

# SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



# October 2021



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 [alberta.ca/COVID19](https://alberta.ca/COVID19).

For municipal information related to COVID-19, visit [rmwb.ca/COVID19](https://rmwb.ca/COVID19).

### **State of Public Health Emergency**

On September 15, 2021 the Government of Alberta declared a State of Public Health Emergency and introduced a number of new restrictions to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and protect the health care system. Find full details on all province-wide restrictions at [alberta.ca/COVID19](https://alberta.ca/COVID19).

### **Vaccine Program**

All Albertans 12 and older can get their first and second doses now. Third doses are available to some people most at risk of severe illness, including:

- Immunocompromised Albertans ages 12 and older
- Residents of seniors' supportive living facilities
- Travellers to jurisdictions that don't recognize Covishield/AstraZeneca or mixed series doses

Getting vaccinated makes us all safer. A one-time incentive of \$100 is available for Albertans 18+ who get their first or second dose between September 3 and October 14. Learn more about Alberta's Vaccine Program at [alberta.ca/vaccine](https://alberta.ca/vaccine).

### **Vaccine Records**

Albertans 12 and older can get a card-sized vaccine record through the new express system at [alberta.ca/CovidRecords](https://alberta.ca/CovidRecords).

It's fast, easy and no account is required. Enter your personal healthcare number, birthdate, and month and year of vaccination. Then, download your card and print it out or save it on your phone.

If you were vaccinated recently, it may take up to 2 weeks for your records to be available online.

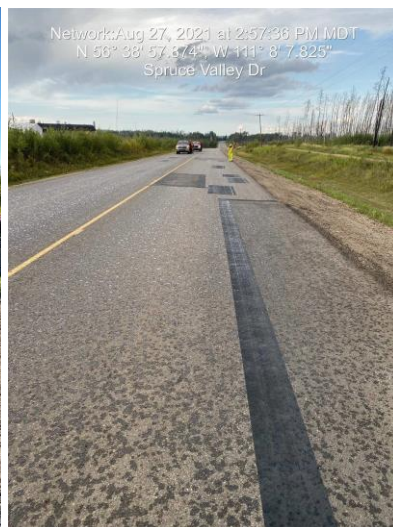
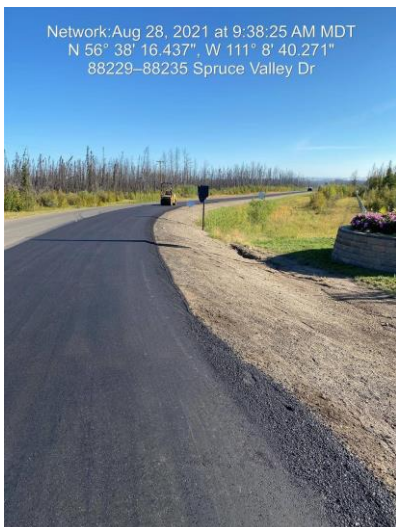
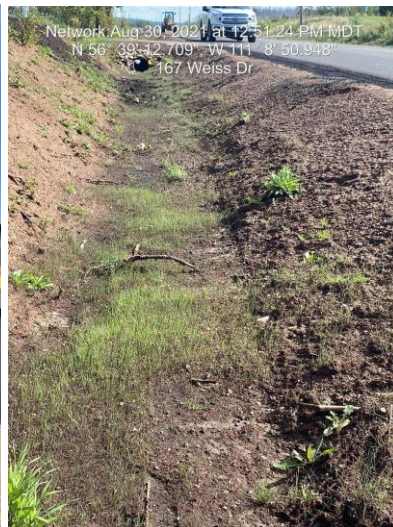
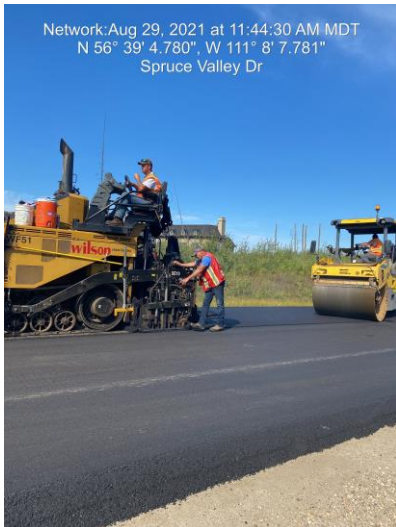
For more information about province-wide requirements, visit [alberta.ca/covid19](https://alberta.ca/covid19).



# Engineering/Construction Updates:

## Saprae Contract 1 - RWSS

Crews are working on addressing all project deficiencies. Landscaping work and general construction work is being completed throughout the neighborhood. Next steps include completion of remaining landscaping items within the neighborhood and achieving substantial and certificate of completion and compliance. Estimated completion date is October 30, 2021.



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

Culverts have been installed under the road (minus the wetland culvert) and utility locates/hydrovac work is being completed in preparation for the roadwork. Stakes have been laid out for the lift station building footprint in preparation for the secant shoring work. Next steps include A Frame roadway upgrades and install secant concrete pipe shoring for the deep lift station excavation. Estimated time of completion is June 30, 2023.



## Engineering/Construction Updates:



## Engineering Update

### 2021 Construction Season

Did you know you could get Engineering construction updates directly in your inbox?

Residents are encouraged to sign up for updates at [rmwb.ca/construction](http://rmwb.ca/construction) for the areas that matter to you.

By signing up, you will be automatically entered to win one of three \$100 pre-paid Visas, part of the Love.Shop.Local program from the Chamber of Commerce and a chance at the grand prize, valued at \$400.

The final draw will be on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## Official candidate list for 2021 Municipal Election available

The list of candidates for municipal and school board elections in the Region is now official as the deadline period for candidates to withdraw passed at noon on September 21.

Want to be a candidate in the  
2021 Municipal Election?

RMWB **2021**  
Elections

There are 11 positions on RMWB Council: the Mayor, who is elected at large, and 10 Councillors, who are elected under a ward system as follows:

- Ward 1 (Fort McMurray) - 6 Councillors
- Ward 2 (Fort Chipewyan, Fort Fitzgerald, Fort McKay) - 2 Councillors
- Ward 3 (Draper, Saprae Creek Estates) - 1 Councillor
- Ward 4 (Anzac, Conklin, Gregoire Lake Estates, Janvier) - 1 Councillor

There are 7 Trustee positions for the Fort McMurray Public School Division who are elected at large. There are 5 Trustee positions for the Fort McMurray Roman Catholic Separate School Division who are elected at large. These school boards encompass the Municipality's Wards 1 and 3, which includes Fort McMurray, Draper and Saprae Creek Estates.

Voters across the province, including the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, go the polls on **Oct. 18, 2021**. Advance voting opportunities will begin on October 1.

Ward 4 was officially awarded by acclamation.

The official list of candidates and information about voting opportunities can be found at [RMWB.ca/elections](http://RMWB.ca/elections)

### Am I Eligible to Vote?

I can vote in the election if ALL of the following apply:

- I have not voted before in this election;
- I am at least 18 years old;
- I am a Canadian citizen;
- I reside in Alberta;
- I reside in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and the ward for which I am casting my ballot on election day; and
- I produce proper identification for inspection.

### Residents of First Nations Reserves

Please note that Order in Council O.C. 817/94, which formed the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, precludes residents of First Nations Reserves from voting in the 2021 Municipal Election. Residents of First Nations Reserves are eligible to vote in Federal and Provincial Elections.

## Artist Information Session: Community Park Bench Program



Local artists, designers and creatives are invited to a virtual Artist Information Session on October 21, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to discuss their latest project—the Community Park Bench Program. Connect with Public Art Wood Buffalo for a deeper exploration of the pilot project including guest speakers and important information for the application process.

Aimed at strengthening a visual connection between Wood Buffalo’s rural communities and its urban core, custom-designed benches inspired by two rural communities will be fabricated. One bench will be installed in the rural community park, and the sister bench will be placed in Kiyām Community Park in Fort McMurray.

The Community Park Bench Program is a pilot project anticipated to be repeated in each rural community beginning with Anzac and **Saprae Creek Estates**. Chosen spaces for these communities include Anzac’s community garden and park and Vista Ridge Park.

Learn how you can join the virtual Artist Info Session by visiting <https://participate.rmwb.ca/artist-information-sessions>.



## Celebrate the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables at igNIGHT: art illuminated

Public art exhibition and art workshops from Oct. 1 - 10



October 1–10, 2021

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



Public Art Wood Buffalo invites residents to igNIGHT 2021, a temporary public art exhibition, being held at Lion's Park and the Heritage Village Agricultural Barn from Oct. 1 - 10. In addition to **art installations**, this year's event offers **free virtual workshops**.

igNIGHT 2021 aligns with the resolution of the declaration made by the UN General Assembly that 2021 is the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables. As part of our commitment to supporting food security for all people living in the Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo, attendees are encouraged to bring **nonperishable food items** which will be collected and donated to the **Wood Buffalo Food Bank**.

Visit [rmwb.ca/igNIGHT](http://rmwb.ca/igNIGHT) to learn more about this year's installations, virtual workshops and the design theme.

## SIGN UP FOR THE **Vulnerable Persons Registry**



If you are a vulnerable person living in the region, you may be at greater risk during an emergency. Stay prepared by joining the Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR).

### What is the VPR?

The VPR is a free, voluntary and confidential 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 local first responders.

### Who is eligible?

The VPR is available to residents in the region who experience any of the following:

- Mobility issues
- Visual or hearing impairments
- Developmental or cognitive impairments
- Challenges related to mental health
- Individuals who require electricity for life-sustaining equipment (life support, oxygen or dialysis)

Individuals registering for the Vulnerable Persons Registry must have a permanent address and at least one (1) valid contact number on their application. Individuals who are unable to meet these criteria will not be eligible for the registry.

To register, visit [rmwb.ca/VPR](http://rmwb.ca/VPR) or call Pulse.





## Join a municipal board or committee and make a difference in your community

Residents looking to get involved and take part in decisions affecting their community are encouraged to apply to join a municipal board or committee.

Enthusiastic, community-minded individuals can share their skills, ideas and experience by applying online today.

“Members of our boards and committees will help a new Council make important decisions that affect our region,” said Chief Legislative Officer Jade Brown. “These volunteers work to make our communities an even better place to live—there are many opportunities to take part.”

The following committees are now open for applications:

- Advisory Committee on Aging
- Assessment Review Board
- Combative Sports Commission
- Community Identification Committee
- Community Standards Appeal Committee
- Communities in Bloom Committee
- Fort McMurray Airport Authority
- Public Art Committee
- Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equity
- Regional Recreation Corporation
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board
- Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee
- Wood Buffalo Regional Library Board
- Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation
- Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee
- Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee
- Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee

Interested people can learn more about the roles of these boards and committees and apply easily at [rmwb.ca/boards](http://rmwb.ca/boards),

Completed applications should be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2021.

For more information or questions, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000, 1-800-973-9663.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

THE WOOD BUFFALO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION'S

# COMMUNITY ODOUR MONITORING PROGRAM

SMELL SOMETHING?

## TELL US

WHEN YOU SMELL AN ODOUR, SUBMIT AN OBSERVATION IN THE APP

## THE COMP APP

COMP.WBEA.ORG

To better understand the odours in our region, the Wood Buffalo Environmental Association (WBEA) is asking community members to check out our COMP app and share information about the odours you are experiencing.

The WBEA launched the Community Odour Monitoring Program (COMP) and the COMP App so people could anonymously submit odour observations and track odour events in the RMWB. The collected information is then compared to the ambient air quality parameters measured at the WBEA's air monitoring stations to determine if there is a relationship between regional odours and air quality. Submitted observations can be found at [comp.wbea.org](http://comp.wbea.org), and findings are reported to the public in an annual report. The 2019 COMP Annual Report can be found [here](#).

Please share your odour observations on the COMP app (available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices) and help us better understand the odours in our region!



## 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 November newsletter submissions:

October 25, 2021

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

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24	25 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	26	27	28	29 	30
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