

# SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



## October 2023

# SAPRAE CREEK ESTATES SEWER PROGRAM

**Apply to connect by Oct. 20!**



As colder temperatures approach, all new construction work to connect homes to municipal infrastructure will be on hold as of **Oct. 20**.

Over the winter, you may still start your RWSS application and continue making arrangements to connect your home.

New contractor quotes should be submitted in the spring ahead of the 2024 construction season to ensure quotes are accurate and still valid.

## Have approved permits in place?



Work with an **approved permit** already in place can be completed after Oct. 20 as long as your contractor follows all applicable cold weather procedures to meet design guidelines and specifications.

## 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.

## Ready to submit your application?



Apply now at [rmwb.ca/rwss](https://rmwb.ca/rwss) or at your local municipal office!



## Share your feedback for a new Solid Waste Management Plan

### Take the survey by Oct. 31 and enter to win!

Let's have more talk, and less trash. What are your thoughts on current garbage and recycling services? What types of programs would you like to see in the future? Your feedback will provide valuable insight that will help shape the new Solid Waste Management Plan.

Take the survey today at [rmwb.ca/participate](https://rmwb.ca/participate).

#### **Weigh in and win!**

Complete the survey by Oct. 31 and enter for a chance to win one of five \$100 gift cards to the Peter Pond Mall. Contest winners can also choose to have an optional tour of the municipal landfill facility and take home a Green Cone (organics digester to compost your organic waste).

How can I complete the survey?

- Online at [participate.rmwb.ca/swmp](https://participate.rmwb.ca/swmp).
- Hard copies of the survey are available at rural Municipal Offices.
- Call Pulse - 780-743-7000

#### **Why do we need a Solid Waste Management Plan?**

In Wood Buffalo, we send approximately 85,000 metric tonnes of garbage to the landfills each year. Waste composition studies show that over 70% of that garbage can be recycled or composted. An established Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) will guide how trash and recycling is managed for years to come and work to accomplish these goals.

Learn more about this project, upcoming public presentations and how your feedback will help improve solid waste management at [rmwb.ca/participate](https://rmwb.ca/participate).

Get  
Involved!



### Apply to serve on a RWMB Board or Committee.

The following boards and committees are now accepting applications until **October 23**:

- Assessment Review Board
- Combative Sports Commission
- Community Identification Committee
- Communities in Bloom Committee
- Community Standards Appeal Committee
- Fort McMurray Airport Authority
- Public Art Committee
- Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion Diversity and Equity
- Regional Recreation Corporation Board
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board
- Wood Buffalo Library Board
- Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation
- Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee
- Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee
- Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee
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Membership requirements vary. To learn more, view the positions descriptions for each committee or board that has vacancies at [rmwb.ca/boards](http://rmwb.ca/boards).

#### Information sessions in October:

The Municipality is hosting two information sessions where community members can speak with RMWB representatives about the opportunities available on various boards and committees. The sessions will be held on October 2 and 4 at 6 p.m. on the first floor, Jubilee Building, 9909 Franklin Ave.



## Nominate someone for COUNCIL'S EXCELLENCE AWARDS!

Online nominations accepted until October 30

If you know someone who continually gives back to the community, take a moment to nominate them for Council's Excellence Awards. Submit a nomination and learn more at [rmwb.ca/excellence](http://rmwb.ca/excellence).

Council's Excellence Awards include four categories:

### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes an individual or group of individuals who has made outstanding contributions to the community as a volunteer or professional that have improved the quality of life in the region or have brought positive recognition to the region. Contributions can be in areas such as: arts and culture, education, environment, heritage, health, social inclusion, or any other area that contributes to the advancement and well-being of a community.

### EVERYDAY HERO

This award recognizes an individual or group of individuals that has displayed heroic qualities during extraordinary circumstances. The everyday hero is dedicated to improving the lives of those around them, demonstrates selflessness through random acts of kindness and is making a positive impact in the region.

### INDIGENOUS ADVOCATE

This award recognizes an individual or group of individuals who has made significant contributions to Indigenous communities in the region.

### YOUTH

This award recognizes a youth or group of youths whose exceptional achievements have improved the quality of life in the region or have brought positive recognition to the region. The focus shall be on relevant leadership or volunteer contributions, extracurricular and community involvement. Candidates must be between 15-34 years as of December 31, 2022.



# Bear Bins survey reminder

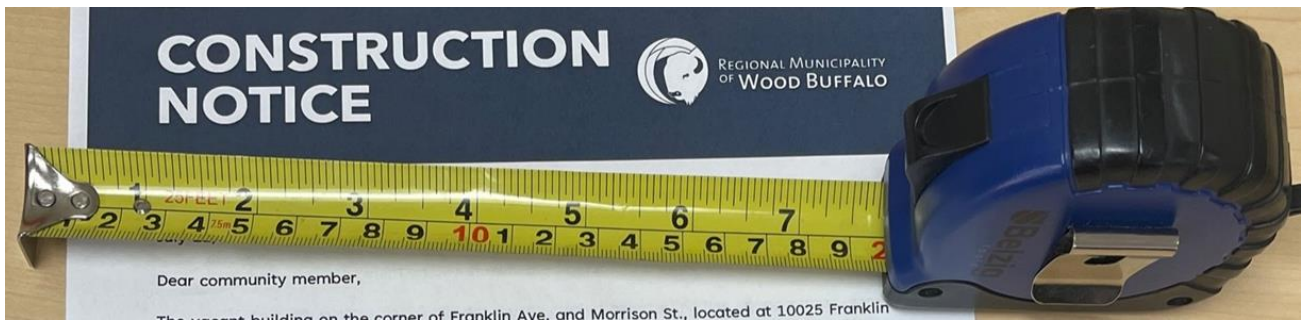


Now you've had your bins for a few weeks, we'd love to know what you think! Getting feedback will help us to work out any issues you may be having and hopefully enable us to extend this program to other areas of the municipality.

To take the survey, scan the QR code on top of your bin (also included here) or visit [rmwb.ca/bearbins](http://rmwb.ca/bearbins)

For any further questions about your bins, call Pulse 780-743-7000





# Construction Communication Survey

## ***How did communication measure up this season?***

Construction season runs from mid-May to mid-October, and there are many ways that the Municipality distributes information about projects in progress across the region.

Share feedback on construction communication until **November 3** at [rmwb.ca/participate](https://rmwb.ca/participate).

### **What is construction communication?**

The Municipality uses a variety of channels to provide ongoing updates to keep residents informed about construction – **including this newsletter!**

Other examples include printed and online notices, interactive maps, email notifications, project signs, advertisements, social media, and more.

### **Participate until November 3**

Complete a survey, quick poll, or point out feedback using the map tool at [rmwb.ca/participate](https://rmwb.ca/participate).

# 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 it 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 accidentally dart into the roadway.



# School Bus Safety Tips

Motorists (ATVs too!) need to respect the flashing lights on a school bus, which create a safety zone for children around the vehicle and are often the children's only defense when they get on or off the bus. Motorists should remember the following when approaching a school bus:

- Watch out for alternation flashing amber lights, which means a school bus is slowing to stop where students will either be getting on or off the bus
- **Slow down and stop** when the school bus activated its alternating flashing red lights. This means you **MUST STOP** whether you are approaching an on coming bus or following one. (The only exception to this rule is when the bus is on a two-way highway)
- Proceed only when the red lights on the bus have stopped flashing
- Watch for school uses loading and unloading children, even if the lights aren't flashing
- Be on the lookout for children crossing the road.



# POVERTY & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

OCTOBER 16-22, 2023



## WHAT IS IT?

The Wood Buffalo Poverty Reduction Network (PRN) spearheads the Poverty and Homelessness awareness campaign every year. This is the campaign's fifth year, and the local theme is "Hidden All Around Us."

## PURPOSE



Through this week's activities and events, PRN seeks to educate the public that Poverty and Homelessness are all around us;

And to encourage action (s) to alleviate poverty and end Homelessness

## POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR AGENCY TO LOOK INTO INCLUDE:



- Speeches, lectures, presentations, and media releases
- The public rally, meeting, forum, seminar, workshop, discussion
- Information stalls, Training sessions, cooking demonstrations,
- Publication launch, information kit, school project, campaign
- Film night Festival, art competition, concert, fundraiser
- Barbecue, breakfast, tea, lunch, dinner, reception, children's entertainment, award
- Toy drive, clothing drive, food drive. Meal service

## HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

Please contact Martin Byaruhanga at [Martin.Byaruhanga@rmwb.ca](mailto:Martin.Byaruhanga@rmwb.ca)  
T : 780-743-7978 | 780-713-1152

## DATE & TIMES



Poverty & Homelessness awareness week will run from October 16-22

You can follow the Wood Buffalo Poverty Reduction Network- Facebook page!



## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>PULSE (MUNICIPAL SWITCH BOARD)</b>	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	
<b>FISH &amp; WILDLIFE</b>	780-743-7200		
<b>HEALTH LINK</b>	811		
<b>ALL EMERGENCIES</b>	911	 @RMWOODBUFFALO	
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To submit information to the newsletter please email:  
 Koralee.samaroden@rmwb.ca

Deadline for NOVEMBER Newsletter submissions:  
 October 25, 2023

# COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 	7
8	9 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 	10	11	12	13 	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 	21 YMM Pumpkin & Planes Family Fun Event 12:00pm Fort McMurray Airport
22	23	24	25	26	27 	28 The Graveyard Gala 8:00pm Centerfire place
29	30	31 <b>Halloween</b> 				