



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

November 2023

Sometimes snow news is good news. And it's the perfect time to be "in the snow" about public engagement happening around the region. For the first time ever, you have a chance to "[Name that Plow](#)" as part of a contest to name six winter maintenance vehicles: two graders, two front-end loaders and two big snowplows. Don't get left out in the cold! Submit your name suggestions by November 8.



The next [Neighbourhood Engagement Series](#) event will be on November 30. We'll be visiting Timberlea, but the event is open to residents of all communities and neighbourhoods. There will be more opportunities in 2024, and we look forward to connecting with you at an engagement event soon!

Don't forget to subscribe to [Participate Wood Buffalo \(rmwb.ca/participate\)](https://rmwb.ca/participate), and stay in the snow about public engagement.



[Name that Plow](#) Do you want a shot at naming municipal winter maintenance equipment? Take part in the first-ever '[Name That Plow](#)' contest – held in partnership with Mix 103.7 and 100.5 Cruz FM. Submit your name ideas by November 8 for a chance to give some personality to six of the impressive machines that keep Fort McMurray's streets clear of ice and snow. After submissions close, a shortlist of the best names will be created for the community to vote on later in November.



Neighbourhood Engagement Series

Looking for a way to give feedback? Share your concerns and priorities with us at the upcoming Neighbourhood Engagement Series. The RMWB will be in Timberlea November 30, at Christina Gordon Public School. Grab a meal, connect with your neighbours, and let us know what matters most to you! Unable to attend? No worries! You can still share your feedback online by visiting rmwb.ca/participate.

All neighbourhoods welcome!

In-person: November 30, 4 – 6 p.m. at Christina Gordon School

Online: November 16 – 30 rmwb.ca/participate

What we heard!

Click [here](#) for the full library of *What We Heard* Reports.

Wood Buffalo Way Drainage Improvements

From August 21 until September 11 residents and property owners of Wood Buffalo Way were invited to learn more and share feedback about upcoming construction work and how it may impact their property. Specifically, we were looking for feedback from residents and property owners about experiences with overland drainage along Wood Buffalo Way. Discussion focused on issues to do with culverts, dips in road, driveways, landscaping and trees, water flow, and water pooling. Feedback has been shared with the project team to consider in the design solution for drainage improvements along Wood Buffalo Way.

Neighbourhood Engagement in Ptarmigan Court

August 29 & 30 residents from across Fort McMurray were invited to join the public engagement team and subject matter experts for a burger and lemonade in Ptarmigan Court. The top themes emerging were enforcement, safety and RMWB maintenance of our roads, greenspaces, parks and trails. Other concerns raised



include the amount of sea cans in Waterways, erosion concerns in Ptarmigan Court and increased illegal dumping on Tower Road.

Engagement at Fall Trade Show

September 22-24, we popped up at the Fall Trade Show and Artisan Market to share information about ways people can take an active role in the community and to answer questions, obtain feedback, and form connections. Residents had the opportunity to register for news and alerts updates. The top four of interest included river breakup; getting involved and learning about events in the community; employment opportunities, and bylaw and animal services.

Neighbourhood Engagement in Parsons Creek

The public engagement team joined neighbours from Parsons Creek on September 27. Fifty people attended the engagement in person and fourteen residents engaged online at rmwb.ca/participate. Residents shared safety concerns and desire to get a traffic assessment on Callen & Heritage Drive and Blackburn & Heritage Drive, requested more up to date communication when winter maintenance zones are missed, provided new amenity requests, and expressed ideas about ways the neighbourhood could be developed.

Gregoire Skate Park

Earlier in the year, Greely Road School students made a presentation to Council requesting a skate park in Gregoire. To understand broader community interest in this potential project and support the decision-making process, residents were invited to participate by identifying their opinion on the potential new skate park and design preferences. The top themes identified include safety, diversified skill level and age, design preferences, builder experience, and equal community amenities. A decision has not yet been made on this project – but you can stay up to date by visiting rmwb.ca/participate.



Thanks!

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts on how we can make Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo an even greater place to call home.

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