



WHAT WE HEARD FROM JUNE NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENTS

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We humbly acknowledge that the land on which we live, learn, work and play is Treaty 8 Territory, the traditional and ancestral lands of the Cree, Dene, and unceded territory of the Métis.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Neighbourhood Engagements are opportunities to share information from the Municipality, have discussion about the topics that matter most to residents, and talk about ways we can work together to create more vibrant, healthy, and inclusive neighbourhoods. In June we set out to Gregoire to host a Neighbourhood Engagement at Greely Road School.

The June series was set in Gregoire due to a motion passed by Council for Administration to review and bring back a report regarding the potential of a skate park in Gregoire. Public engagement was identified to strengthen this report by including community sentiment on this suggested project. In addition, we had information to follow up with from the March Neighbourhood Engagement held in Gregoire along with municipal project updates to share with community members.

OVERVIEW

In June we held one Neighbourhood Engagement at Greely Road School. This was an open space meeting set outside in the Greely Road School parking lot. Information was presented cafeteria-style allowing residents to choose which station to participate in. The format was a drop-in style event where residents could stay as long as they like and converse with onsite subject matter experts. A barbeque, music playing, and recreational equipment was set up on the sport fields which created a relaxed and inviting environment for residents to provide feedback and ask questions on topics relevant and important to them.

We asked for feedback and community sentiment regarding the potential skate park in Gregoire. The school principal Christopher Organ, and the schoolteacher that supported the children presenting at Council as well as the RMWB Parks team were present to welcome families and answer questions.

In the March Neighbourhood Engagement Series Gregoire residents requested the return of their recycling bin at Fire Hall 2. We were happy to report that the return of the recycling bin was underway. In addition to asking participants what is important to them, we provided an update on the construction of the Gregoire storm outfall structure, which will upgrade the storm drainage system and reduce the risk of flooding in the area. A map of project upgrades, and construction notices were on hand and facilitators encouraged residents to sign up to receive construction updates. A member from the RCMP was also on site to educate residents and answer law enforcement questions.

PARTICIPANTS

The following participants were invited to participate in the June Neighbourhood Engagement:

1. Greely Road School
2. Gregoire residents
3. Gregoire businesses
4. The public

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

- ✓ Participate Wood Buffalo
- ✓ Door hangers
- ✓ Community posters and signs
- ✓ Electronic traffic signs
- ✓ Direct contact with stakeholders
- ✓ Facebook Event
- ✓ Participate Wood Buffalo Newsletter
- ✓ Greely Road School communication channels with parents

ENGAGEMENT TACTICS



- In- Person Open Space Meeting
- Online Survey (available in print or through Pulse phone support)



65

Online Visits to RMWB Engagement Portal

87

Total Participants

81

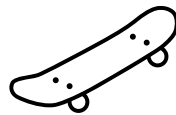
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KEY THEMES

Please find the below themes that were brought forward by participants in the June engagements through conversations, inquiries and news and alerts subscriptions.



**ROADS &
SIDEWALKS**



**PARKS &
RECREATION**



ENFORCEMENT



WE PROVIDED UPDATES ON

- Construction
- Recycling Bin

WHAT WE ASKED AND PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

What's important to you?

The public engagement team is always trying to learn and understand topics that are important for residents to provide feedback. This was presented as a display board for residents to share topics, projects, or subjects that matter to them.

PARTICIPANTS FEEDBACK:

- Interested in OHV staging area in Gregoire.
To learn more about the OHV use and staging areas visit [here](#).
- More patrol at the Gregoire Playgrounds, concerns around children safety and dogs off leash.
Please call Bylaw, 780-743-7000 or toll free 1-800-973-9663 any time you have concerns with safety on playgrounds, trails, or dog parks. This number is monitored 24/7.
- A place for youth to play together within Gregoire.
Please subscribe to the [Gregoire Skate Park | Participate Wood Buffalo \(rmwb.ca\)](#) page to receive updates on opportunities to voice your feedback.
- Garbage and Recycling
For information on all things garbage and recycling please visit our [Garbage and Recycling Service page](#).
- Sidewalks on the roads near the park
Please submit road and sidewalk maintenance requests to [Pulse](#). Pulse inquiries are tracked and sent to the team member that can support you with answers, explain process and request maintenance.
- Leaving school zone on Greely speed limit drops to 25 km/h. There is not a sign.
The end of the school zone on Greely Road marks the end of Municipal land, the rest of Greely Road is on privatized land. Road signs here would need to be put in place by the local condominium association. Signage requirements are under the jurisdiction of [Alberta Transportation](#).

Please report speeding within the Gregoire Mobile Home Park to Bylaw 780-743-7000 or toll free 1-800-973-9663.

[Bylaw 02/079 5.10](#): No person shall operate a vehicle in excess of twenty-five kilometers per hour on any highway within the Gregoire Mobile Home Park as outlined in Schedule 1 attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw. (BL 07/045)

- Can the green space behind Gregoire be developed into a community space?
Please submit a [Pulse inquiry](#). Pulse inquiries are tracked and sent to the team member that can support you with answers and explain process. New amenities requests will be submitted to Administration for consideration for future planning.



What type of skate park elements are important to your child(ren)? E.g., ramps, stairs

This was an open-ended question, where residents could provide their own ideas and thoughts of skate park elements. Several elements were consistently provided, these include but are not limited to:

PARTICIPANTS FEEDBACK:

- Ramps
- Stairs
- Rails/bars
- Flat surfaces
- Half/quarter pipe
- Inclusive for all skill levels and ages
- Toddler area
- Bowl
- Pump track
- Security/safety
- Benches/seating
- Diversified for different gear ***e.g.,*** bikes, scooters

NEXT STEPS

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) would like to thank participants for their input. Engagement findings will be shared with the public, Administration and Council. Neighborhood engagements will continue by visiting communities throughout the year. To learn when we are coming to your community next subscribe to our newsletter at rmwb.ca/participate.

We encourage you to continue using your voice to make our region even better by learning about all current projects. Visit participate.rmwb.ca to stay connected. Thank you for participating!





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