

SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



April 2026

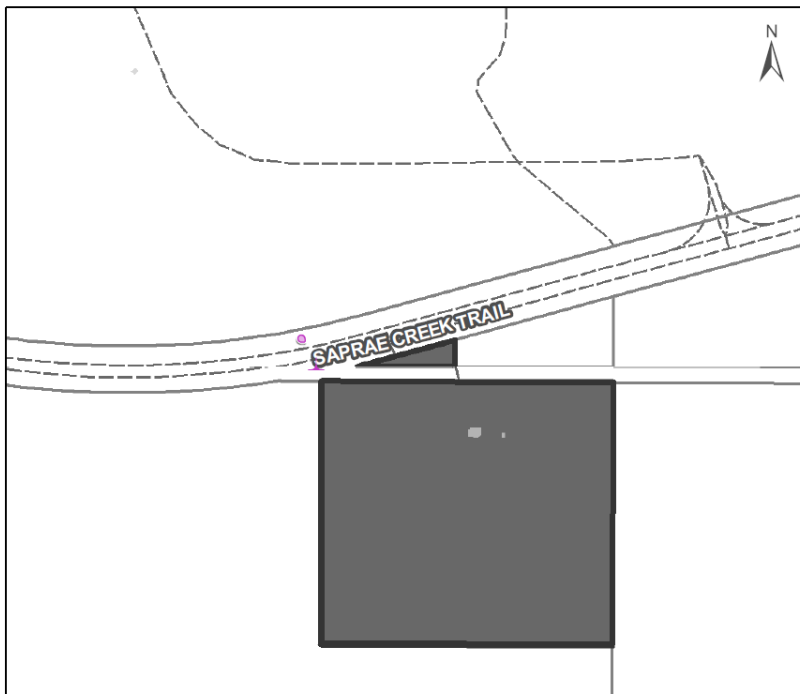


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING on April 28, 2026

TAKE NOTICE that Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber located on the 1st Floor at 9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, Alberta, regarding the following matter:

Bylaw No. 26/008 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment for Part of NW-24-88-9-4 and SW-25-88-9-4, being Disposition TCL2400001

Planning and Development Services has received an application to amend portions of lots NW-24-88-9-4 and SW-25-88-9-4, using a site-specific Land Use Amendment that proposes to add “Resort Facility” and “Retail, General” as Discretionary Uses to the UE – Urban Expansion District. The purpose of the amendment is to enable the development of an equine-based wellness and recreation destination that includes overnight guest accommodation and on-site retail activities. Under the current Land Use Bylaw, a Resort Facility may include “Retail, Convenience” as an accessory use; however, the applicant is seeking the inclusion of “Retail, General” specific to this site to better align with the development proposal.



SUBJECT AREA

LUB text amendment to Section 6.17.3 of Land Use Bylaw 26/001 to add “Resort Facility” and “Retail, General” as Discretionary Uses specific to parts of NW-24-88-9-4 and SW-25-88-9-4

A copy of all related documents may be inspected between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday by contacting:

- Planning and Development Services
(1st Floor, Jubilee Centre, Fort McMurray)
permit.inquiries@rmwb.ca
780-743-7000
- Legislative Services
(7th Floor, Jubilee Centre, Fort McMurray)
legislative.assistants@rmwb.ca
780-743-7001
- Viewing on the Municipality’s website at www.rmwb.ca/publicnotices.

Participating in the Public Hearing:

- **If you would like to appear in-person before Council during the Public Hearing:**
 - You may register with Legislative Services prior to **12:00 noon, Monday, April 20, 2026, or prior to the start of the Public Hearing in the Council Chamber:**
 - Register on-line at <https://forms.rmwb.ca/Mayor-and-Council/Public-Hearing>; or
 - Email Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca; or
 - Call Legislative Services at 780-743-7001.
 - Your registration must include your full name, organization name (if required), address, telephone number, email address and clearly indicate support or opposition to the bylaw.
- **If you would like to make a written submission for Council's consideration at the Public Hearing:**
 - You must submit any written materials to the Chief Legislative Officer prior to **12:00 noon, Monday, April 20, 2026.**
 - Submit on-line at <https://forms.rmwb.ca/Mayor-and-Council/Public-Hearing>
 - Email Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca.
 - Your submission must include your full name, organization name (if required), address, telephone number, email address and clearly indicate support or opposition to the bylaw.
 - It is at Council's discretion to accept submissions from those who have not submitted a request prior to the above noted timeline. Subject to Council's consent to speak at the Public Hearing, anyone who wishes to also distribute written material at the time of their presentation should bring 15 copies of their material for distribution.

We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. If you require an accommodation to participate, please include the details in your request to participate. Advanced notice is required as some accommodations can take time to arrange.

Please note written submissions are considered public documents, any information and materials you submit to Council for their consideration at the Public Hearing is added in its entirety to the agenda package, which is made available to the public and posted on the Municipality's website. Verbal submissions will have a maximum of 5 minutes to address Council. All submissions to the Public Hearing must be received prior to, or during, the Public Hearing. Submissions cannot be made following the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

DATED at Fort McMurray, Alberta this 25 day of March 2026.

Jade Brown
Chief Legislative Officer
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
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Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4
Phone: (780) 743-7001
Fax: (780) 743-7028
Email: Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca



Saprae Creek Drainage Program

Complete the survey today!

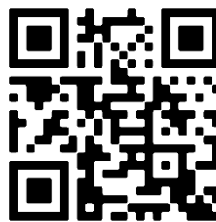
The RMWB is aware of historic drainage issues within your community, particularly along drainage easements on or near private properties.

The survey is intended to gather input from residents on current drainage conditions, including any issues experienced, their location and the factors that may be affecting drainage.

Your feedback will help guide future improvements and ensure solutions reflect community needs while minimizing impacts to private property.

Have questions? Contact Pulse at 780-743-7000.

Scan the QR code or visit rmwb.ca/drainage_survey



CALL FOR STREET BANNER ARTWORK



Everyday Heroism, Local Legends

Artists 12 years and older are encouraged to submit artwork that showcases everyday heroism in Wood Buffalo and your work could be displayed on street banners throughout the region!

Submission deadline: May 21, 2026

Contact your Municipal office
or online at rmwb.ca/banner



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

Nominations opening for the 2026 Indigenous Sports Gallery on April 7

Celebrate youth athletes, community builders and local legends by submitting a nomination

The Municipality is looking for nominations of local First Nation and Métis athletes, community builders and local legends to be part of the 2026 Indigenous Sports Gallery as it travels around the region for public display.

The gallery is intended to inspire youth and celebrate the story of Indigenous athletes and their ongoing contributions to sport in the region. Nominations are open from April 6 to May 4.

The Wood Buffalo 2023 Arctic Winter Games created a travelling indigenous sports gallery to honour the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's [Call to Action 87](#). The RMWB carried this legacy forward in 2024 with its own Indigenous Sports Gallery and will be hosting a new 2026 gallery exhibition this summer.

Selected nominees will be celebrated at an induction ceremony, with the gallery later travelling around the region for public display. The ceremony location will be announced at a later date.

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, 2025.

Youth Athlete nomination

- Between 8 – 18 years old, as of April 1, 2025.
- Makes a positive contribution to their community and is devoted to sport.
- Demonstrates active participation and has 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 their 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 within their community and contributed to the development of sport.

How to nominate

Fill out the form online at rmwb.ca/sportsgallery when nominations open on April 7.
The nomination deadline is May 4.

Nominators should be prepared to describe their nominee’s sporting achievements and community contributions in detail. Nominees will be selected for recognition in the gallery by a sharing circle of local community members.

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.





Wood Buffalo Senior Social

Join us for an afternoon of
lunch, bingo, music and
prizes!

Where: Anzac Rec Centre

Time: 12-3 PM

Date: May 7th 2026

FREE TO ATTEND!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

TO REGISTER:

FORT MCMURRAY/MCKAY/CONKLIN:

780-559-2235

ANZAC/468/GLE: 780-334-2298

JANVIER: 780-559-2230

**RSVP DEADLINE: APRIL
15TH**

Rural Water & Sewer Service

Hiring a certified contractor

A certified contractor must be selected from the [Alberta Municipal Affairs Private Sewage System Installer Certification List](#).

The following local contractors have been certified by Alberta Municipal Affairs as of July 2024:

Contractor	Contact information
B Mac Underground Services Ltd.	780-742-9848
Best Choice Plumbing, Heating and Wastewater Solutions	780-799-6267
Call First Plumbing & Heating	780-880-4726
Consun Contracting Ltd.	780-743-3163
H Wilson Industries (2010) Ltd.	780-743-1881
NC Transport & Equipment	780-713-1169
Parker Drainage and Waterproofing	780-799-0723
Qalipu Enterprises	780-598-4933
Rob Ryan Construction Inc.	780-799-6434
SENA Constructors Inc.	780-747-9664
Sureway Construction Management Ltd.	780-743-4788
Wellingdale Group Inc.	780-607-1431
Wood Buffalo Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	780-974-0521

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.

New year, new Land Use Bylaw!



As of Jan. 1, 2026, Land Use Bylaw (No. 26/001) is now in effect.

So, what does this mean for residents, businesses, and developers?

Whether you're planning a home business, building a garage, developing a secondary suite, or putting up a sign, the new Land Use Bylaw outlines what's permitted and how to get started.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/LandUseBylaw.

Have questions?

With the 2026 construction season just around the corner, we know you may have some questions – and we're here to help!

The RMWB Planning and Development team is available to answer them and walk you through the new bylaw. Call Pulse to connect with a planner.

Stay up to date on services, news, and projects in your community!

You may have noticed a refreshed look for **rmwb.ca** last month.



The new website provides a more reliable and user-friendly way to keep informed and connected.

Key changes include an improved mobile-friendly design and enhanced accessibility.

We've also streamlined the subscription process.

News, alerts, updates and more

Stay ahead of what's happening around your neighbourhood: get timely news delivered straight to your email inbox by subscribing to municipal updates.

Pick and choose the categories you're interested in:

- Municipal News (News Releases)
- Emergency Alerts
- Winter Maintenance Zones
- Construction: Fort McMurray – North of the Bridge
- Construction: Fort McMurray – South of the Bridge
- Construction: Rural Communities – North of Fort McMurray
- Construction: Rural Communities – South of Fort McMurray
- Fort Chipewyan Winter Road
- La Loche Winter Trail
- Legislated Public Notices
- River Breakup Community Updates

Subscribe for updates at **rmwb.ca/subscribe**.

If you're having trouble finding municipal information on our website, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or rmwb.ca/pulse.

Rural Sharing Network

Connecting services, strengthening rural communities

The Rural Sharing Network brings together community organizations and service providers to build relationships, share information and collaborate on services for rural residents across the RMWB.

By participating, you can:

- Learn about programs and services available in each rural community
- Build connections with other agencies and community organizations
- Help identify community needs and service gaps
- Work together to improve supports for rural residents

Who can join?

- Non-profit and social profit organizations
- Government and municipal services
- Other service providers working in RMWB

Want to get involved?

If you represent a service provider or community organization in the RMWB that would like to join the Rural Sharing Network, please contact:

Aimee McCamon, Rural Relations Coordinator

Email: aimee.mccamon@rmwb.ca



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Rural Water Sewer Service

Why connect?

Say goodbye to water deliveries and septic pick-ups! Once connected, deliveries and pick-ups will no longer be required at your property.

Flexible payment plan: **\$105 at 0% interest** spread out over 25 years through your bi-monthly utility bill.

Applications can be picked up and submitted at your local municipal office.

The cost will significantly increase after the connection window closes (end of construction season).

The Municipality will no longer coordinate or subsidize water delivery and septic pick-ups.

Eligibility

Ownership-You must be registered on Title

Tax-Account-your account must be in good standing

Utility Account- your account must be in good standing.

Historical Indigenous Residential Land Ownership Policy:

Approved by Council on October 8, 2024

May be eligible for the transfer of land from the RMWB to an Indigenous person having historical and continuing connection to a parcel of land

If a resident has resided on and used a parcel of land long-term, they may be eligible.

Getting Started!

1. Choose your certified contractor
2. Complete your application form.
3. Submit your application fee.

Have questions?

Visit rmwb.ca/rwss or connect with us through **Pulse** at 780-743-7000.



Remember to have your bins out by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day

Stay on track with ease —check the [garbage and recycling calendar](https://www.rmwb.ca/collectioncalendar) for all collection dates visit [rmwb.ca/collectioncalendar](https://www.rmwb.ca/collectioncalendar).



What you need to know

- ✓ **Set your bins out on time** – Place them at the curb by **7:30 a.m.** on collection day.
- ✓ **Remove them the same day** – Bins **must not** be left on the street overnight.

Winter bin placement tips

Make sure your bins are placed in a clear, accessible spot. Bins blocked by snow, ice, or other obstacles may not be collected.

- ❄ Place bins **in front** of snowbanks, never on top or behind.
- ❄ Keep **one-foot** in-between bins and keep them **3 feet** from vehicles.
- ❄ Ensure bins are **firmly closed**.

Thank you for helping keep the community clean and running smoothly!



WOOD BUFFALO

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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: 780-788-4253
- Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250
- Email: restorative.justice@rmwb.ca

Get involved.

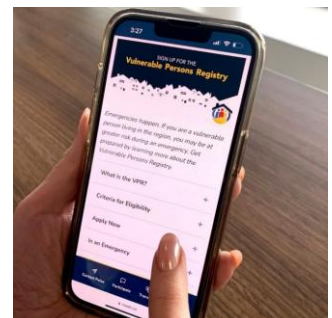
We need committed volunteers to help! Please contact us.



Emergencies happen. If you are a vulnerable person living in the region, you may be at greater risk.

Apply to be added to the Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) - a free, voluntary and confidential service for residents living at home who would be at greater risk during emergencies.

To sign up or learn more visit -
rmwb.ca/vpr



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



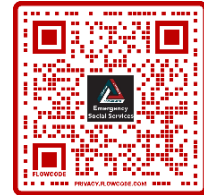
Want a presentation? Contact us if you'd like a presentation for your group, class or community at communitypolicing@rmwb.ca or call 780-788-4040 and ask for the Community Policing Coordinator.

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

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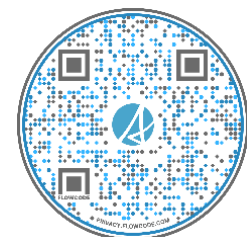
**Vulnerable
Persons
Registry**

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.



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

Step up in an emergency

Be the Helping Hand When It Matters Most - Volunteer with the Emergency Social Services team

Join a team that helps residents during an emergency or disaster.

- Build your knowledge, confidence, and experience.
- No experience required. Training will be provided.



RMWB.ca/ESSVolunteer

For more information call:

- [780-743-7000](tel:780-743-7000)
- Toll Free [1-800-973-9663](tel:1-800-973-9663)

What we do:

Emergency Social Services helps people during large emergencies or incidents in the Municipality.

Who we are:

Volunteers, community partners, and municipal employees who work together under the Emergency Management Branch of Regional Emergency Services.





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

For any questions, please contact Pulse!



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rmwb.ca/pulse

Call. Submit online.
Real answers every time, all the time.



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



Individual \$10

Tiger (under 6) \$5

Family \$30

Open Daily

9am-6pm

Check in at Guest Services

**VISTA
RIDGE**

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.



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:

Info.rr@rmwb.ca

Deadline for **May** Newsletter submissions:

April 24, 2026

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Good Friday Drop-in curling 7 – 9pm Mac Island Curling rink  	4 Drop in Gaming WB Library 1pm – 12am
5 	6 Easter Monday	7 E-Sports and STEM Camp @ Keyano 1 – 4:30pm	8 Spring Job Fair SMS Equipment place Grand Ball Room 11 – 6:30	9 Me, Myself & Cecil @ Keyano Theater 8:00pm	10 Drop in Curling MacDonald Island 7 – 9pm  	11 Youth Drop in Night (ages 11 – 17) Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre
12	13	14	15	16	17 Unmasking the lived experience of Autistic Individuals9 – 12 & 6 – 7:30 @ Autism Society  	18
19 YMM Women’s Trade Show @ MacDonald Island 1 – 5pm	20	21 Mom’s Matter @ The Hub Family Resource Centre 1 – 2pm	22 ASRMWB Annual General Meeting @ Autism Society 7 – 8:30pm	23 Boston Marriage @ Keyano Theatre 7:30 - 10pm	24 Newsletter submission deadline  	25 Youth Drop in Night (ages 11 – 17) Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre
26	27	28	29	30		