

SAPRAE CREEK NEWSLETTER

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Councillor Report

April 2018 Saprae

Happy Easter! I can't believe how fast this year is going! Spring has arrived and soon we will be cutting grass instead of shoveling snow and gardens will be going in.

March was an extremely busy month for me with a committee meeting, caribou mitigation meeting and the AAMDC conference in Edmonton. I'll update you all with the highlights of each trip.

As I told you last month, I've been accepted on the AUMA energy and infrastructure committee. At the last committee meeting, it was decided to send a letter of support for the trans mountain pipeline as they feel that getting the bitumen/oil to market is good for the economy. Also, we are working with province on clean energy initiatives and having policies in place to keep up with the new technologies.

The caribou mitigation meeting wasn't very well planned as the government was presenting about preventing the continued decline of the caribou population but didn't have any plan for the actual caribou. It seemed like they didn't include the First Nations, Metis or even the hunters in the consultation process. Although they did tell us that the RMWB was a unique situation and that they would work with us to plan properly.

The AAMDC conference was very busy as we had a total of 11 meetings with the provincial Ministers and their staff. As you know, nothing was promised, just that they'll look into it but it did feel like they were listening.

- 1) Minister Eggen- Education
 - Concerns about the Northland school system, bats in Conklin school, Fort Chip school is nearing the end of its lifecycle and funding for both school boards
- 2) Minister Jansen- Infrastructure
 - Willow Square and the dates for groundbreaking
- 3) Minister Anderson- Municipal Affairs
 - Legislative changes, and land transfer issues
- 4) Minister Sigurdson- Seniors and Housing
 - Social housing in both the urban and rural areas, rural homeless count
- 5) Minister Sabir- Community and Social Services
 - Brought up the rural homeless count, and the rural homeless strategy, lack of social housing in our region and funding for Marshall House.
 - On our return to Fort McMurray, we were notified that funding was confirmed for Marshall House.
- 6&7) Minister Ganley's staff – Justice and Solicitor General
 - Also had a separate meeting with the RCMP head officers and the discussions were along the same lines as Minister Ganley's office.
 - Discussed the increase in rural crime rates and the extra funding that was announced by the provincial government

- 8) Minister McLean- Service Alberta and Women
 - Councillor Stroud brought up lack of high speed internet in the rural communities
- 9) Minister Mason- Transportation
 - East Clearwater Highway, the contract has been awarded for the study
 - Highway 881 corridor report has been shared and they're preparing to put bundle one out for proposals by finalizing the terms of reference and scope of work.
- 10) Minister Hoffman- Health
 - Brought up the lack of specialized services and midwives in the region
 - Ambulance for Fort Chip
 - And the coke dust in Saprae Creek; I gave Minister Hoffman the safety sheet for coke, the replies from CN and Darren's update from Suncor. She said that they would look into it and possibly get some testing done for a baseline.
- 11) Minister Phillip's staff- Environment
 - Councillor Stroud met with Minister Phillip's staff as my flight left before the meeting. This was a short notice meeting and we were squeezed in.
 - Coke dust and the state of our highway this winter was mentioned and they were also told that members of our community called to report the concerns. They are working with the local office and there is an open file on this.

Before I end my long-winded update, I just want to remind everyone that the horizontal drilling will be re-starting soon. Please be patient and if you lose water, please call the PULSE line at 780-743-7000 and run out and let the boys know if they're nearby.

Until next month
Sheila

RMWB Online Payments NOW AVAILABLE!

You can now pay your RMWB utility (water) bills, ambulance bills and general trade invoices online by credit card. Visit pay.rmwb.ca to learn more or make a payment today.



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**Have questions about a municipal service?
Need to report a concern in the community?**

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



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

Property Assessment Notices for the 2018 Tax Year have been mailed to all property owners in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. The property assessment reflects market value as of the legislated date of July 1, 2017.

Please take some time to review your Property Assessment Notice carefully.

Have questions or concerns about your property assessment?

Call 780-743-7900 or 1-800-973-9663 to speak with an assessor. Assessors will be available 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, to speak with property owners. You can also visit our website to review the frequently asked questions about property assessment.

If you are still concerned with your assessment after speaking with an assessor, you can file a complaint with the Assessment Review Board. All complaints must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 30.

What happens next? Council will set the 2018 tax rate in May. Property taxes are determined by applying the approved tax rate to the assessed value shown on your Property Assessment Notice. Property Tax Notices will be mailed in May.

**ASSESSED
PROPERTY VALUE**

X

**PROPERTY
TAX RATE**

=

**PROPERTY
TAX BILL**





Putting out your bins for curbside garbage and recycling collection? Help our curbside collection team ensure your bins are collected efficiently and safely!

Curbside garbage and recycling bins must be placed at least **one foot apart** and at least **three feet from surrounding vehicles** to ensure the collection arm can reach them.

On streets with parking congestion, bins can be pulled away from the curb and into the roadway just past parked vehicles but no further than the side view mirrors on the vehicles (with at least one foot of clearance between the end of vehicles and the side of the bin).

Bins should not obstruct traffic. If your bins are collected with one of our new collection vehicles, your bin lid may be closed even though it has been collected.

In the winter months, bins should be placed in front of any snowbanks or windrows and the area around the bins should be cleared of snow and ice.

Thank you for helping us to ensure the smooth delivery of curbside garbage and recycling collection! For more information, visit rmwb.ca/garbage.

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has a new vision:

a vibrant, sustainable region we are proud to call home!

The 2018-2021 RMWB Strategic Plan will guide the municipality over the next four years. The four strategic priorities include a priority specific to rural and Indigenous communities and partnerships, with initiatives designed to build and strengthen relationships with rural and Indigenous communities in the region!

Join us on the journey to the future! You can read more about the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Strategic Plan, including the vision, mission, values, strategic priorities and how they will be achieved at [**rmwb.ca/strategicplan**](http://rmwb.ca/strategicplan)



Bylaw Services

Now at 140 Saprae Creek Trail



NEED TO REPORT A COMPLAINT? CALL THE NEW BYLAW COMPLAINT LINE!

Bylaw Services is all settled in at the South Operations Centre (SOC) with a new Bylaw Complaint Line number.

To file a Bylaw complaint, please contact **780-762-5858**. Phone lines operate daily from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, visit rmwb.ca/bylaw.

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Wellness Corner

Brought to you by FCSS Counselling Services

GRIEF: A Misunderstood and Neglected Emotion

Grief is one of the most misunderstood emotions, the assumption being that it is only connected with death. Grief is:

- A normal and natural reaction to a significant emotional loss of any kind.
- Conflicted feelings caused by the end of or a change in familiar patterns of behaviour.
- The feeling of reaching out for someone who has always been only to find when you need them again, they are no longer there.
- Not a pathological condition.

People typically experience over 40 losses in a lifetime. There are two types of losses, tangible and intangible.

Examples of Tangible Losses:

- Death
- Divorce or separation
- Changes to family composition
- Change of career or retirement
- Moving
- Loss of a pet
- Financial change (increase or decrease in wealth)
- Legal problems
- Empty nest
- End of addiction
- Graduation
- Loss of health or bodily function
- Children taken away

Examples of Intangible Losses:

- Loss of safety
- Loss of control
- Loss of trust
- Loss of normalcy
- Loss of childhood
- Loss of faith
- Infertility

It is important to note that:

- Grief is individual and unique.
- Grief cannot be neatly categorized.
- There are no absolutes in grief.
- There are no reactions so universal that all or even most people will experience grief the same way.

For more information on grief and loss, please contact **FCSS Counselling Services** at (780) 743-7910.

Stay tuned for the next series on grief and loss.

CENSUS 2018 JOBS

FORT MCMURRAY LABOR SOURCE

WE ARE STAFFING 60 JOBS ACROSS WOOD BUFFALO

BE A CENSUS TAKER

Be a part of the 2018 Census and help make a lasting contribution to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, its government, and its people.

Census information is important for our community and is vital for planning services such as schools, homes for senior citizens, health and emergency services.

As a member of the enumeration team, you will help ensure that the 2018 Census is a success. Enumerators will go door to door to complete questionnaires and follow up when residents are not at home. In other cases, there may be assistance with delivering census material.

These non-office jobs require you to work in neighborhoods and communities in all urban, rural, and remote areas in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Are You:

- 18 years or older?
- a Canadian citizen or eligible to work?
- able to commit to at least 20 hours per week including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays as required?

If you answered yes to all of the questions above, enjoy working with people, and are detail oriented, this may be the job for you. Candidates must pass a written test, reference check, and provide a clear RCMP criminal record check.

Training will be provided to ensure you have the skills and tools required to be a successful member of the Census team. With flexible work schedules, you get to pick your working hours anytime between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm, Monday through Sunday.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Make it count and you could win!

Participate in Census 2018 and enter our draw to win an outdoor camping package, valued at \$500!

You can also enter a draw to win a fire truck ride for you and four guests in the Canada Day Parade by filling out the full questionnaire.

Starting April 9, complete your census online, in your local Municipal Contact Office or when a census taker comes to your door. For more information, visit rmwb.ca/census or contact PULSE at 780-743-7000.



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Community Investment Program: Applications open April 9 for two opportunities

Beginning April 9, the Municipality is accepting applications for two Community Investment Program grant opportunities: Games Legacy Grant, and Joint Initiative Grant.

Is your community group or non-profit organization looking for grant opportunities? Are you an athlete or performer competing at a provincial, national or international level?

The Community Investment Program (CIP) supports a broad spectrum of programs and services by providing grant funding and agreements to community groups, individuals, and non-profit organizations responsible for:

- Delivering various recreational, cultural and social programs and services.
- Developing and operating community facilities.
- Organizing community events.




Games Legacy Grant – This grant encourages participation in amateur sport and cultural activities by providing financial assistance to athletes and performers competing or training at a provincial, national or international level. Individual applicants may apply for grant funding up to a maximum of \$2,000 and team/group applicants up to a maximum of \$3,000.

Joint Initiatives Grant – This grant supports partnerships that promote, encourage and assist community groups and non-profit organizations that enhance the quality of life for residents in the Municipality through artistic growth, excellence in sport and stimulating economic development. Applicants may apply for grant funding up to a maximum of \$20,000.

The deadline to apply for these grants is May 11 at 4:30 p.m. MST.

Additional information about each grant, the call for applications, and the grant applications are available at rmwb.ca/CIP. For questions or further information, contact cip@rmwb.ca or 780-788-4309.

Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Happy Easter	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5	6 	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 	14
15	16	17	18 Board Meeting 7:30pm	19	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 	28
29	30	31				

Saprae Creek’s ON-GOING FUNCTIONS:

Mondays Nights: Saprae Creek Volunteer Fire Department Training

*****BOARD MEETING April 18th 2018*****