

# SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



## MAY 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](https://rmwb.ca/construction) and subscribe for email updates directly to your inbox.*



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## Saprae Creek Estates

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**Vista Ridge**  
1 Spruce Valley Drive



**Date**  
Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023



**Time**  
6:30PM



**Details**  
More details provided in  
June Newsletter.









# 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](http://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](http://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

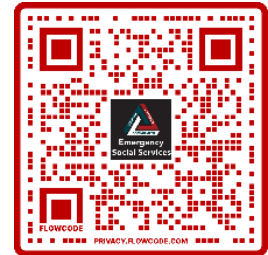
## Emergency Social Services (ESS)

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](https://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.



**Vulnerable  
Persons  
Registry**

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](https://rmwb.ca/VPR) to find out more.

## 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](http://rmwb.ca/cleanup) to learn more.

**BIG BIN DAY – June 10<sup>th</sup> (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](http://rmwb.ca/construction)**

# Help protect your home from wildfire

Book a FireSmart Home Assessment today at [RMWB.ca/FireSmart](https://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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**FireSmart**™





# 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](https://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](https://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](http://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!



# 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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# YOUTH BUSINESS EXPO

AUGUST 12, 2023

Syncrude Sport and Wellness Centre

11 AM - 3 PM



# Sapare Creek Residents Society Upcoming Events



## Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Community Clean-up

Fire Hall @ 9:30am

BQ Starts @ 11:30am

## Sunday June 4th, 2023 Golf Tournament

Details Coming soon!





## 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 JUNE newsletter submissions:

MAY 25, 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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 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	12 	13
14 	15	16	17	18	19 	20
21	22 <b>Victoria Day Municipal Offices Closed</b>	23	24	25 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	26 	27 <b>COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP &amp; BBQ</b>
28	29	30	31	<b>UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS:</b>  <b>Sun June 4 - Golf Tourney</b> <b>Thurs June 8 – Community Engagement</b> <b>Sat June 10 - BIG BIN DAY</b>		