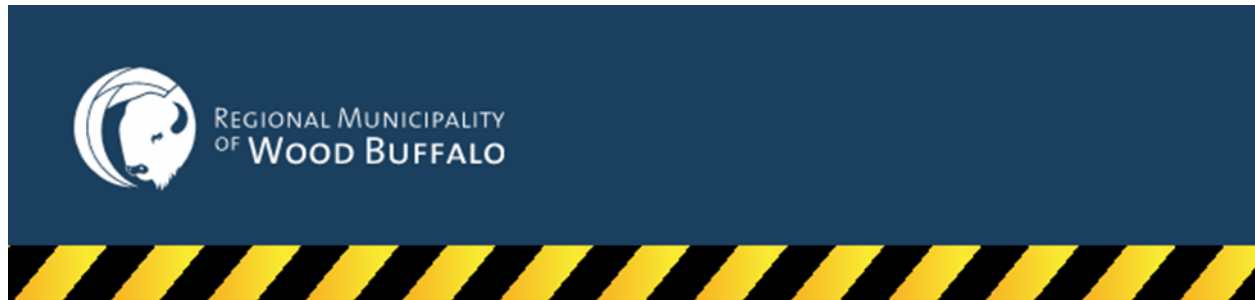


SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2023



- 1. Project Name:** Saprae Creek Pedestrian Trail Upgrade - Design & Construction
Project Phase: Design
Current Status: Design in progress.
Next Steps: Complete design.
Expected Project Completion Date: Design expected to be complete by fourth quarter of 2023.
- 2. Project Name:** Saprae Creek Trail Rehabilitation *Contract 3 – Culvert Rehabilitation*
Project Phase: Construction
Current Status: Contract executed. Meeting and planning has begun.
Next Steps: Start construction by mid-August.
Expected Project Completion Date: End of October 2023.
- 3. Project Name:** Saprae Creek Culvert, Ditches and Drainage Improvement
Project Phase: Design
Current Status: Evaluate proposals from RFP process and choose consultant.
Next Steps: Award contract to the consultant.
Expected Project Completion Date: October 2023.
- 4. Project Name:** Saprae Creek Estates Lift Station – Odour Control System Installation
Project Phase: Construction
Current Status: The Municipality has hired SeNa Construction to install a permanent Odour Control System at the Saprae Creek Estates Lift Station. This infrastructure will support rural water and sewer service.
Next Steps: A temporary odour control system will be in place until the new permanent system is ready for connection. Minimal odour release is expected during a short shutdown while switching over from the temporary system to the permanent system.
Expected Project Completion Date: October 31, 2023.

For more information, please visit rmwb.ca/construction and subscribe for email updates directly to your inbox.

RMWB Public Notices

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo website has information available at your fingertips for all public notices including:

- Public Hearings
- Development Permits
- Notices of Special Meetings
- Regulatory Information
- Land Use Bylaw Amendments
- Annual Tax Auction
- Community Standards Appeal Committee
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

In September, there are several public hearings taking place where you can register as a delegate including:

- [Bylaw 23/016 Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan](#)
- [Bylaw 23/017 Amendment to City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan Bylaw No. 12/003](#)
- [Land Use Bylaw Amendment to Facilitate Electronic Advertising/Public Notices](#)

For more information on Public Notices and how to subscribe for regular updates visit rmwb.ca/publicnotices.

SAPRAE CREEK ESTATES SEWER PROGRAM

This month, we're highlighting some of the frequently asked questions we've received from residents who are curious about the connection process.

Can I still use my existing system? Is it mandatory to connect to the new system?

- Connecting to the new system is not mandatory – but it is highly recommended!
- After the five-year connection window ends in your community, you'll be responsible for trucked water delivery and wastewater collection. And, if you do decide to connect to the new system, you'll be responsible for the **full cost**.

Why connect?

- Say goodbye to water delivery and septic pick-ups.
- Increase the value of your property.
- Take advantage of flexible payment terms.

Are there payment options?

- Yes! Instead of paying a lump-sum payment at the time of installation, you can follow a payment plan through your bi-monthly utility bill with 0% interest spread out over a period of 25 years.

Apply now!

Start your application process today by visiting rmwb.ca/rwss.

Have questions? Need help with your application? Contact us through **Pulse** at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.

Wood Buffalo Senior's Social

Come join us on September 26th for our seniors social in Fort McKay!

We will have bingo, door prizes, a free lunch, and a photo booth!



Transportation available!

When: 12:30-3:00pm, September 26th

Where: Fort McKay Band Hall

To register, Contact:

Fort McKay/Fort McMurray: Olivia 780-792-1892

Janvier: Melissa 780-559-2230

Conklin: Wendy 780-559-2235

468/GLE/Anzac: Viola 780-334-2298



*National Day for
Truth and Reconciliation*

Join us for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Community Gathering and Walk

Thursday, September 28, 2023

10 a.m.

Kiyām Community Park, Fort McMurray.

In discussion with Indigenous partners, the event will be held on September 28 to ensure as many people as possible can participate.

We encourage everyone to use September 30 as a day of reflection.



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**RES
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

Saturday, Sept. 23
9 a.m. to noon
Fire Hall #1 Downtown
(2 Tolen Drive, across from Lions Park)

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Join us for some family fun, displays, food and much more:

- September 23, 2023,
- 9 a.m. to noon

- Downtown Fire Hall #1
- 2 Tolen Drive, (across from Lions Park)

Free event — All are welcome

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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.



Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast



September 2, 2023

9:00am-11:00am

Saprae Creek Firehall

The Saprae Creek Fire Department is hosting their annual pancakes breakfast. Meet the volunteer fire personnel and tour the fire station and trucks.

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
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!



Be *BearSmart* at home

- Never leave food out for wildlife.
- Always keep your garbage in a garage or in a bear-resistant container until it can be removed from your property.
- Remove bird feeders from your yard between April and October. Clean up spilled bird seed regularly.
- Store pet food indoors and bring in pet dishes overnight.
- Thoroughly clean barbecues after each use and store them in a garage.
- Cover compost piles with soil or lime or use an indoor compost.
- Ensure that all fruit and berries are removed from trees and shrubs as early as possible.
- Talk to your neighbours about being BearSmart at home.
- If there's a bear in your community, call the nearest Fish and Wildlife office at 310-0000 or, after business hours, the Report a Poacher line at 1-800-642-3800.



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Stay Ahead of the Curb

On Construction

Construction Season: May - October

Construction season is starting. Stay up to date and learn about projects in your community.

Check out two online options for your construction toolbox:

- **Construction Map** - View a map of our region, scroll to, or click on bookmarks to find your community. Click on highlighted lines to learn about each project.
- **Subscribe to Construction Updates** - Choose your neighbourhood or community and sign up to get emails when construction notices and updates are posted online.

Get the tools you need for construction season at rmwb.ca/construction

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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Real answers every time, all the time.

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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	 @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

Deadline for OCTOBER newsletter submissions:

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 	2 Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast Sapræ Firehall
3	4 Labour Day Municipal Office Closed	5	6	7	8 	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 	16 ATC Cultural Festival
17 ATC Cultural Festival	18	19	20	21	22 	23 RES Pancake Breakfast
24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 Wood Buffalo Senior's Social	27	28 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Community Gathering and walk	29 	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 