SAPRAE CREEK NEWS





MAY 2024

Construction Communication 2023



How did construction communication measure up in 2023?

The What We Heard Report is now online. This report outlines what was done for the engagement, common themes that came from your feedback, and a summary of survey responses.

Learn more about the participation we saw from rural communities, what participants had to say about the rural newsletter, and more.

Thank you to everyone who shared feedback.

Find the report at rmwb.ca/participation.

For any questions, please contact Pulse!



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) www.rmwb.ca/pulse





What is it?

- A voluntary program that offers a safe, respectful way to promote healing after harm has occurred.
- Allows offenders to take responsibility for their actions and allows the community to see its role in contributing to reconciliation.
- Provides an opportunity for everyone involved to have a voice and determine actions and outcomes to ensure accountability.

Learn more:

Restorative Justice Contact Information:

Phone: 780-788-4253Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

• Email: <u>restorative.justice@rmwb.ca</u>

Get involved.

We need committed volunteers to help! Please contact us.

Save the date for Canada Day Parade float and volunteer registration!

Canada Day is an opportunity for the community to come together, and parade floats and walking groups are needed to make this happen.

It is also a great opportunity for local businesses, non-profits, and groups to showcase their community spirit and connect with the people that call the region home.



Float and volunteer registration opens on May 22. Learn more at rmwb.ca/CanadaDay.



Big Bin Event – Saprae Creek Estates

Mark your calendar! The Big Bin event will return to Saprae Creek Estates on June 15 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

You will be able to drop-off and dispose of household items, like furniture, appliances and electronic waste, at the Vista Ridge parking lot during the event.

Commercial, construction, animal and household hazardous waste will **not be accepted** at the Big Ben event.

Big Bin Events are free but fees will apply for select items including CFC-containing refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and water coolers (\$46/item) as well as mattresses and box springs (\$28/item). Residents will be required to provide photo ID and proof of address before disposing of items with fees. Fees will be added to the monthly utility bill.

Big Bin Event Schedule

The big bin events are hosted across the region in June.

- June 8 Downtown MacDonald Island parking lot
- June 15 Saprae Creek Estates Vista Ridge parking lot
- June 22 Anzac Municipal Office (237 Stony Mountain Road)
- June 22 Gregoire Lake Estates Municipal lift station parking lot
- June 29 Thickwood Abraham Landing

All Big Bin Events take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/bigbin



NOTICE TO RURAL RESIDENTS Water and septic service reminders

To allow water and septic delivery trucks access and to provide continuous service for all residents, please follow to the requirements below:

- 1) Basement water tanks or water tanks that are not visible: All customers must have their volume posted in a visible place so water delivery contractor can see proper date and amount of water required (displayed in litres).
- 2) Hanging branches and wires on driveways: Make sure that delivery vehicles have a minimum 15 feet of clearance. All low hanging branches must be trimmed to prevent damage to trucks, and low hanging wires are to be raised.
- 3) Provide clear access: All vehicles/obstacles must be removed on driveways during the delivery schedule and the ensure the water delivery vehicle is able to drive within 15.24 meters of the delivery point for water.
- 4) **Ensure pets are contained:** For the safety of contractors and pets, all dogs are to be tied up or inside your home, for service provider to access your property.
- 5) **Keep access points clear of snow and ice:** During winter months, keep driveways and pathways to water and septic hook ups, clear of snow and ice and thaw receivers and caps for hose access.
- 6) **Maintain cam-lock/hoses:** The winterization and maintenance of the cam-lock fitting and hoses is the responsibility of the home-owner. All cam-locks and hoses are to be drained and water to be removed to prevent freezing and breakage of cam-lock.
- 7) **Safety of septic tanks:** All septic tanks will 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 add a proper hose with the required cam-lock and extend down driveway to location of delivery.

For more information:

refer to the Water Utilities Management Bylaw (Bylaw No. 07/035) Part X
If you have questions or require any additional information, call the Pulse Line at 780-743-7000



Emergency Preparedness Week, May 5 - 11

Be prepared - plan for emergencies before they happen.

Make an emergency kit.

GENERAL ITEMS

- Cash, debit, credit cards
- Important family documents
- Phone and power cord/bank
- > Medication, medical equipment
- Clothing
- Personal hygiene items
- Spare keys
- Water / Non-perishable food
- > First aid kit
- > Flashlight, radio
- Special items for pets or children

Make a household emergency plan.

- Know the risks
- Know your contacts.
- > Have a plan for childcare
- ➤ Have a list and copy of medical information.
- > Talk with family and others.
- Write down and exercise your plan at least once a year.



EMERGENCIES HAPPEN

Be prepared - Be ready

It may be important to *act fast* in an emergency.

Think ahead now and reduce stress in urgent situations.

Stay informed. Follow the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) on social media, or visit RMWB.ca.







Review your area's Community Emergency Guide at RMWB.ca/CEMP





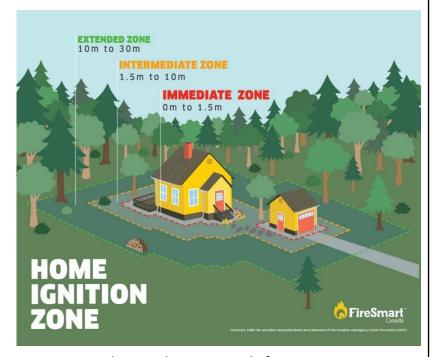
Help protect your home from wildfire

Know your Zones:

The closer to your home, the more important it is to be free of things that burn.

Immediate Zone: within 1.5 metres of your home, nothing that burns should be here.

Choose building materials that are resistant to fire, clean your gutters out regularly, clear any brush or trees, and avoid planting woody shrubs or trees



(or prune them regularly to at least 2 metres above the ground if you can't).

• Intermediate zone: from 1.5-10 metres from your home, continue to avoid anything that burns.

Keep it free from lawn furniture, toys, firewood, or anything else that burns. This is how you can prevent fire from reaching your home.

Extended zone: from 10-30 metres from your home, the goal is reduce fire intensity.

If you can, remove evergreen trees so there's at least 3 metres between them, prune all branches at least 2 metres above the ground, and keep it clear of brush. Work with neighbours to address these risks if their yards are within 30 metres of yours.

Get more tips for your home, cabin, or business at the link: rmwb.ca/FireSmart





Share your voice on youth issues in the region

Student entering grades 9 to 12 in the next school year are encouraged to apply for the Mayor's Advisory Council on Youth (MACOY) this summer!

Made up of 26 students from across the region, MACOY members have the opportunity to:

- Work closely with community leaders.
- Advocate for the youth of Wood Buffalo.
- Participate in meaningful volunteer work.
- Support community events.
- And more!

How can rural students participate?

MACOY meetings are flexible and will be adjusted to ensure **all** members can participate seamlessly.

Apply online

If you're ready to give a voice to youth in the region, meet new people and build valuable skills for your resume, apply online by Aug. 11 at **rmwb.ca/MACOY**.







Let's keep neighbourhoods clean, green, and beautiful!

Register as a group or an individual in the annual Community Cleanup and Adopt-A-Trail programs.

How does the Adopt-A-Trail program work?

- Improve a section of trail or greenspace, ranging from half a kilometer to three kilometers in length.
- Commit to four cleanup sessions between May and September.
- Take part for two consecutive years and you'll receive recognition signage in the area you've adopted as a thank you!

How does the Community Cleanup program work?

- Sign up for one cleanup session or as many as you'd like.
- Cleanup supplies are available upon request at time of registration.
- Beautify your neighbourhood, playground, park or trail!

Register online at rmwb.ca/cleanup.

You can also register via Pulse or at your local municipal rural office.





Join Mayor and Councillors to celebrate **Seniors' and Elders' Week** on Monday, June 3 at the Quality Hotel and Conference Centre in Fort McMurray.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. with good food, great company and bingo!

Registration opens May 15

Registration is required for this free event.

Contact Pulse at 780.743.7000 or toll free at 1.800.973.9663.

You can also sign up directly on Mac Calendar at maccalendar.ca

Please note: The luncheon is exclusively for seniors and elders aged 65 and over.

For any further questions or concerns, 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!



Take your creative project from idea to reality

Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant applications are now open for 2024



The Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant provides **up to \$5,000** for projects that create, inspire and preserve within the cultural landscape of the region.

Apply early!

Individuals and groups may apply for a maximum of \$5,000. The deadline for grant applications is Dec. 31, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. MST or until the total \$50,000 funding is exhausted, whichever comes first.

Apply early through the Community Investment Program (CIP) Grant Portal as funding is awarded in order of completed applications received.

What projects are eligible?

Projects must align with the priorities of the **Wood Buffalo Culture Plan**. The eligibility list varies and ranges from performing arts to heritage restoration to landscape design. Most creative projects are eligible for the Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant.

Projects that have received grant support in previous years include:

- The Hidden Gems of YMM mural
- Fort MacBeth, a mockumentary film
- "Eighteen the Day I Died", a solo performance

One-on-one support available

We understand that the application process can be daunting, and we're here to help! Contact Pulse to connect with the CIP team for one-on-one support.

Get started today by visiting rmwb.ca/CIP.



Community Policing - presentations available

The Wood Buffalo Community Policing Unit has a great list of presentations they can bring to communities when requested.

Available presentations

- A Career in the RCMP Gr 7-Adult
- ATV Safety Gr 10-Adult
- Being a Good Citizen ECDP-Gr 6
- Being a Mountie ECDP-Gr 6
- Bicycle Safety ECDP-Gr 6
- Bullying (includes Cyberbullying) ECDP-Gr 9
- Consent Gr 7-Adult
- Crime Scene Investigations ECDP-Adult
- Drug Awareness
 - For Teens (cannabis, alcohol, vaping and opioid awareness) Gr 7-12
 - For Adults (includes clandestine drug labs, methamphetamines, opioids)
- Fraud & Identity Theft Adult
- Halloween Safety ECDP-Gr 6
- History of the Force Gr 4-Adult
- Online Safety (includes Cyberbullying) ECDP-Gr 6
- Online Safety (include Cyberbullying, Social Media & the Law) Gr 7-Adult
- Personal Safety ECDP-Adult
- Police & Canadian Law (for New Canadians) Gr 10-Adult
- Property Crime Prevention Adult
- Restorative Justice Gr 9-Adult
- Senior Safety Adult
- Sexting Gr 7-Adult
- Traffic
 - Impaired Driving (Alcohol & Drugs) Gr 9-Adult
 - Distracted Driving Gr 9-Adult
 - Winter Driving Gr 9-Adult
- Unhealthy Relationships/Dating Violence Gr 7-Adult
- Youth Criminal Justice Act Gr 7-Adult

Want a presentation?

Contact us if you'd like a presentation for your group, class or community at communitypolicing@rmwb.ca or call 780-788-4040 and ask for the Community Policing Coordinator.





SAPRAE CREEK ESTATES SEWER PROGRAM

Construction season is almost here and if you haven't connected your home to piped water and sewer services yet, it's time to start thinking about it again.

With 0% financing and \$105/bi-monthly payments for 25 years, applying now when the connection window is open will save you a lot of money. Don't wait as this offer won't be available forever.

The first step to applying is choosing a certified contractor to prepare a quote for your home and discuss what this work will entail.

The following local contractors have been certified by Alberta Municipal Affairs:

Local Contractors	Contact Information		
Best Choice Plumbing, Heating and Wastewater Solutions	780-799-6267		
B Mac Underground Services Ltd.	780-370-1959		
Call First Plumbing & Heating	780-880-4726		
Consun Contracting Ltd.	780-743-3163		
Division 26 Inc.	780-598-4026		
H Wilson Industries (2010) Ltd.	780-743-1881		
NC Transport & Equipment	780-713-1169		
Parker Drainage and Waterproofing	780-799-0723		
Qualipu Enterprises	780-598-4933		
Rob Ryan Construction Inc.	780-202-0418		
SENA Constructors Inc.	780-747-9664		
Sureway Construction Management Ltd.	780-918-6280		
Wellingdale Group Inc.	780-607-1431		
Wood Buffalo Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	780-974-0521		
Yanagil Management Ltd.	780-972-4833		

Please note, this list is for informational purposes only. The RMWB is not recommending or endorsing these businesses. Any contract you enter with a certified contractor is strictly at your own risk.

Remember, you're completely in control of the whole process, but your chosen contractor can take the lead if you prefer. Just send an email to the contractor stating you'd prefer they take the lead and that's it!

Find everything you need to know about the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Program, including how to apply at rmwb.ca/rwss.



Emergency Social Services (ESS)

ESS provides individuals or families with supports when they are displaced due to an emergency. Registration centres or other evacuation sites are set up to register evacuees and provide immediate basic needs. This support is available to provide a safe place for 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, scan the QR code below:

VPR

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.

This is done by communicating directly with registrants during emergencies and by sharing key information to first responders about individuals on the VPR. Click here to find out more about the VPR.

MAERS

The MyAlberta Emergency Registration System is available to all residents of Alberta as a tool to assist during an evacuation or emergency. Albertans can register themselves and their family members in advance of an emergency using their MyAlberta Digital ID. Click here or scan below to pre-register today.





Spring into public service with a Council-appointed board or committee

Rural community members looking to have a say in local governance and give back to the community are invited to apply to serve on a Council-appointed board or committee.



Applications from rural residents strongly encouraged

Most board and committee meetings can be attended remotely by videocall, making it easier for rural residents to participate. Rural board and committee members can also claim mileage expenses for driving to attend meetings in person.

Boards and committees seeking applicants

The following boards and committees currently have vacancies:

- Advisory Committee on Aging ("Senior at Large Rural" member wanted)
- Combative Sports Commission
- Fort McMurray Airport Authority
- Public Art Committee
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board
- Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee
- Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee
- Wood Buffalo Pro-Business Advisory Committee

Applicants are welcome to apply for multiple vacancies. Those not appointed by Council at this time may be added to a pool of applicants for future vacancies.

Access the Boards and Committees portal at <u>rmwb.ca/boards</u> to learn more.

For questions or to get help applying for a vacancy, contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.



Showcase your talent with Public Art Wood Buffalo

Looking to flex your creative skills? Learn more – and apply – for the following artist opportunities at rmwb.ca/PublicArt.

Art for Social Change

Could your art be a tool to create positive change for those facing barriers due to a lack of accessibility and inclusion?

The Art for Social Change project invites artists living within Western Canada to submit proposals for site-specific public art installations that creatively explore and interpret the theme of Accessibility.

The call is open to any artistic discipline. Up to six projects will be selected, each with a budget of up to \$10,000.

Submit a project proposal by May 6.

Subscribe to the artist roster

Join the artist roster to receive emails about upcoming artist calls, programs, events and information sessions at rmwb.ca/PublicArt.

Explore the Spirit of Water in this year's Street Banner Program



Every year, residents of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to showcase their talents through the Street Banner Program.

Selected designs will receive a \$600 design fee, a screened banner and the opportunity to be displayed throughout the region!

This year's theme, the Spirit of Water, invites you to dive in and explore the incredible power and beauty of water.

Deadline: May 3rd @ 4:30pm

Submission guidelines

Submissions are to be on 130lb art paper. If you have art paper, please submit with the following dimensions – 19 cm x 59.7 cm (7.5" x 23.5"). Art paper is available in a cold press (best for paint) or hot press (best for pencil, pastels, crayon).

You can pick up art paper during business hours at your local municipal contact office or the main floor counter at Jubilee Centre (9909 Franklin Ave.).

Participants are limited to a maximum of two entries and must be a resident of and reside in the RMWB.

To review the full guidelines and download the application forms, visit **rmwb.ca/banner**.



Call for nominees for Indigenous Sports Gallery starts April 8

The RMWB is looking for nominations of local Indigenous athletes, community builders and local legends to be part of the Indigenous Sports Gallery. The gallery is intended to inspire, and celebrate the story of Indigenous athletes and their ongoing contributions to sport in the region.

The Wood Buffalo 2023 Arctic Winter Games created a travelling Indigenous Sports Gallery to honor Call to Action 87. Demonstrating ongoing commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, the RMWB is carrying this legacy forward and hosting the inaugural RMWB Indigenous Sports Gallery exhibition this summer.

Selected nominees will be celebrated at an induction ceremony, with the gallery later travelling around the region for public display. Nominations are open from April 8 to May 3.

Nomination qualifications

Must be a member of a local First Nation or Métis community and have lived within the RMWB for at least 12 consecutive months as of April 1, 2023.

Youth Athlete Nomination

- Are between 8 18 years old, as of April 1, 2023
- Are devoted to sport and make a positive contribution to their community
- Demonstrates active participation and have admirable skills in their chosen sport
- Participates in sport within their community, in regional, provincial or national competitions, on competitive post-secondary teams or elite stream competitions
- Willing to contribute a quote about how sport has supported personal well-being

Community Builder Nomination

- Makes a positive contribution as a leader of sport within their community
- Demonstrates commitment and support for sport and well-being in their community
- Demonstrates admirable values and/or personal characteristics

Local Legend Nomination

 An individual who has passed on to the spirit world and left a lasting impact in their community and contributed to the development of sport

How to nominate: Nominations can be submitted online at rmwb.ca/sportsgallery

For questions or to get help nominating someone for the Indigenous Sports Gallery, contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.



Walking Safety Tips



Walk Facing Traffic: If there is no sidewalk and you must walk on the side of the road, choose the side where you are facing oncoming traffic. This gives you the best chance to see traffic approaching closest to you and take evasive action if necessary.

Cross Safely: Look both ways before crossing any street. Make eye contact with any drivers who may be turning. Give them a wave. Make sure they see you.

Walk Single File: Unless you are on a sidewalk separate from the road, you should walk single file. This is especially important on a road with lots of curves. While is can be enjoyable to walk down the road two or three abreast chatting merrily, drivers don't expect it.

Stay aware of bikes and runners: Share the road and path with bikes and runners. Bike riders should alert you when approaching from behind with a bike bell or a "passing on the left/right." Listen for them.

Be Visible: Wear bright colors when walking in daytime. When walking at night wear light-colored clothing and reflective clothing or reflective vest to be visible.

Hang Up and Eyes Up: Chatting or texting while walking is as dangerous as doing that while driving. You are distracted and not as aware of your environment. You are less likely to recognize traffic danger, passing joggers and bikers or tripping hazards. Potential criminals can also see you as a distracted easy target.

When walking your pet: keep your pet on the side away from traffic so that they don't accidently dart into the roadway.





BE BEAR AWARE

It's springtime, which means bears are now crawling out of hibernation dens in search of food. Many areas within the RMWB are in bear territory, so we need to be aware. Below are a few key safety points to keep in mind:

- · Never feed wildlife.
- Dispose of waste in proper waste receptacles.
- Make noise so bears can hear you coming talk, sing or give a shout out when approaching a blind corner.
- Don't wear headphones or anything that will interfere with your ability to detect nearby wildlife.
- Be aware of your surroundings (situational awareness).
- Watch for signs of bear activity such as tracks or scat.
- · Consider carrying air hom or bear bells.
- Do not take pictures.
- Refrain from picking garbage in areas that have had recent bear sightings.
- Be extra aware during early morning and evening hours.
- Leash your dogs.

If you encounter a bear,

- Back away slowly and cautiously, but do not turn your back
- Stay calm
- Do not run
- · Give the bear space
- Use an air horn, whistle or other bear deterrents
- Stay close to those you are with
- Talk calmly
- Wave arms slowly
- Avoid eye contact
- Leave the area

Situational awareness is not a skill; it's a mindset of being aware of your surroundings.







Wood Buffalo Victim Services provides victims of crime and trauma with support, information and referrals based on their needs. The intent is to ease the crisis and help them return to stability.

Why should victims of crime and trauma contact us?

Our support workers are empathetic listeners. They will give you information to help you make decisions that are best for you and your circumstances. Part of our role is to make sure you are treated fairly. You have rights under the *Alberta Victims of Crime Act*.

Please call or email to speak to a support worker. We can arrange to meet in your community.

Wood Buffalo Victim Services

Phone: 780-788-4250

Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

Email: victim.services@rmwb.ca



Nominate a Senior



Do you know a local senior (60+) who goes above and beyond for their community?

Do they support other seniors and community members through volunteering?

Nominate them for the 2024 Senior of the Year!

Nominations can be made online or by picking up nomination forms in person at Wood Buffalo Regional Library.



Nominations close May 15.

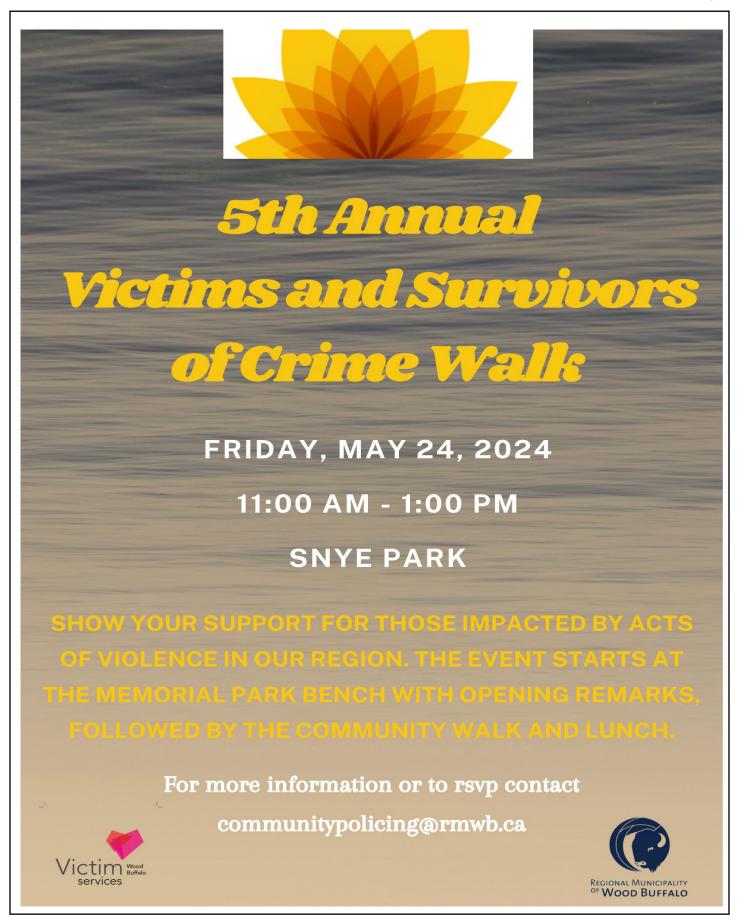
Senior of the Year is presented by:















IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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

To submit information to the newsletter please email:

ruralnewsletters@rmwb.ca

Deadline for June Newsletter submissions:

May 24, 2024



COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Smile Cookie Week &	2	MMIWG2S: Red Dress Workshop, Girls Inc. 10-2:30 PM Unifor Building	Mother's Day Market Composite High School 10:00-3:00 PM
5	6	Ageless and Unstoppable Line Dancing Mac Island 1:00-1:50 PM	8	9	Job Planning Workshop Keyano College 10:00 - 12:00 PM	Afternoon Tea Heritage Village 1:00-4:00 PM
Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	Trivia Night Tavern on Main 7:30 PM	Zulu Challenge 190 Tamarack Way 10:00-12:00 PM
19	Victoria Day Municipal Office Closed	21	22	Chew for Charity Golf Tournament Fort McMurray Golf Club 12:00 PM	5 th Annual Victims and Survivors of Crime Walk Snye Park 11:00- 1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	Northern Lights Health Foundation Spring Fling Shell Place 6:00 PM
Queen: It's A Kinda Magic Keyano Theatre 7:00 PM	27	28	29	30	31 Fort McMurray Shrine Club and Ronal McDonald House Golf Tournament 1 Real Martin Drive	

