

# SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



**December 2023**

HAPPY  
*Holidays*



**Wishing you a joyous holiday season  
with peace & cheer in the New Year!**

From RMWB Mayor and Councillors



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF WOOD BUFFALO



On behalf of my family  
we wish you all a Merry  
Christmas and all the  
best in 2024



## RMWB Budget meetings begin December 11



Municipal departments have been working hard over the last several months and starting December 11, RMWB Council will review and finalize the 2024 Budget.

Strengthening communities and supporting the needed of residents in the region depends on the efficient and reliable delivery of programs, services and capital projects. The budget determines how we pay for these important services and investments.

The special meetings are held in Council Chambers and will be livestreamed on the RMWB You Tube channel. You can also watch the budget meetings at any of our rural offices.

### Budget 2024 meeting schedule:

Operating Budget	December 11, 2023
Capital Budget	December 12, 2023
Additional Budget meeting (if required)	December 13/14, 2023

Residents are also invited to watch the budget meetings at their local municipal office. Learn more about the budget process and how to participate at [rwm.ca/budget](http://rwm.ca/budget).

# BYLAW BRIEFS

## Driveway snow removal reminder

Snow removal is an inevitable part of winter in our region. The proper cleaning and clearing of snow ensure public safety on roadways, sidewalks, and driveways. Collaborative efforts from the Municipality and residents make proper snow removal possible.

Bylaw Services would like to remind residents to remove snow or ice on sidewalks adjacent to their property within 48 hours after a snowfall and that the snow should not be placed on a Highway, Public Place or private property that is not their own.

**PLEASE AVOID pushing your snow into the road or ditches.**

Bylaw Services thanks residents for their compliance as this ensures a safe Wood Buffalo.

For any questions regarding snow removal visit [rmwb.ca/snow](https://rmwb.ca/snow) or contact PULSE at 780-743-7000. For more information, please review the [Community Standards Bylaw No. 21/010](#).

## Winter Roads Update

Crews are making progress building the Fort Chipewyan Winter Road and the La Loche Winter Trail. Both roads are expected to open before Dec. 25, but as always, the opening is dependent on weather and the progress crews make ensuring the roads are safe.

Using the winter roads when they are closed is strictly prohibited, extremely dangerous and could cause damage to the road, delaying the opening.

### Slow down! Winter road safety tips

Before travelling on the winter road, please review the Winter Road Safety Tips. Drivers are reminded to:

- Exercise caution and drive to conditions.
- Stay on the right-hand side of the road, especially on hills.
- Reduce speed to 30 km/h when passing equipment in the sandhills.
- Stay on the designated route. Travelling off road is extremely dangerous as there may be thin ice in areas surrounding the road.
- Prepare for emergencies ahead of time. There are no regular services like road patrol, gas stations or reliable cell phone coverage.
- Always inform someone of your travel plans before leaving.
- Make the drive using high clearance 4x4 vehicles (recommended)

### Heavy vehicles require a permit

All heavy vehicles, like fuel trucks and semi-trailers, require a permit to use the winter roads. Please submit permit application as soon as possible to prevent any delays. Find more information on permits and other important details in the [Heavy Vehicle Information Package](#) and on the Municipal website.

### Don't miss a winter road update

Further winter road updates will be provided as they become available. Check the following sources for the latest information:

- Winter Road Hotline (recorded message) - 866-743-6111
- Winter roads webpage – [rmwb.ca/winterroads](http://rmwb.ca/winterroads)
- Sign up for email updates at [subscribe.rmwb.ca](http://subscribe.rmwb.ca)
- RMWB Facebook and Twitter accounts
- Pulse – 780-743-7000, toll free 1-800-973-9663 or online at [rmwb.ca/pulse](http://rmwb.ca/pulse)

# SAPRAE CREEK ESTATES SEWER PROGRAM

## Ready to connect?

Once your connection to the RWSS system is fully established, you'll no longer require the pick up of wastewater!

When your contractor provides you with notice that your connection is complete, contact Pulse at **780-743-7000** to stop the truck supplied services to your home.

## We can help!



While construction is paused over the winter months, we can help you move your RWSS application along!

Connect with us through Pulse at 780-743-7000, toll free at 1-800-973-9663 or at [rmwb.ca/pulse](https://rmwb.ca/pulse), and a project contact will follow up to answer your questions and assist with your application.

## Need more information?



Check out [rmwb.ca/rwss](https://rmwb.ca/rwss)!

Recognize your neighbour or a local business for spreading the holiday spirit!



Are there businesses or homes in your neighbourhood with festive light displays and decorations that put you in the holiday spirit? Say thank you and recognize their efforts by participating in the Nominate Your Neighbour program!

Nominating a neighbour or business is easy. Simply visit [rmwb.ca/nyn](http://rmwb.ca/nyn), upload a picture and complete a very short online nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until Dec.15



**STARRY NIGHT**  
Council's Holiday Party

On Dec. 2, join us at Starry Night, tthen dach'lyi laṭ'e (Dene), ahcâkosak mîyo nakosôwak (Cree), as we light the community holiday tree and tipi!

The festivities kick off at 5 p.m. at Kiyâm Community Park with free activities and entertainment for all ages, followed by the parade on Franklin Ave. at 6 p.m.

Visit [rmwb.ca/santa](https://rmwb.ca/santa) for more information.

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## Celebrate the season at the Santa Claus Parade!



On Dec. 2, at 6 p.m., celebrate the season at the Santa Claus Parade as Santa makes his way to Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo. This year, the parade route is changing, starting at Franklin Ave. and Main St., and travelling south towards Riedel St.

Before the parade, join RMWB Council's Starry Night holiday party at Kiyâm Park. Festivities start at 5 p.m. with free activities and entertainment for all ages.

Visit [rmwb.ca/santa](https://rmwb.ca/santa) for more information.



## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS LIFESAVER IN YOUR SKY?

Did you know the Local HERO (Helicopter Emergency Response Organization) Foundation is a vital charity making a life-saving difference in the Wood Buffalo region since 2013? Over 500 critically ill or seriously injured patients have been flown to a higher level of care. Local HERO is the **only** Helicopter Emergency Medical Service serving our region and operates in partnership with the Regional Emergency Services of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB).

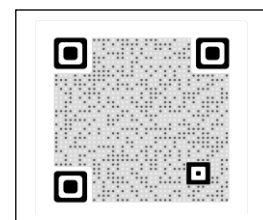
Local HERO is on standby 24/7 with a fully equipped medical-interior twin engine helicopter and responds to dispatch calls from Emergency Services. All our missions are rural scene calls, often in remote areas inaccessible by ground ambulance. Local HERO always flies with two RMWB Emergency Services paramedics on board. Local HERO saves lives, by saving time.

We want to hear from you! In an ongoing effort to ensure the safety and well-being of our region, Local HERO asks for your feedback. Let us know how our services have impacted you or someone you know. Please fill out the short survey here at this [survey link](#), by the QR code below, or by having someone print it off for you and emailing it back to [team@ymmhero.com](mailto:team@ymmhero.com).

To thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, we will enter your name in a **DRAW** for a chance to **WIN** a \$100 gift card to the Smokin' Butcher.

The deadline to enter the draw is **December 15, 2023**. For a chance to win you will need to include your name and contact number on the survey. We will only use your contact information if you win the draw, or if you ask us to contact you about a survey question.

The Local HERO Foundation is pleased to provide your community with this impactful program through the generous support of our donors. Thank you!





## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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

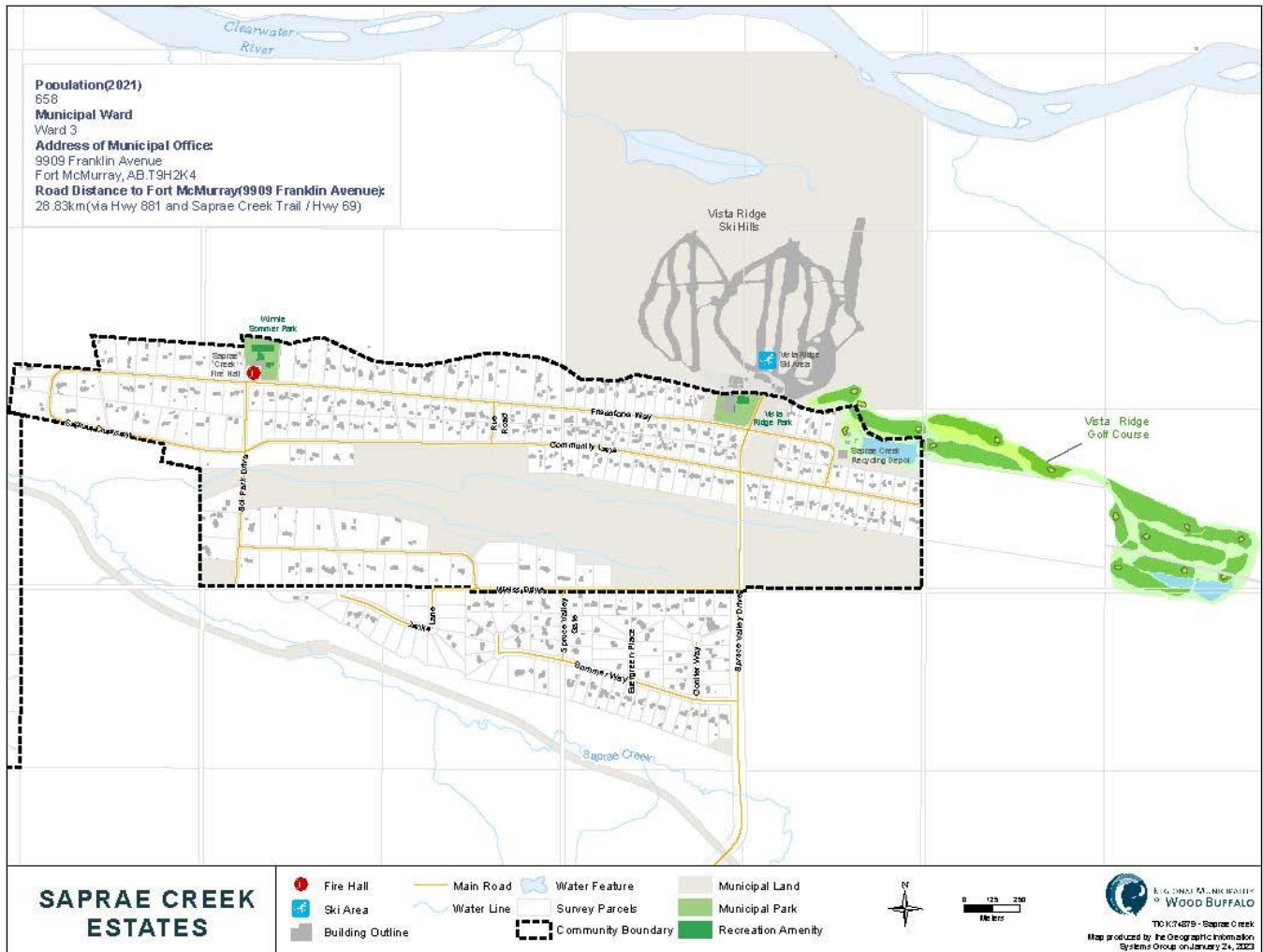
To submit information to the newsletter please email:  
[ruralnewsletters@rmwb.ca](mailto:ruralnewsletters@rmwb.ca)

Deadline for JANUARY Newsletter submissions:  
 December 22nd, 2023

# COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

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3 <b>Winter Market Doug Barnes Cabin 10:00 AM</b>	4	5	6	7	8 	9 <b>Community Christmas Party</b>	
10	11	12	13	14	15 	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 	23	
24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day Municipal Office Closed</b> 	26 <b>Boxing Day Municipal Office Closed</b>	27	28	29 	30	
31 <b>New years Eve</b> 							

# Community Map



**What would you like to see on the community map?**

**Please email [Koralee.samaroden@rmwb.ca](mailto:Koralee.samaroden@rmwb.ca)**