

SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



JUNE 2023

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

ENGINEERING UPDATE

Project Name:

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

Current Status

- **Lift Station:** Upcoming work includes fixing the interior wall elevation, metal deck (Q-Deck) on mezzanine, installing air exchange units, and completing masonry wall and roof.
- **Forcemain:** Work is substantially complete pending full Substantial Completion Certificate (SCC).
- **A-Frame Road:** Work is substantially complete pending full SCC. Some seasonal deficiencies will be completed in 2023.

Progress Since Previous Update

- **Lift station:** Lower floor benching and stripping of channels, exterior grading, 60% complete installation of site gravels, etc.
- **Forcemain:** Marker ball installation complete.
- **A-Frame Road:** Remediation work on ditch is complete for the year. Will resume in 2023.

Next Steps

- Fully execute SCC for Forcemain and A-Frame Road
- Complete the following on the Lift Station: Fix interior wall elevation, Q-Deck on mezzanine, Install air exchange units, mezzanine and bathroom walls, support beam structures.

Expected Project Completion Date

September 30, 2023

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



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

Saprae Creek Estates

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Vista Ridge
1 Spruce Valley Drive



Date
Thursday June 8th, 2023



Time
6:30PM



Details
Community Updates on RWSS
Trail Update
Construction Projects





SAPRAE CREEK ESTATES SEWER PROGRAM


We know connecting to the water and sewer program can seem overwhelming!

This month, we're highlighting some of the frequently asked questions we've received from residents ready to start the connection process.

Frequently asked questions

-  Where can I find a certified contractor?

Your contractor must be certified by Alberta Municipal Affairs to take part in the program. For a list of local certified contractors, visit rmwb.ca/rwss.
-  Can my contractor take care of the entire process – from application to construction?

You may write a letter/ email to your contractor, and state that you allow them to act on your behalf if you would prefer they take the lead.
-  Will the Municipality take responsibility for remediation on items like decks, patios and landscaping after the work is done?

Your contractor will price the work to restore your lot to the same condition it was pre-connection and include it in the quote.

Apply now!

Service connections are available for all residential lots, and applications are now being **accepted** for 2023!

Start your application process today by visiting rmwb.ca/rwss.

Connect with us!

Have questions? Need help with your application? Contact us through **Pulse** at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.

Water and Septic Truck Delivery Notice

Please follow the requirements below to give water and septic delivery trucks the access they need to provide continuous service to you and all residents:

1) Basement water tanks or water tanks that are not visible:

All residents must have their volume posted in a visible place so the water delivery contractor can see the proper date and proper amount of water required (displayed in litres).

2) Hanging branches and wires on driveways:

All low hanging branches must be trimmed to prevent damage to trucks, and low hanging wires are to be raised to allow water delivery truck and septage removal trucks to enter your property (minimum 15 feet of clearance).

3) Provide clear access:

All vehicles/obstacles are to be removed from driveways during the delivery schedule.

4) Dogs:

All dogs are to be tied up to allow the service provider to access your property.

5) Winter conditions:

Please have snow removed from driveways and pathways to water and septic hook ups, thaw receivers and caps for hose access.

6) Maintenance of cam-lock/hoses:

The winterization and maintenance of the cam-lock fitting and hoses is the responsibility of the homeowner. All cam-locks and hoses are to be drained and water removed to prevent freezing and breakage of cam-locks.

7) Safety of septic tanks:

All septic tanks must be equipped with a “stinger” and an approved lid on the tank.

8) Driveways:

If your driveway is soft (spring thaw), it is the homeowner’s responsibility to contact the RMWB to suspend delivery or to extend a proper hose (with the required cam-lock) down the driveway to the location of delivery.

These requirements are in accordance with Bylaw No. 07/035 (Water Utilities Management Bylaw). If you require any additional information or resources, you can call the Pulse Line at 780-743-7000.

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:



Vulnerable Persons Registry

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.



**Vulnerable
Persons
Registry**

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Help keep
Wood Buffalo
clean!



Community Cleanup registrations are now open! Sign up as an individual or a group to lead Community Cleanup events or Adopt-A-Trail / Roadway. Online registration is available for rural communities and can also be done at local municipal offices.

Let's make our home shine and sparkle! Visit rmwb.ca/cleanup to learn more.

BIG BIN DAY – June 10th (Vista Ridge) – More Details to Follow



Stay Ahead of the Curb On Construction

Construction Season: May - October

Construction season is starting. Stay up to date and learn about projects in your community.

Check out two online options for your construction toolbox:

- **Construction Map** - View a map of our region, scroll to, or click on bookmarks to find your community. Click on highlighted lines to learn about each project.
- **Subscribe to Construction Updates** - Choose your neighbourhood or community and sign up to get emails when construction notices and updates are posted online.

Get the tools you need for construction season at rmwb.ca/construction

Help protect your home from wildfire

Book a FireSmart Home Assessment today at RMWB.ca/FireSmart

KNOW YOUR ZONES:

Immediate Zone:

- Choose non-combustible building materials; Clear vegetation and combustible material; Avoid planting woody shrubs or trees.

Intermediate Zone:

- Plant fire-resistant vegetation, use non-combustible landscaping materials; Keep combustible items like firewood piles, patio furniture, and decorative pieces out of this zone.
- Move trailers, recreational vehicles, storage sheds.
Store firewood inside your mitigated garage, shed, or other ember resistant structures.
- Create a non-combustible ground cover, like a gravel pad, under trailers, recreational vehicles, and sheds.



Extended Zone:

- Selectively remove evergreen trees to create at least 3 metres of horizontal space between the single or grouped tree crowns.
- Remove all branches to a height of 2 metres from the ground.
- Regularly clean up fallen branches, dry grass, and needles.



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Draper Trail Feasibility Study

Engagement Concluded

Thank you to participants for providing your feedback, ideas, and experiences. Want to read what other residents had to say? Review the **What We Heard Report** online at rmwb.ca/participate. The report provides details about the engagement purpose, results from the online survey and virtual open house. The project is for a feasibility study **only**, it's meant to examine the **possibility** of a trail.

Next Steps

Once the feasibility study has been completed Administration will review, along with engagement feedback and provide recommendations. If the trail is feasible, the project will be requested through the annual capital budget process. The public will be informed through appropriate communications when project information becomes available.

To subscribe to the page visit rmwb.ca/participate, or scan code below:



Share what home means to you in this year's Street Banner Program

Public Art Wood Buffalo invites you to showcase your artistic talent and capture this year's theme "Home" through a design for the annual Street Banner Program. Selected designs will receive a \$500 design fee, a screened banner and will be displayed throughout the region!

Home can mean something different for everyone. Home can be a place, a person, a memory, or a feeling that you cherish. Home can be a unique concept that's close to our hearts. Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your talent and bring your vision of home to life.

Deadline to submit designs is June 2

Visit rmwb.ca/banner to learn more.



Save the Date! –Council’s Seniors and Elders Luncheon on June 5



Greetings, Seniors and Elders!

You are cordially invited to **Opening Ceremonies and Council’s Luncheon for Seniors’ and Elders’ Week** on Monday, June 5 at the Quality Hotel and Conference Centre in Fort McMurray. **Doors open at 10:30 a.m.** with opening ceremonies at 11 a.m. Join us for good food, great company and fun activities including bingo!

Registration is required and easy to do.

We would love for you to be a part of this special event, so please note that registration is required. Registration will **open on Monday, May 15th**, and all you need to do is contact Pulse at 780.743.7000 or toll free at 1.800.973.9663 or your Municipal Office to sign up.

Age restriction: The luncheon is exclusively for seniors and elders aged 65 and over.

For any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Pulse at 780.743.7000 or toll-free at 1.800.973.9663. We are thrilled to have you join us and look forward to seeing you soon!



Wood Buffalo Seniors Luncheon

Come join us at Camp Yogi for our Senior's Luncheon!

Date: June 27th

Time: 12:30-3

Location: Camp Yogi, Anzac

We will be having lunch, followed by bingo, along with a presentation by a community organization, and door prizes!

Transportation available.

To register, please contact:

Conklin: Wendy 780-559-2235

Anzac/GLE/468: Viola 780-334-2298

Janvier: Martha 780-559-2230

Fort McMurray/Fort McKay: Olivia 780-792-1892

Share your feedback for the new Solid Waste Management Plan

Take the survey between June 5-30 and enter to win!



Let's have more talk, and less trash. What are your thoughts on current services? What types of programs would you like to see in the future? Share your feedback about current recycling and garbage collection services - your insight will help shape the new Solid Waste Management Plan.

Take the survey today at rmwb.ca/participate.

Weigh in and win! Survey opens June 5

Complete the survey by June 30 and enter for a chance to win one of five \$100 [Love.Shop.Local](https://www.loveshoplocal.com) gift cards. Contest winners can also choose to take an optional tour of the municipal landfill facility and take home a Green Cone (organics digester to compost your organic waste).

Why do we need a Solid Waste Management Plan?

In Wood Buffalo, we send approximately 85,000 metric tonnes of garbage to the landfills each year. Waste composition studies show that over 70% of that garbage can be recycled or composted, which means we can do more as a region to divert and reduce waste. An established Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) will guide how trash and recycling is managed for years to come and work to accomplish these goals.

Learn more about this project, upcoming public meeting dates and how your feedback will help improve solid waste management in the region at rmwb.ca/participate/SWMP



- 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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YOUTH BUSINESS EXPO

AUGUST 12, 2023

Syncrude Sport and Wellness Centre

11 AM - 3 PM

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Saprae Creek Residents Society Upcoming Events



Sunday June 4th, 2023
Golf Tournament



Saturday June 10th, 2023
Community Garage Sale



Reduce the wildfire risk to your home. Sign up for a FireSmart Home Assessment

FireSmart Home Assessments take less than 30 minutes and happen entirely outside your home.

Homeowners will receive an easy-to-understand report of any hazards identified, along with FireSmart recommendations on how to reduce those hazards.

Help reduce the wildfire risk to your home and to your community through the FireSmart program.

Register at rmwb.ca/FireSmart



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Bear Bins

The bears are awake and enjoying the spring weather! Tasty trash is a huge draw for our black bears and so we have bear bins in areas which see regular interactions. These bins operate slightly different to a regular garbage bin, so we wanted to offer some tips for safe and quick garbage collection.

- Have garbage bins out for collection by 7:30a.m. **and unlocked.**
- Whenever bins are not out for collection, they should always be locked.
- Bins should be at least three feet from cars and other obstacles and one foot from other bins.
- Put bins out before 7:30 a.m. but not the night before.

For any further questions contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or [rmwb.ca/pulse](https://www.rmwb.ca/pulse).



Big Bin events are returning!

Big bin events are great for disposing of household items including 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 additional fees will apply for select items. The Sapræe Creek event will be held on June 10 at the Vista Ridge parking lot from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. During the events, staff will be on-site to support the collection and unloading of large household items.



Let's celebrate Canada Day together!

Family, friends, and neighbors, get ready to line the sidewalks of Franklin Avenue with red, white and orange to enjoy the Canada Day Parade on July 1 at 10:30 a.m. Let's celebrate Canada Day in a way that unites us as a community. Take time to reflect on Canada's shared history and the future we want to build together.

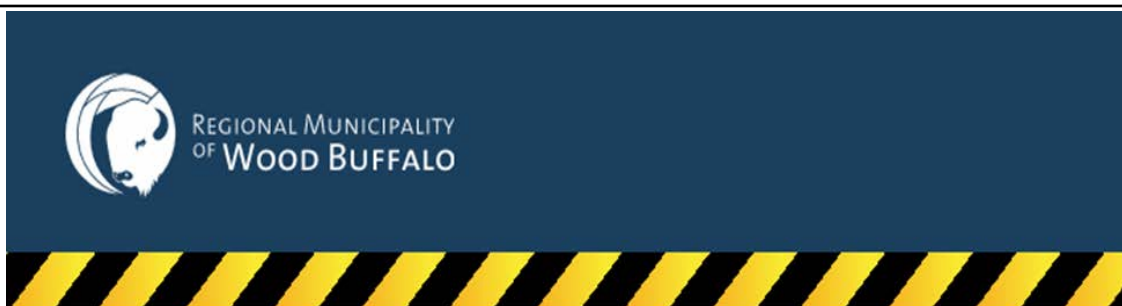
Help Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo celebrate Canada Day

Canada Day is an opportunity for the community to come together, and parade floats and walking groups are needed to make this happen. It is also a great opportunity for local businesses, non-profits, teams and groups to showcase their community spirit while making new connections with the people that call Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo home. Register a float or a walking group before 4 p.m. on June 19 and help the community celebrate Canada Day. Visit rmwb.ca/CanadaDay for details.

Did you know that you can fundraise for your organization or group at the parade? Community organizations and groups, we need your support to make this event a success! There are eight fundraising opportunities available for local non-profit community organizations and groups.

Don't think your group is large enough to fulfill the commitments and application requirements? You can partner with another organization!

Applications for fundraising opportunities are due on June 14 at 11:59 p.m. Applicants that meet all requirements listed below will be selected at random using an automated system. Visit rmwb.ca/CanadaDay for details.



1. Project Name

Saprae Creek Pedestrian Trail Upgrade - Design & Construction

Project Phase

Design

Current Status

Public Engagement held from March 1 – 20, 2023. The “What We Heard Report” has been posted online at rmwb.ca/participate under the “Saprae Creek Estates Pedestrian Trail and Beautification” project. Residents can review the report to see the feedback received from the community during public engagement.

Next Steps

Administration will review feedback received during public engagement and determine the next steps for the project.

Expected Project Completion Date

Design expected to be complete by fourth quarter of 2023.

2. Project Name

Saprae Creek Trail Rehabilitation - *Contract 3 – Culvert Rehabilitation*

Project Phase

Design & Construction

Current Status

Planning to post Request for Proposal (RFP) for second quarter (Q2) 2023.

Next Steps

Post RFP and hire contractor. Construction is anticipated to start in 2024.

Expected Project Completion Date

End of October 2024.

3. Project Name

Saprae Creek Culvert, Ditches and Drainage Improvement

Project Phase

Design & Construction

Current Status

The Request for Proposal (RFP) is planned to be released during the second quarter of 2023.

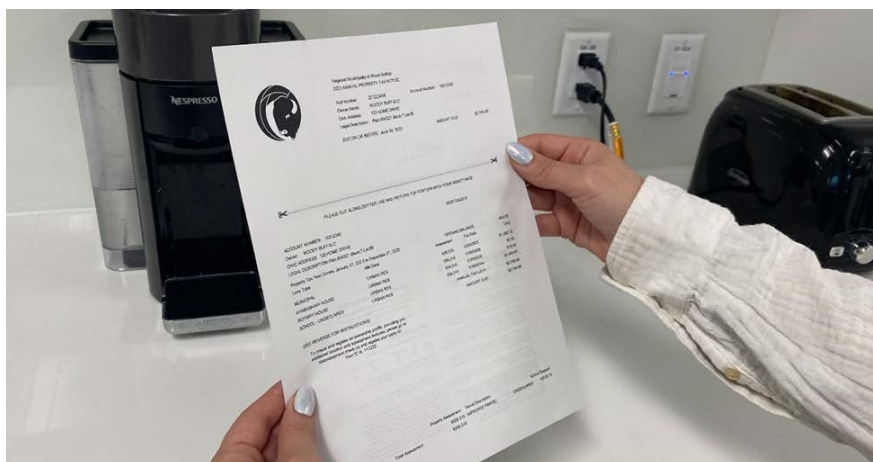
Next Steps

Post RFP and hire contractor. Construction is anticipated to start in 2024.

Expected Project Completion Date

October 2024.

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



Property tax notices are in the mail.

The Municipality mailed out about 35,000 property tax notices on May 23, 2023.

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 or contact Pulse at **780-743-7000** or Toll Free at **1-800-973-9663**.

Didn't receive a notice?

If you do not receive your tax notice by June 5, 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.



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 JULY newsletter submissions:

JUNE 23, 2023

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 CALENDER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Golf Tourney 	Mayor's Luncheon 10:30 Quality Inn					BIG BIN DAY
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			National Indigenous Peoples Day		Newsletter Deadline 	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Senior's Luncheon 12:30-3 Camp Yogi Anzac				