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The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo continues to monitor the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and follow the direction of Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

For provincial updates, please visit <u>alberta.ca/COVID19</u>. For municipal information related to COVID-19, visit <u>rmwb.ca/COVID19</u>.

#### Government of Alberta eases some COVID-19 measures

In February, the Government of Alberta announced a <u>three step plan</u> for easing provincial public health measures. As of March 1, the province has moved into Step 2 of the plan. This means the province-wide mask mandate is now lifted for most areas, except for in continuing care settings, AHS-operated and contracted facilities and on public transit for Albertans 13 and older.

Learn more about the Government of Alberta's three step plan here.

#### Vaccine Program

The Government of Alberta's Vaccine Program continues to be on-going.

Everyone 5+ can now get vaccinated. <u>Third doses</u> are available to everyone 12+ and to adolescents 2 to 17 with underlying health conditions.

Book your appointment <u>online</u> or by calling 811, or visit your nearest <u>walk-in clinic</u>.

To learn more, visit <u>alberta.ca/vaccine.</u>



## **ENGINEERING UPDATE**

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

**Current status:** A Stop Work Order was issued on April 14, 2022 due to a line contact made during the LRIPLS forcemain drilling with the Saprae Creek forcemain.

Repair work for the Saprae Creek and LRIPLS forcemains are the first priority.

**Next steps:** A-Frame Road asphalt and ditching is to commence weather-permitting. The lift station primary foundation work has been completed. Second wall level rebar installation to commence shortly, as well as the installation of manhole #1. The forcemain drilling will recommence upon the repair of the Saprae Creek forcemain. Bishop servicing waterline and hydrant installed. Final tie-ins and pressure testing will follow.

## Expected Project Completion Date: September 30, 2023







### Inspiring Activist-Athlete is next featured It's Time to Talk speaker

Stabbed by soldier at 1990 Oka Crisis, Mohawk activist went on to achieve Olympic dreams and champion reconciliation as a practice

The next speaker in the Indigenous Speaker Series has reached the pinnacle of athletic success, despite a near-death experience as a young activist.

Through stories from her life's journey, Mohawk activist and Olympic athlete Waneek Horn-Miller will speak to reconciliation as a practice, not a destination. While her own practice of reconciliation began through her mother's activism, it really emerged after being severely wounded at the Oka Crisis.

On **May 12 at 7 p.m.** join us for the **It's Time to Talk: Indigenous Speaker Series** and hear how that experience – and her involvement in sport, the Olympics, and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – shaped Horn-Miller and her approach to reconciliation today.

#### Register to listen, learn, ask questions

It's Time to Talk is a free, interactive series that seeks to highlight voices of Indigenous artists, writers, activists, and leaders to provide powerful examples of strength and the positive impacts that one individual can have.

The Speaker Series is an opportunity to learn, understand and engage on important issues like homelessness, addiction, intergenerational trauma, and reconciliation. The virtual event will include a question-and-answer session.

To register, please visit the Eventbrite Event Page or find more information at rmwb.ca



## Ask A Cop A Question



Have you ever wondered what you would ask a cop? Now is your chance! Knowing what's important in YOUR community is valuable to the RCMP. **Submit** your questions at rmwb.ca/rcmp.

#### Be a Community Influencer

Have you ever wanted to become an influencer? Are you a rural resident in grade seven or eight and passionate about your community? All you need to do is grab a few post cards and ask your friends and family what they'd like to ask a cop. Influencers will be

chosen based on participation and will **co-host a virtual Q&A** with Wood Buffalo RCMP. Did we mention you could **win a police pizza party** for the chosen influencer and their class?

#### To enroll visit rmwb.ca/rcmp

- 1. Collect questions from friends and family
- 2. Submit them online
- 3. Co-Host a Virtual Q&A with RCMP

Provide your questions before May 10, 2022. For more information visit rmwb.ca/rcmp.

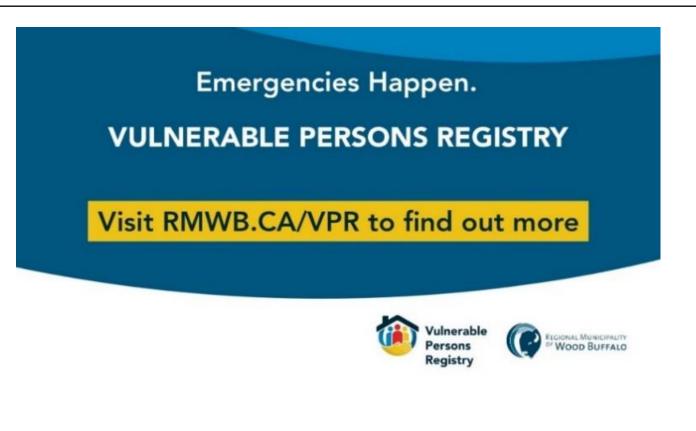
#### Be Ready for Anything

May 1-7 is Emergency Preparedness week, let's start conversations about how we can become more prepared for emergencies as individuals and as communities. This year's theme is Be Ready for Anything, a reminder that preparedness isn't just about being ready for the next big disaster. It's about making preparedness a part of our regular routine so we are better able to navigate disruptions, big or small.

More than two years of living with a pandemic has forced many of us to develop our own preparedness habits without even realizing it. Building a network of people you can rely on in case of quarantine, and stocking up on supplies, are all preparedness habits that we can use for more than a pandemic. Being prepared is the easiest thing we can do manage emergencies confidently. Check out our social media for tips and useful information throughout the week! @RMWoodbuffalo







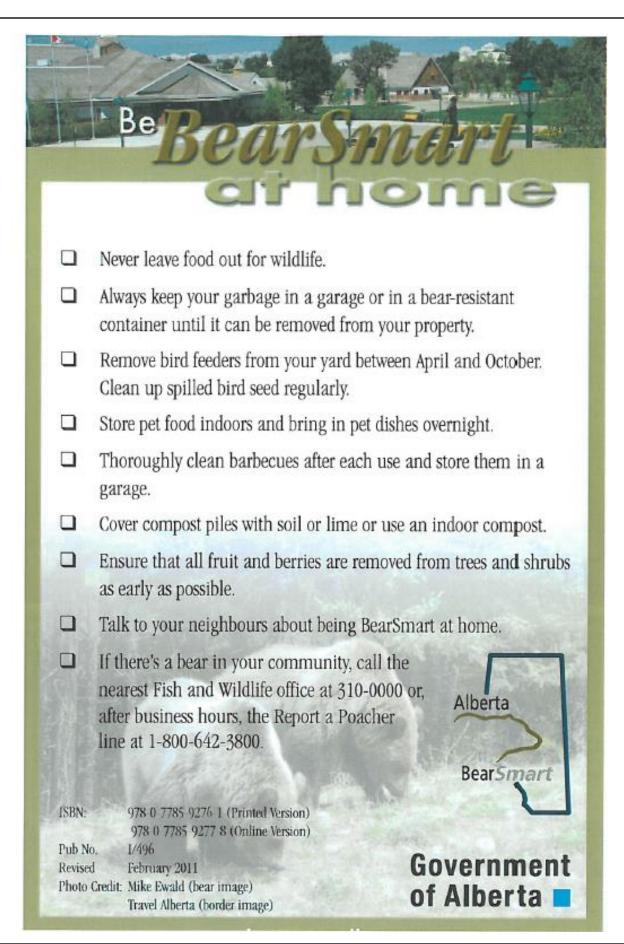
The Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) is a free, voluntary and confidential service provided to residents of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

The VPR was developed to assist vulnerable persons in the Region during emergency evacuations and fire dispatched 9-1-1 calls. The program is available to residents who experience any of the following:

- Mobility issues
- Visual or hearing impairments
- Developmental or cognitive impairments
- Challenges related to mental health
- Residents who require electricity for life-sustaining equipment such as life support, oxygen, dialysis, etc.
- Short term assistance (due to illness or recovery from surgery)

If you know someone who could benefit from the VPR program, visit rmwb.ca/vpr for more information.







## Register for Community Cleanup or Adopt-a-Trail / Roadway today!

Enjoy the outdoors and keep your neighbourhood clean and beautiful by gathering with your neighbours, family and friends to clean up your favourite playground, park, or trail.

### **Registration details**

Online registration is available for Community Cleanup and the Adopt-a-Trail or Roadway program until September. With registration you will receive supplies, including garbage bags, gloves, and picker sticks.

Rural residents can register online or contact your local Municipal Office.

Register today at <a href="mailto:rmwb.ca/cleanup">rmwb.ca/cleanup</a>

| Anzac Municipal        | Conklin Municipal      | Janvier Municipal      | Fort Chipewyan         |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Office                 | Office                 | Office                 | Municipal Office       |
| 237 Stony Mountain     | 244 Northland Drive    | 110 Janvier Drive      | Box 370, Fort          |
| Road                   | Conklin, AB T0P        | Janvier, AB T0P        | Chipewyan, AB T0P      |
| Anzac, AB T0P 1J0      | 1H1                    | 1G0                    | 1B0                    |
| T. <u>780-334-2298</u> | T. <u>780-559-2235</u> | T. <u>780-559-2230</u> | Т. <u>780-697-3600</u> |



# If you or someone you know

# is suffering from violence



# ANONYMOUS. CONFIDENTIAL. NON-JUDGMENTAL.



780.743.1190 Family Violence Crisis Line780.791.6708 Sexual Trauma Support Line780.743.4357 SOS Crisis Line



woodbuffalofvcc.ca Our dedicated website has the resources to help you find solutions and connect you to local supports.



Often, survivors of family and sexual violence are afraid to ask for help. If you suspect someone you know is experiencing family violence, there are ways to help. Start by listening and let them know you believe them. You can also help by calling one of our 24hr crisis lines or finding local resources and supports for them at woodbuffalofvcc.ca.





# **IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

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





# **COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR**

| SUN                       | MON                                    | TUES | WED                          | THURS                          | FRI | SAT |
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| 1                         | 2                                      | 3    | 4                            | 5                              | 6   | 7   |
| 8<br>Harry<br>Moms<br>DCH | 9                                      | 10   | 11                           | 12<br>Speaker<br>Series<br>7pm | 13  | 14  |
| 15                        | 16                                     | 17   | 18                           | 19                             | 20  | 21  |
| 22                        | 23<br>Victoria Day<br>Office<br>Closed | 24   | 25<br>Newsletter<br>Deadline | 26                             | 27  | 28  |
| 29                        | 30                                     | 31   |                              |                                |     |     |

