

SAPRAE CREEK NEWSLETTER

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Councillor Report

October 1, 2018

Wow, what a busy month September has been for everyone! The kids are back in school, the bears in Saprae and Draper are foraging for their winter food, although I've noticed that the bears are developing a taste for processed and cooked food. Hopefully Fish and Wildlife can trap and relocate them before the winter sets in.

I was involved with an informal meeting with the Rural Coalition where we identified the concerns of the rural communities. For the most part, communication with the RMWB and communities is one of the biggest issues. I will try to communicate more often via the FB pages when I have updates regarding the water/sewer/ construction and any upcoming meetings.

We also met with the three school boards in our region and discussed working together to meet the needs of our students. The focus has shifted from wildfire recovery and updates are mostly numbers and the physical evidence of rebuild. We were told that year three is the worst for mental health issues and that we have to get the resources to our communities.

Last week, I was in Red Deer for the AUMA conference. Some highlights from the conference are: Councillor Phil Meagher received an award for distinguished service. He has been a public servant for over 20 years.

Minister Phillips spoke about funding for solar power and rebates for first time users. She also spoke on the Caribou Range plan and that they are waiting for funding from the federal government to move forward, as they can't reach the targets without it.

Minister Mason spoke about water and wastewater funds. He also mentioned the water for life program.

We met with Minister Hoffman and brought up the issues regarding access to women's health and mammogram services, cardiology and endoscopy lack of service and the lack of blood donation clinics in our region. We lobbied for ambulance services for the Conklin area. Minister Hoffman announced that our region will be one of the communities that will be serviced by midwives and that the helipad at the hospital is on track for completion.

We met with the Alberta Transportation staff and brought up concerns for a guard rail on Confederation overpass, better signage for our airport. Also discussed the Water for Life program and when the intake applications end. We were also asked to prioritize our funding requests for the rural water and sewer.

Minister Sabir alerted us to the Indigenous Capital Housing Program. The information and application forms are on the Government of Alberta website but what they were explaining to us at the meeting makes it seem like a very good program. They also said that it will cover urban and rural areas. I haven't researched it yet so I don't have any more information than what we were told.

I also attended two educational presentations on different topics. One was on the autonomous vehicles and Calgary's test project this past summer. The presenters spoke about some of the liabilities and benefits of driverless cars. One thing, they commented on was that the early snow that Calgary received in September did affect the performance of the vehicle. If snow got on the sensors, the vehicle stopped. So there's still a lot more work to do in that regard. The other presentation was Advocacy 101. The presenters covered how to lobby the government effectively for funding and what steps need to be taken before you meet with Ministers. I'm happy to report that for the most part, we are doing it mostly right. We need to improve on a few things to become more effective.

For those of us in Saprae Creek, we should all be hooked up to the regular water lines by now and if you've missed the RMWB staff re-installing the meters, please call the number on the notice 780-381-4676 to make arrangements. Again thank you for your patience and any concerns please call the PULSE line 780-743-7000 or shoot them an email at www.rmwb.ca/pulse

If you haven't received a response from the pulse line within a few days, please email me at sheila.lalonde@rmwb.ca and I'll forward it up the ladder.

Until next time
Sheila

RMWB News/Notices

RMWB Online Payments NOW AVAILABLE!

You can now pay your RMWB utility (water) bills, ambulance bills and general trade invoices online by credit card. Visit pay.rmwb.ca to learn more or make a payment today.

A graphic with a yellow background. On the left is an illustration of a shop with a red and white striped awning, a sign that says "SHOP", and a window with an "OPEN" sign. Surrounding the shop are several circular icons: a thumbs up, a percentage sign, a dollar sign, a checkmark, and a calculator. On the right, the text "Rural Non-Residential Small Business Tax Sub-Class." is displayed above a red button that says "APPLY TODAY!".

Rural
Non-Residential
Small Business
Tax Sub-Class.

APPLY TODAY!

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.



A new online tool, the RCMP Crime Map enables us to share up-to-date information on criminal incidents with members of the communities we serve across the municipality.

The crime map is a targeted, evidence-based approach to informing residents about five crime types:

- Break and enters
- Stolen vehicles
- Missing persons
- Theft from motor vehicles
- Mischief

Neighbourhood crime isn't just about numbers; it's about knowing where crime is happening in our region. This new tool gives residents an opportunity to be an extra set of eyes and ears for the Wood Buffalo RCMP in the communities we serve.

By providing the public with tools like the map and crime prevention resources, we can work together to build a safer region.

Review the RCMP Crime Map at woodbuffalorcmp.ca.

 A graphic with an orange background. At the top, there are several white line-art hands of various sizes reaching upwards. In the top right corner is the logo for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, which consists of a stylized profile of a buffalo head inside a circle. Below the hands, a white rounded rectangle contains the text:

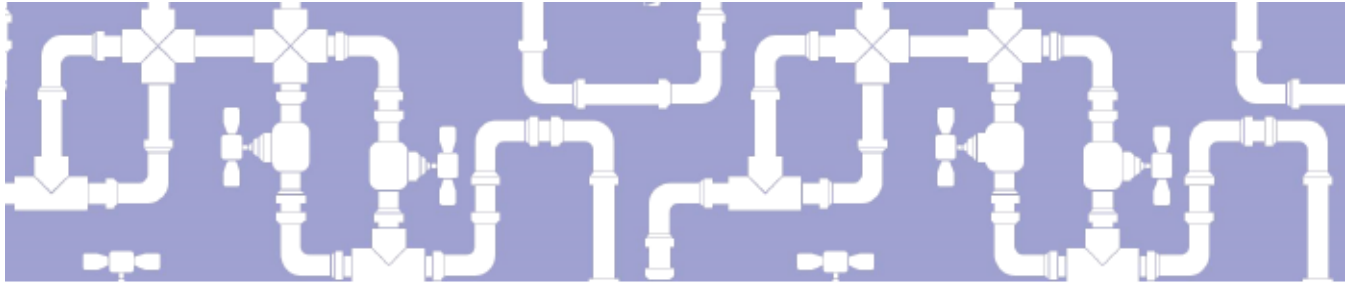
Getting involved has never been easier!
Board and Committee applications are now open.

Volunteering on one of Wood Buffalo's Council-appointed Boards and Committees gives you the opportunity to connect with your community. Boards and Committees help advise Council on matters that affect the public, giving residents a chance to provide input to decision-makers in local government.

This year, we've streamlined our application process. Interested residents can apply to the board or committee of their choice easily by visiting rmwb.ca/boards.

The deadline for applications is Oct. 22.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/boards or by calling PULSE at 780-743-7000.



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

As summer turns into fall, the RWSS construction continues to move ahead. Currently the focus for October is to commission water lines for Community Lane. We are working very hard to expedite construction and get residents off temporary water. Additionally, Freestone and Community Lane will see grading and paving.

SAPRAE CREEK RESIDENTS: CONSTRUCTION ENGAGEMENT

Vista Ridge

1 Spruce Valley Dr. Fort McMurray

Oct 24 7-9p.m.

Agenda:

- RWSS

WINTER CONSTRUCTION

Saprae Creek Contract 2: Forcemain: Project Overview

The Saprae Creek Forcemain Project is an RMWB project that is being executed in conjunction with the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Project in the Community of Saprae Creek. It will carry wastewater from the new Saprae Creek Lift Station planned for construction beside the Fire Hall in Saprae Creek, to the Lift Station near the Airport. The planned route for the pipeline will begin just north of the creek on Sol Park Drive, go under the creek and then west paralleling an ATV trail over to A-Frame Road. The pipeline then continues south on A-frame Road and west on Highway 69 tying in at a manhole on the corner of Saline Creek Parkway. The project construction timeline is from October of 2018 to August 2019. There will be no road closures along Highway 69. Highway users can expect periods of reduced speeds, slow moving equipment, and lane restrictions in the area over the construction period. Construction crews may be working in the vicinity of ATV and Snowmobiling trails near Saprae Creek. Signage will be posted for users to warn of construction activities and hazards.

We want to thank you for your cooperation and patience during this process as we work to improve our region.

If you have any concerns during construction, please contact the RMWB Pulse Line at 780-743-7000 or www.mwb.ca/pulse.



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Apply for a Community Investment Program grant opportunity!

What is the Community Investment Program?

The Community Investment Program (CIP) provides funding to registered non-profit organizations that meet community needs, enhance the quality of life for residents and contribute towards the goals identified in the 2018 - 2021 Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Strategic Plan.

The CIP also provides financial assistance to encourage the development and growth from residents in activities related to amateur sport and culture.

How does the Community Investment Program do this?

CIP supports a broad spectrum of programs and services by providing funding to non-profit organizations responsible for:

- Delivering various recreational, cultural and social programs and services.
- Organizing community events.
- Delivering events, programs or projects that address, as directly as possible, any one of the 94 Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report

*The different grants and guidelines are tentatively scheduled to be available October 3, 2018 pending Council approval.

The CIP also provides financial assistance to athletes and performers competing or training at a provincial, national or international level. This support is provided through the Games Legacy Grant.

*In accordance with Council's Community Investment Program policy, all funding provided by the RMWB will be distributed through the Community Investment Program (CIP). Distributing funding through the CIP creates opportunities for the RMWB to provide additional support for your community events, programs and organizations.

How do you apply?

All the CIP grant guidelines and applications will be available online at rmwb.ca/cip. Applicants must meet the grant requirements and submit their applications before the deadline. Applicants shall only submit one application per grant stream.

The deadline for applications is November 16, 2018

If you have any questions or need help with the application process, please contact the Community Investment Program by email at CIP@rmwb.ca or by phone at 780-788-1651

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



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you've got

questions.

we've got Pulse,

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CALL FOR ARTWORK

The Municipality is seeking artwork submissions that interpret the **94 Calls to Action** from the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action Report**.

Selected artwork will be digitized and used in the Municipal Response to the TRC Calls to Action report. This project aims to support reconciliation efforts and initiatives between the RMWB and Indigenous peoples within the region.

The call for artwork is open to artists of all ages. Applicants must be a current resident of Wood Buffalo. **The deadline for submissions is Friday, October 12 at 4 p.m**

To find complete details, the entry form or to submit your artwork online, visit rmwb.ca/TRC. For more information, contact trc.art@rmwb.ca or 780-762-3669

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.

October Dates for Garbage Bins are:



Friday October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th



Friday October 12th, 26th



Friday October 5th, 19th

Kids/Youth Corner



Community News



SAPRAE
YOUTH
GROUP

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

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

Community News



**Don't Forget
Thursday OCTOBER 4th, 2018
&
Friday OCTOBER 5th, 2018**

**is our
CASINO Fundraising Event?**

**If you're interested in Volunteering
Sign up Genius will be posted.
For more information check us out on the
Saprae Creek Facebook page.**

Thanks Marilyn

Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Happy Thanksgiving	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Halloween Party 5-7pm Vista Ridge
28	29	30	31			

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

