

SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



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ENGINEERING UPDATE

Project Name

L. Robert Industrial Park Lift Station, Forcemain and A-Frame Road Upgrades

Current Status

- **Lift Station:** Membrane installation complete, backfill around the lift station ongoing, and installation of sheet piles (for stability) at the sanitary gravity line connection excavation.
- **Force Main:** Complete. Pending marker ball installation. Substantial completion walkthrough will be scheduled afterwards.
- **A-Frame Road:** Topsoil restoration and seeding.

Progress Since Previous Update

- **Lift station:** Membrane installation complete, rebar on dry pit floor complete, and stabilization work of the Existing MH 101 excavation.
- **Forcemain:** No new update.
- **A-Frame Road:** Ditch grading completed.

Next Steps

- Backfill around lift station structure
- Finish forms on exterior wall post rebar
- Install sanitary main into existing manhole (Ex. SMH 101)
- Forcemain marker balls
- A-Frame Road temporary road centreline

Expected Project Completion Date

September 30, 2023

For more information, please visit rmwb.ca/construction and subscribe for email updates directly to your inbox.

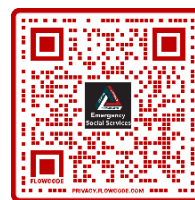
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Emergency Social Services (ESS)

Emergency Social Services provides support during emergencies by providing a safe place for evacuees when they are displaced. Registration centres or other evacuation sites are set up provide accommodations, as necessary, for up to 72 hours as evacuees to plan their next steps as they transition to recovery.

Registration centres may provide the following services:

- Food/water
- Shelter
- Clothing
- First Aid/emotional support
- Family reunification
- Animal care and rescue assistance



To learn more about ESS, or to join the ESS Team, visit rmwb.ca/ESS or scan the QR code below:

VPR

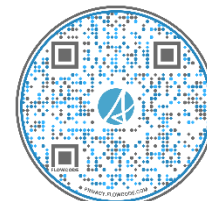
Emergencies happen. If you are a vulnerable person living in the region, you may be at greater risk during an emergency.

The Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) is a service that improves the safety of vulnerable residents living at home. This is done by communicating directly with registrants during emergencies and by sharing key information to first responders about individuals on the VPR. Go to rmwb.ca/VPR to find out more.



MAERS

The MyAlberta Emergency Registration System is available to all residents of Alberta as a tool to assist during an evacuation or emergency. Albertans can register themselves and their family members in advance of an emergency using their MyAlberta Digital ID. Scan below to pre-register today.



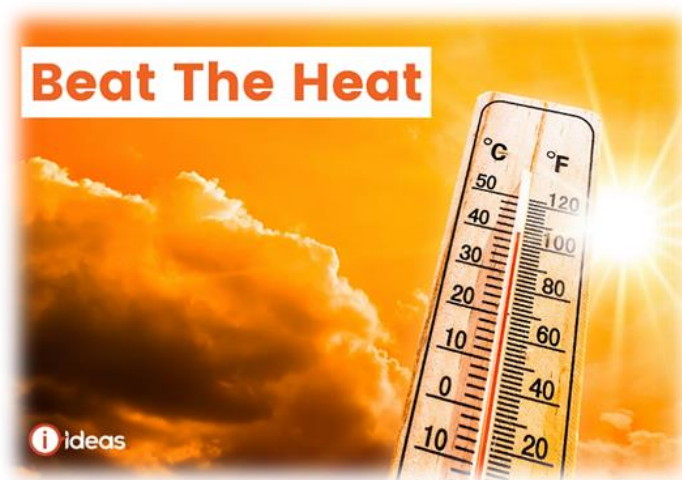
Protect yourself from extreme heat

Hooray! Summer is fully here and it is time to enjoy the warmth and sunny skies.

While we enjoy the warmth, there may be days when we will face some extremely high temperatures.

This presents the greatest risk for:

- persons over the age of 65
- infants and young children
- people with chronic illness such as breathing or heart problems
- persons who work or exercise in the heat
- persons who are overweight



Stay cool with some preparedness tips so you and your loved ones can beat the heat. *

- Drink fluids, especially water, before feeling thirsty.
- Slow down! Your body can't function as well in high temperatures.
- Cool down in cool store, public library, or community pool.
- Shade heads and faces with a loose-fitting ventilated hat or umbrella when outdoors.
- Dress appropriately in lightweight, light-coloured, and loose-fitting clothing.
- Avoid getting sunburned. It decreases the body's ability to cool.
- Never leave infants, children, or pets inside a parked vehicle.
- Remember to check on elderly family members, neighbours, and friends to make sure they are comfortable and safe.

*Adapted from Oregon Health Authority



Did you know there are general standards you must follow for your water delivery or sewer haul?

Your water and sewer tanks must:

- Be properly vented with a minimum capacity of 4,500 litres.
- Have an easily accessible fill point with a 50-millimetre (2-inch) camlock no less than 0.9 metres (36 inches) and no more than 1.2 metres (48 inches) from the surface labelled **WATER**.
- Include adequate protection to prevent surface water or foreign matter from entering the tank.

Here's what to do for your scheduled water delivery or sewer haul.

- Post the date and volume of water required (in litres) in a visible place if no overfill is installed.
- Trim all low hanging branches and raise low hanging wires to provide access and prevent damage to delivery trucks.
- Provide clear access by removing vehicles and other obstacles on delivery day.
- Delivery truck must be able to drive within 15.24 metres (50 feet) from connection points.
- Ensure your water tank has a 2-inch camlock and your septic tank has a 3-inch camlock.
- Restrain dogs and other animals.
- Remove any animal waste from the area around your tank connection.

Need some help converting your water measurement into litres?

Gallons (gal)	Imperial gallons (imp gal)	Litres (L)
264	219	1,000
330	274	1,250
396	329	1,500
462	384	1,750
528	439	2,000
594	494	2,250
660	549	2,500
726	604	2,750
792	659	3,000
858	714	3,250
924	769	3,500
990	824	3,750
1,056	879	4,000
1,122	934	4,250
1,188	989	4,500
1,254	1,044	4,750
1,320	1,099	5,000

If you require any additional information, call Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.

Book a free home assessment to get started

The **FireSmart Home Action Rebate Program** may provide a grant to eligible homeowners who get a FireSmart home assessment and complete the recommended work.

Eligible home upgrades:

- Roof replacement – up to \$2,000 (e.g., repairing old/damaged asphalt shingles)
- Roof upgrade – up to \$2,000 (e.g., replacing wood shake shingles with asphalt shingles)
- Deck upgrade – up to \$2,000 (e.g., replacing wood decking with a fire-resistant material)
- Siding upgrade – up to \$5,000 (e.g., replacing vinyl siding with stucco)
- New home construction – eligible for a siding or decking upgrade rebate

To receive a rebate, residents must first book a free [FireSmart Home Assessment](#) online or by calling Pulse. Additional details on how to apply for a rebate will be provided during the assessment.

More details on funding eligibility are available at rmwb.ca/FireSmart. Rebates will be provided on a first come, first serve basis after confirmation of the completed work by FireSmart team members. Residents will be eligible to receive rebates until June 2023, or until funds have been exhausted.

Homeowners who have already had a FireSmart home assessment completed in 2022 may contact the FireSmart team to confirm their eligibility and get further instructions on how to receive a rebate.

Nation-wide program helping to protect communities

Intact Public Entities and Intact Financial Corporation are investing a total of \$1 million in cities and towns across Canada that are developing practical and effective solutions to protect communities from floods and wildfires.

The Municipality was one of 10 recipients selected from a competitive pool of applicants to receive a grant in support of local solutions that reduce the impacts of floods and wildfires on communities and keep people safe.

Doubling down on adapting to the impacts of climate change is one of the pillars of [Intact's five-part climate strategy](#). “We are proud to support local solutions for communities vulnerable to the impacts of extreme weather like flooding and wildfire,” says Diane Flanagan, Deputy Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs & Communications, IFC and Chair, Intact Foundation.

“We’re very grateful to be one of the recipients of a Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant,” said Erin Judge, Regional FireSmart Supervisor. “Living within the boreal forest, we live with the threat of wildfire and this program will help homeowners reduce the risks to their properties.”

For additional information or questions, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or rmwb.ca/pulse

2022 Elders Heritage Connection

Elders are invited to join Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for a special event exploring local heritage! Tour Heritage Village, share stories of the land and region, and help shape what's important for the next seven generations.

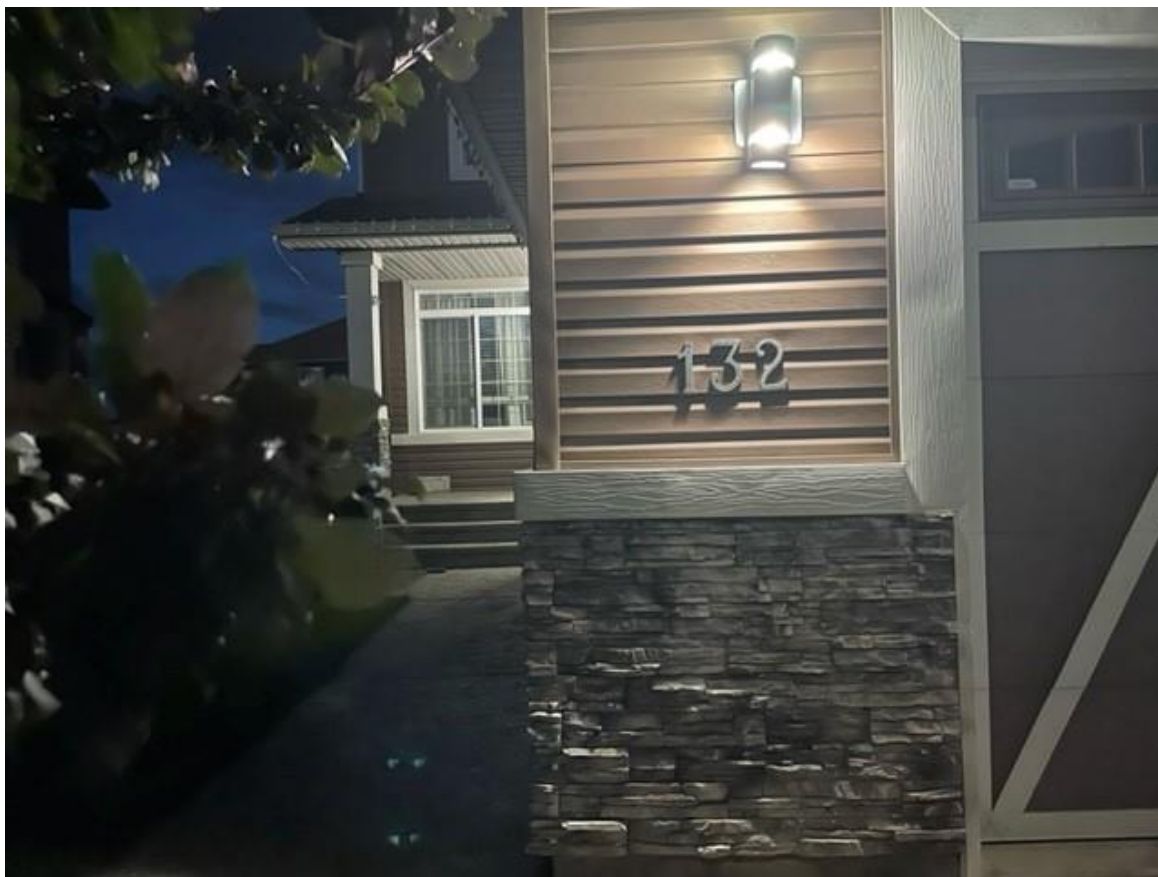
Learn more about the design and development of an Indigenous Village and share your thoughts on preserving heritage for everyone in a good way through the Municipality's first-ever Heritage Resources Management Plan.

Though reserving your space isn't mandatory, you can save your spot by contacting Georgina at 780-743-8555 or reception@nistawoyouafc.com.

Visit rmwb.ca/participate to learn more!



Help emergency responders and delivery services find your home



Is the address on your home visible from the road? **All homes and businesses** must clearly display their street number at the front entrance. The numbers need to be at least three inches in height and in a colour that can be easily read from the road.

A visible civic address on your property helps:

- Emergency responders get to you faster
- Water delivery and haul services stay on schedule
- Ensure your deliveries, like Amazon packages, end up at the right address

Learn more at rmwb.ca/goodneighbour.



Be *BearSmart* at home

- Never leave food out for wildlife.
- Always keep your garbage in a garage or in a bear-resistant container until it can be removed from your property.
- Remove bird feeders from your yard between April and October. Clean up spilled bird seed regularly.
- Store pet food indoors and bring in pet dishes overnight.
- Thoroughly clean barbecues after each use and store them in a garage.
- Cover compost piles with soil or lime or use an indoor compost.
- Ensure that all fruit and berries are removed from trees and shrubs as early as possible.
- Talk to your neighbours about being BearSmart at home.
- If there's a bear in your community, call the nearest Fish and Wildlife office at 310-0000 or, after business hours, the Report a Poacher line at 1-800-642-3800.




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The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is coming to see you!

Saprae Creek Estates!

We heard you during the last Community Coffee Chat at Vista Ridge when you said you want to meet again. We're coming back with a short presentation followed by a community round table to address your concerns and questions on multiple topics.

Get ready to learn more, ask your questions, and participate in these important discussions at Vista Ridge on Tuesday August 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Topics for discussion include:

- Rural Water and Sewer Services updates, hook ups and odors
- Community Investment Grants: What they are and how to apply for them
- Draper trail rehabilitation
- Flood mitigation haul road (Waterways to airport)



If you have any questions on any of these topics or otherwise, email Participate@rmwb.ca before August 14 so we can have an answer ready for you.

Don't want to miss this session? Find this meeting on our Facebook page under events so you can create a reminder for yourself.

Your participation helps to shape what your community looks like – we hope to see you there!

Grant applications open for community organizations, athletes, artists, and performers

Community Investment Program (CIP) is accepting applications for the following grants:

- **Community Impact Grant** – provides funding to registered non-profit organizations to support community needs. Applicants may apply for funding up to the maximum amount, from each of the following grant streams:

1. Community Programs and Projects - \$80,000 maximum
2. Community Events - \$20,000 maximum
3. New Events - \$50,000 maximum, with a declining proportion of funding available for a maximum of three years.



- **Games Legacy Grant** - Provides funding to athletes, performers, artists, teams, coaches or instructors in Wood Buffalo through the following streams:

1. Developmental Activities: development of skills through training, programs or activities in amateur sport, arts and / or culture
2. Travel and Accommodation: participation in provincial, national or international level competitions, including the North American Indigenous Games

Individual applicants may apply for grant funding up to a maximum of \$1,500 and team or group applicants may apply for a maximum of \$3,000.

The **deadline** to apply for the Community Impact Grant and the Games Legacy Grant is **September 7, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. MST.**

- **Arts, Culture and Heritage Pilot Grant** – Provides funding to individuals or groups to support arts, culture and heritage-related projects that contribute to achieving priorities of Wood Buffalo Culture Plan.

Individuals and groups may apply for a maximum of \$5,000 for eligible arts, culture, and heritage-related project. The **deadline** for grant applications is **December 31, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. MST or until the total \$50,000 funding is exhausted, whichever comes first.** The grant will be awarded in order of completed applications received.

Community drop-in session:

Are you interested in applying for a CIP grant but want to learn more? We will be in **Saprae Creek at Vista Ridge on August 16 4:00-5:30 or 6:30 p.m. at the community gathering.**

Can't make it to the drop-in session? Contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663 and book a virtual or over the phone one-on-one appointment with CIP staff. Please review the [grant guidelines](#) in full on rmwb.ca/CIP before your one-on-one meeting.



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION CHALLENGE

Join the 2022 Truth and Reconciliation Challenge

An important step towards reconciliation is actively participating in learning. Please join us for the Truth and Reconciliation Challenge! You will learn about Canada's true history, local Indigenous culture, language, and history.

Beginning August 15, a different topic or theme will be explored every week with information and activities to help guide you on your own journey of reconciliation.

Stay tuned each week for information, activities, and in-person events that will guide and enrich your personal journey of reconciliation. Take part in the conversation as we all learn together.

At the end of the seven weeks, you will receive a certificate of completion in recognition of your commitment to reconciliation. Remember – reconciliation is a lifelong commitment, and it is important to continue to act. Keep following along for other ways to practice reconciliation.

Subscribe now at participate.rmwb.ca/TRC for updates.

Visit RMWB.ca/TRC and join the Truth and Reconciliation Challenge to learn more.



Saprae Creek Resident Society

Mark your calendars... **Town Tuesdays are back!**

A Woosh bus will take Saprae kids and youth ages 5-17 to town 7 times this summer.


Join us August 9, 16, & 23

Watch the Saprae Creek Facebook page for activity details !





IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

PULSE (MUNICIPAL SWITCH BOARD)	1-800-973-9663 780-743-7000	PULSE@RMWB.CA	RMWB.CA/PULSE
COMMUNITY CONTACTS:		SOCIAL MEDIA:	
RCMP	780-788-4000	 @WOODBUFFALORURALCOMMUNITYCONNECTION  @RMWOODBUFFALO  @RMWOODBUFFALO	
FISH & WILDLIFE	780-743-7200		
HEALTH LINK	811		
ALL EMERGENCIES	911		

To submit information to the newsletter please email:

koralee.samaroden@rmwb.ca

Deadline for September newsletter submissions:

August 25th, 2022

Residents in rural communities can contact the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 24/7 by contacting Pulse via the following:

- 780-743-7000
- 1-800-973-9663 (toll-free)




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Call. Submit online.
 Real answers every time, all the time.



COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 RMWB Offices Closed 	2	3	4	5 	6
7	8	9 Town Tuesday	10	11	12 	13
14	15	16 Town Tuesday RMWB Community Gathering Vista Ridge 6:30pm	17	18	19 	20
21	22	23 Town Tuesday	24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 	27
28	29	30	31			