

# SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



# June 2022

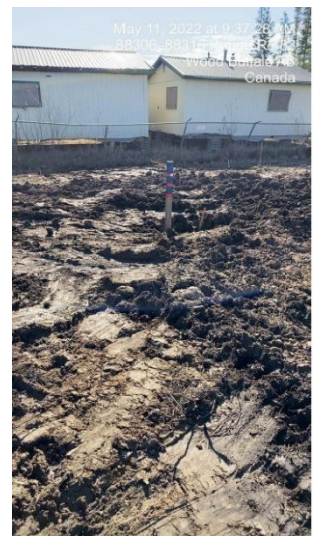
## ENGINEERING UPDATE

**Project Name:** L Robert Industrial Park Lift Station, Forcemain and A Frame Road Upgrades

**Current status:** A-Frame Road asphalt and ditching is to be scheduled. The sanitary gravity main in the lift station excavation has been installed. Gravel backfill is ongoing. The forcemain installation has been complete. A valve at the property line has been installed.

**Next steps:** Lift station structure backfill and installation of rebar to be completed.

**Expected Project Completion Date:** June 30, 2023



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**TAKE NOTICE** that Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber located on the 1st Floor at 9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, Alberta, regarding the following matter:

### **Bylaw No. 22/006 – Vehicle For Hire Bylaw**

Bylaw No. 22/006 proposes to provide a safe, efficient and customer focused vehicle for hire regulatory system in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and to promote public safety, customer service, and driver skills. Regulation changes incorporated in the proposed bylaw include:

- Deregulation of fares where the Municipality will set a maximum metered rate and allow brokerages and drivers to determine the rates they charge. Bylaw 22/006 will also allow brokerages and drivers to negotiate a flat rate fare with a passenger prior to a trip.
- Introducing Transportation Network Companies (TNC) or rideshare like services that are regulated by both the Alberta Government and the Municipality.
- Introducing Designated Driver Services which would be regulated by the proposed Vehicle for Hire Bylaw 22/006, allowing users of this service to have someone drive you and your car home for a fee.
- Enhancing criminal record standards to focus on more serious criminal convictions within the 10-years preceding the date of application.
- Penalty for passengers who evade payment in the amount of \$500, allowing RCMP and Bylaw Officers to issue a fine under Bylaw 22/006 to the passenger.
- Cleaning surcharge for biohazard cleanup inside the vehicle in the amount of \$250.

The proposed Vehicle for Hire Bylaw 22/006 promotes industry sustainability, increased clarity, strengthens enforceability of regulations and driver expectations through consistency across the vehicle for hire sectors.

A copy of all related documents may be inspected between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday by contacting:

- Community and Protective Service (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Jubilee Centre, Fort McMurray); or
- Legislative Services (7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jubilee Centre, Fort McMurray)

Community and Protective Services  
[Amanda.Lafosse@rmwb.ca](mailto:Amanda.Lafosse@rmwb.ca)  
 780-743-7005

or  
 Legislative Services  
[Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca](mailto:Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca)  
 780-743-7001

Viewing on the Municipality's website at [www.rmwb.ca/hearings](http://www.rmwb.ca/hearings).

## Participating in the Public Hearing:

### If you would like to appear in-person before Council during the Public Hearing:

- You may register with Legislative Services prior to **12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 8, 2022** or prior to the start of the Public Hearing in the Council Chamber:
  - o Register on-line at [www.rmwb.ca/publichearingsubmission](http://www.rmwb.ca/publichearingsubmission); or
  - o Email Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca; or
  - o Call Legislative Services at 780-743-7001.
- Your registration must include your full name, organization name (if required), address, telephone number, email address and clearly indicate support or opposition to the bylaw.
- **If you would like to make a written submission for Council's consideration at the Public Hearing:**
  - You must submit any written materials to the Chief Legislative Officer prior to **12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 8, 2022**:
    - o Submit on-line at [www.rmwb.ca/publichearingsubmission](http://www.rmwb.ca/publichearingsubmission);
    - o Email Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca.
  - Your request must include your full name, organization name (if required), address, telephone number, email address and clearly indicate support or opposition to the bylaw.
  - It is at Council's discretion to accept submissions from those who have not submitted a request prior to the above noted timeline. Subject to Council's consent to speak at the Hearing, anyone who wishes to also distribute written material at the time of their presentation should bring 15 copies of their material for distribution.

We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. If you require an accommodation to participate, please include the details in your request to participate. Advanced notice is required as some accommodations can take time to arrange.

**Please note written submissions are considered public documents, any information and materials you submit to Council for their consideration at the Public Hearing is added in its entirety to the agenda package, which is made available to the public and posted on the Municipality's website. Verbal submissions will have a maximum of 5 minutes to address Council. All submissions to a Public Hearing must be received prior to, or during, a Hearing. Submissions cannot be made following the conclusion of the Public Hearing.**

DATED at Fort McMurray, Alberta this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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## Public Art Bench Program

Public art seated in the heart of your community



## The results are in!

You told us the unique characteristics of Sapræe Creek Estates. You told us which art bench designs you prefer.

Now you can **see which designs were selected.**

**Thank you** for inspiring the bench artists and for participating in the engagement.

**Visit Participate Wood Buffalo** to see the selected designs, read the *What We Heard Report*, and learn about the Public Art Bench Program.

### Participate Wood Buffalo



**Contact us:**

[participate@rmwb.ca](mailto:participate@rmwb.ca)

[rmwb.ca/publicartbench](http://rmwb.ca/publicartbench)

[participate.rmwb.ca/public-art-connection](http://participate.rmwb.ca/public-art-connection)

**Pulse:**

- 780-743-7000
- 1-800-973-9663

**Big Bin Events** are being hosted across the region from **June 5 to June 25** to help community members dispose of household items such as large furniture, appliances, renovation materials and electronic waste. Commercial, construction, animal and household hazardous waste **will not be accepted** at these events.



Big Bin Events are free but fees will apply for select items including CFC-containing refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and water coolers (\$46/item) and mattresses and box springs (\$28/item). Residents will be required to provide photo ID and proof of address before disposing of items with fees. Fees will be added to the monthly utility bill.

We will be in **Saprae Creek** at the Vista Ridge parking lot on **June 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

For more information, visit [rmwb.ca/bigbin](http://rmwb.ca/bigbin) or call Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.

Seasonal yard waste is now active and runs until September 30. To guarantee that your yard waste makes it to the landfill, please ensure it's placed inside designated brown paper yard waste bags and placed at the curb **beside your collection bins** on your regularly scheduled [collection day](#).



Each household can place **up to four bags** (16 kg) of yard waste at the curb each week for collection. If extra bags are placed on the curb, collection crews will not have capacity to take them, and they won't be collected. Please **do not** place yard waste bags in front of your collection bins.

Please **do not** place yard waste inside of your collection bins or use plastic or compostable bags. These bags are not compatible with the shredding machines at the landfill.

### **Free yard waste drop-off available all year**

If you have more yard waste than what can be accepted at the curb, you can drop it off for free at the public drop-off area at the Municipal landfill. This drop-off is available seven days a week from 8:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. For more information, visit [rmwb.ca/yardwaste](http://rmwb.ca/yardwaste) or contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.



## Check your mail - property tax notices are out

The Municipality mailed out about 35,000 property tax notices on May 18, 2022.

It is the responsibility of property owners to contact the municipality if they do not receive their notice. Late payment penalties will be applied to any outstanding balance of property taxes after June 30.

There are several convenient payment options such as the monthly Tax Instalment Payment Plan. If not paying through your bank, there are online, in-person and mail payment options also available.

Looking for more information on tax rates, notices, payment options, or something else? Please visit [rmwb.ca/propertytaxes](http://rmwb.ca/propertytaxes) or contact Pulse at **780-743-7000** or Toll Free at **1-800-973-9663**. We're here to help.

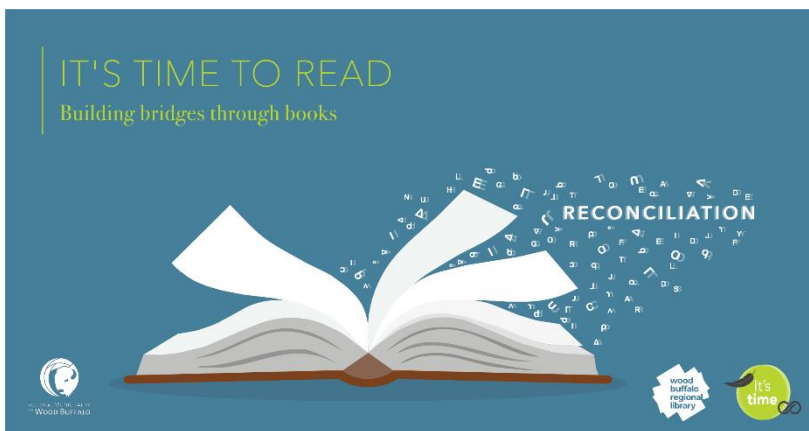
### Didn't receive a notice?

Property owners who have purchased in 2022 may not receive a notice due to delays in land title registration. There may also be other reasons you don't receive a notice. If you do not receive your tax notice by May 31, 2022, please call Pulse.

### Rural non-residential small business property sub-class

Don't forget: Business owners that meet the criteria outlined in the provincial regulation can apply to receive a 25 per cent reduction from the rural non-residential municipal tax rate. Visit the RMWB website for more details and to apply.

Join the *It's Time to Read* as the book club commemorates National Indigenous History Month by exploring *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act* by Bob Joseph. Since its creation in 1876, the Indian Act has shaped, controlled, and constrained the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Peoples, and is at the root of many enduring stereotypes. Bob Joseph's book comes at a key time in the reconciliation process.



This essential guide is written by a leading cultural sensitivity trainer and is key to understanding the legal document and its cruel, enduring impact on generations of Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

Starting June 1, the book club will explore one section of the Indian Act, leading up to National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.

Interested in joining the book club? Visit [participate.rmwb.ca/it-s-time-to-read](https://participate.rmwb.ca/it-s-time-to-read) for more information and to subscribe.

IT'S TIME TO READ  
Building bridges through books

#RMWBReads

wood buffalo regional library

It's time





## Be safe on the water – be prepared

From canoeing to jet boating, boating is a popular recreational activity and mode of transportation in the RMWB. Regional Emergency Services asks all boaters to remember to be safe as they get back out on the water.

### \*The water is cold

In June, the water in our lakes and rivers is still very cold. If you fall in, hypothermia is a real threat.

- Wear an approved lifejacket or PFD and layered clothing for insulation. Avoid potentially dangerous weather conditions.
- Take all measures necessary to avoid capsizing your boat or falling into cold water in the first place.
- Carry all required boating safety equipment, as well as drinking water and snacks, survival tools, and clothing that protects you from the sun.

### Alcohol and boating

Every year hundreds of people die as a result of boating-related activities. Almost 65% of these deaths involve the use of alcohol. There is no safe way to mix alcohol and drugs with boating.

### Lifejackets, lifejackets and... lifejackets

Wear lifejackets or Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). It's the law to carry one that fits each person in the vessel, but Red Cross recommends wearing it every trip, for the whole trip.

\*Adapted from Canadian Red Cross information





# 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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## Seniors Week June 6 – 12, 2022

Seniors week is being recognized in our region and across Alberta from June 6 to June 12.

Presented by the Wood Buffalo Seniors Resource Committee, Seniors Week events in our region are open to all seniors.

**Transportation is available** for all events. Please contact the agency hosting an event you would like to attend or call Kellie Francis at (780) 743-7909 for booking. **Deadline** to book transportation is June 3, 2022.

### Schedule of Events

<p><b>Monday 06</b></p> <p><b>Mayor’s Luncheon: 12 - 1 p.m.</b> Bingo: 1 – 2 p.m. <b>To register</b>, call 780-743-4088 Hosted by Golden Years Society.</p> <p><b>Seniors' Bingo: 6 p.m.</b> <b>To register</b>, email plgordey@gmail.com or call Jo-Ann at 780-838-7769 Hosted by The Royal Canadian Legion</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 07</b></p> <p><b>Tailgate Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>To register</b>, call Heather or Sandy at 780-743-4370 extension 1 or 4</p> <p>Hosted by St. Aidan’s Society, The Salvation Army and Wood Buffalo Regional Library</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 09</b></p> <p><b>Special Seniors’ Guided Paint Program: 2 -3:30 p.m.</b></p> <p>Hosted by Wood Buffalo Regional Library in the Syncrude Program Room (first floor of the library)</p>	<p><b>Thursday 09</b></p> <p><b>Social Art, coffee and cookies: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m</b></p> <p>Gentle Yoga: 1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.</p> <p>Zumba Gold: 2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>Register</b> starting May 26<sup>th</sup> in person at MacDonald Island Park Guest Services or by calling 780-791-0070.</p> <p>Hosted by the Regional Recreation Corporation at MacDonald Island Park.</p>
<p><b>Friday 10</b></p> <p><b>Happening at the Shipyard: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>To regiser</b> or to lean more about the event, call 780-791-7575.</p> <p>Hosted by Fort McMurray Heritage Society.</p>	

# BOOK A FIRESMART™ HOME ASSESSMENT

Book a FireSmart assessment today and be entered into a draw to win one of three chainsaw packages worth over **\$800!**

Assessments take less than 30 minutes to complete and can help to protect your home and community against the risk of wildfire damage.

**TO BOOK**  
visit [rmwb.ca/firesmart](https://rmwb.ca/firesmart)  
or call Pulse at  
**780-743-7000**

**win prizes!**





## The Canada Day Parade returns to Franklin Avenue 10:30 a. m. July 1

Family, friends and neighbours are invited to line the sidewalks of Franklin Avenue with red, white and orange to enjoy the Canada Day Parade. As we come together, let's take time to reflect on Canada's shared history and the future we want to build together. However you plan to observe this day, take the time to gather with friends, family, and those you love.

### Float registration

Businesses, organizations and community groups are encouraged to join the parade and register a float or walking group before the June 17 deadline.

Visit [rmwb.ca/canadaday](http://rmwb.ca/canadaday) for all registration details.

### Parade details

The Canada Day Parade will start on July 1 at 10:30 a.m. at Riedel Street and proceed north on Franklin Avenue ending at the corner of Main Street and Clearwater Drive.

Those looking for a calmer, sensory friendly parade experience are invited to watch the parade on Main Street. Once floats turn off Franklin Avenue and on to Main Street, the volume will be turned down and sirens will stop, as they continue quietly to end the parade at Clearwater Drive.

The parade isn't the only event happening on Canada Day. Keep an eye out for updates from MacDonald Island Park and other organizations on community events happening July 1.

### Fundraising opportunity available for community organizations and groups

The parade organizing team is seeking support from community organizations and groups to assist. There are three separate opportunities available, and the Municipality will provide a fee for service to successful applicants.

Learn more about the opportunities and apply online at [rmwb.ca/canadaday](http://rmwb.ca/canadaday)

## June is Recreation and Parks month!

Celebrate June as Recreation and Parks month and explore all the incredible parks, trails and recreation spaces in the region.


Complete the Recreation and Parks Month Activity Card throughout the month of June and you could win some great prizes. Get active as an individual or with your family and friends and share your results online for a chance to win!













### Contest details:


- Get active, get outside and start exploring
- Submit your results online at [rmwb.ca/parks](http://rmwb.ca/parks)
- Program closes on June 30, 2022

For more information and to download the June is Recreation and Parks month Activity Card, visit [rmwb.ca/parks](http://rmwb.ca/parks)


### June is Recreation and Parks Month Activity Card



 <p><b>Download the ParticipACTION app and register for the Community Better Challenge</b></p> <p>Track your activity minutes for a chance to win prizes from ParticipACTION. Get active and help the RMWB win the ParticipACTION — Community Better Challenge.</p>	 <p><b>Get active!</b></p> <p>June 4 is National Health and Fitness Day. Set a 21-day fitness challenge.</p>	 <p><b>Picnic in a park</b></p> <p>Fun Fact! The RMWB parks system includes over 814 hectares of parkland and maintained greenspaces. Which park did you visit?</p>
 <p><b>Enjoy a mental wellness moment</b></p> <p>Kickstart your day! Connect with your values, set a clear intention for the day and make positive affirmations. Pay it forward! Pass along kindness today.</p>	 <p><b>Wheel on a paved path or trail</b></p> <p>Connect with a friend and enjoy the over 75km of paved trail throughout the region. Don't forget to stay hydrated!</p>	 <p><b>Complete a litter pick</b></p> <p>Need cleanup supplies? Visit <a href="http://www.rmwb.ca/cleanup">www.rmwb.ca/cleanup</a> and register for the RMWB Community Cleanup or Adopt-A-Trail/Roadway program.</p>
 <p><b>Stretch</b></p> <p>Stretch your body from your head to your toes. Start with a gentle stretch beginning with your head and neck, and slowly move down your body until you get to your toes. Remember to breathe deep breaths.</p>	 <p><b>Plant red</b></p> <p>Celebrate the Year of the Garden by planting red Zinnias, the 2022 Flower of the Year. Visit <a href="http://rmwb.ca/cib">rmwb.ca/cib</a> to find seed packet pickup locations.</p>	 <p><b>Explore a trail</b></p> <p>National Trails Day is on June 5! Explore over 135km of trails throughout the RMWB. Which trail did you explore?</p>
 <p><b>Try a new sport</b></p> <p>Fun Fact! The first pickleball court in the region is now open in Waterways. The RMWB has over 450 hectares of maintained turf, including soccer fields, football fields and ball diamonds.</p>	 <p><b>Visit a playground</b></p> <p>The RMWB has 103 playgrounds for all to enjoy. Which playground did you explore?</p>	 <p><b>Snap a photo!</b></p> <p>Complete the June is Recreation and Parks Month Activity card by attaching a photo of your favourite spot in your community.</p>



\*Modify the activities to fit your activity level.  
Complete the June is Recreation and Parks Month Activity Card and submit your answers to [www.rmwb.ca/parks](http://www.rmwb.ca/parks) to win a prize.  
Submission Deadline: June 30, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. MST





## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

PULSE (MUNICIPAL SWITCH BOARD)	1-800-973-9663 780-743-7000	PULSE@RMWB.CA	RMWB.CA/PULSE
<b>COMMUNITY CONTACTS:</b>		<b>SOCIAL MEDIA:</b>	
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](mailto:koralee.samaroden@rmwb.ca)

Deadline for July newsletter submissions:

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 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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[rmwb.ca/pulse](http://rmwb.ca/pulse)

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



# COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						Big Bin Vista Ridge Parking Lot 9am to 3pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Happy Father's Day		First day of Summer  National Indigenous Peoples Day			Newsletter Submissions Due  	Saprae Creek Golf Tourney
26	27	28	29	30		
				Property Taxes Due		