6:30 - 9:30 pm during November as we transition into winter!

When Vista Ridge is open we'll be meeting there from 5:30 - 8:30

These events are held at no cost for Saprae Youth and their friends ages 10 - 17 (or 18 if still attending high school).

Stay up to date by 'Like'ing our page at www.facebook.com/SapraeYouthGroup or contact Michael by email at life2thefullest@me.com



BIG THANKS to all the Volunteers for or Casino Fundraiser!

Community Calendar

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

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

