



The Insider, July 13

Find out what's new at the RMWB on July 13, 2026.

Camp Xtreme applications open until July 30

Here's an opportunity for local students interested in trying their hand at being a firefighter! Regional Emergency Services (RES) is hosting a four-day career experience, Camp Xtreme, for local students 14-18 years old. Students will practice rescues, learn about fire safety, hook up hoses to hydrants, spray fire hoses, use breathing apparatus to search a smoke-filled building, and much more.

Led by the RES Training Branch, this camp provides students an opportunity to challenge themselves, gain confidence, and help them decide if a career in public safety is for them.

Three four-day sessions will be held on:

- Aug. 4-7
- Aug. 10-14
- Aug. 17-20

The deadline to apply is July 30. [Learn more at rmwb.ca.](https://rmwb.ca)

Send completed applications to the training branch at REStraining.records@rmwb.ca or email for more information.

Need external training? We can help with that!

Did you know the Training department offers a variety of external safety training courses to help employees meet operational and legislative requirements?

Available courses include:

- Confined Space
- H2S Alive
- Fall Protection
- Elevated Work Platform
- Rigging & Overhead Crane
- Gas Detection
- Ground Disturbance
- Temporary Traffic Accommodation
- Electrical Safety Training System (ESTS)
- Fire Extinguisher
- Wildlife Awareness
- Office Ergonomics

To request training, supervisors or their designate can submit a booking request by emailing training@rmwb.ca.

Once requests are reviewed, participants are registered in the next available course, and confirmation is provided once the booking has been processed. If the training you require is not currently offered, the Training department will work with your department to explore available options. For a complete list of courses, booking instructions, and training requirements, visit the [Equipment & Technical Training intranet page](#).

Please note: Training requests that are not identified as mandatory within an employee's job description or job profile must include a business justification from the supervisor outlining the operational need for the training.

Resident question leads to a lasting tribute

In 2023, the Community Identification Committee (CIC) partnered with the Royal Canadian Legion on a project to add poppy icons to street signs for municipal roads named after veterans. The initiative helps honour local military service members and ensures their contributions remain visible within the community.

Last Remembrance Day, Strategic Communications highlighted several of these streets on social media. One resident's question, however, prompted staff to take a closer look.

The resident wondered why Hill Drive didn't feature a poppy, noting the street was named after Walter and Gladys Hill, and that Walter had been a veteran. Rather than dismissing the social media question, staff dug deeper.

Working with the Legion, members of the Community Partnerships & Initiatives team confirmed that Walter Hill served in the First World War, including at Vimy Ridge. Their research also uncovered that Walter and Gladys' son, David Hill, served during the Second World War and died while in service. Today, his name is engraved on the local cenotaph in recognition of his sacrifice.

Once the family's military service had been verified, the Roads team moved quickly. In less than a month, new Hill Drive signs featuring the poppy icon were installed.

This story is a great example of how resident feedback can lead to meaningful action. Thanks to the curiosity of one resident and the efforts of staff across Community Partnerships & Initiatives, Strategic Communications, and Roads – as well as the CIC and the Legion – a family's service and sacrifice are now more visibly recognized in the community.

Meet our Canada Day photo winners!

Thank you to all staff that submitted their favourite Canada Day photos. We loved seeing how you celebrated the day!

On-Road Inspection Event: July 13 to 17

The RMWB Safety and Compliance Officer, along with area Safety Advisors, will be conducting an On-Road Inspection Event from **July 13 to 17** at various municipal work locations. These inspections will apply to **all RMWB-owned vehicles** operating on **public roads**.

Inspections will focus on ensuring vehicles and operators meet required Alberta regulations, including:

- Valid vehicle registration (including correct registered mass)
- Current insurance cards
- Safety Fitness Certificates and Part 2 Schedules (where required)
- Completed Daily Vehicle Inspections
- Valid driver's licences

Following the inspection event, supervisors will receive a summary of inspection results. Individual reports will also be provided for any vehicles with defects requiring corrective action.

If any out of service issues are identified, the Transportation Safety Officer, vehicle operator and Fleet Maintenance team will work together to return the vehicle to service as quickly as possible.

If you have questions, please contact transportation.safety@rmwb.ca.

What's new with People Changes?

Check out some of the moves and new hires we spotted in People Changes over the last week!

Denise Makey

Please join us in welcoming **Denise Makey** to Environmental Services as the new full time clerk typist at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Denise has been with the Municipality since 2021. Her last role was with RCMP Support Services as a watch clerk.

We look forward to working with Denise in her new role!

Simplifying the People Changes process

We've streamlined the People Changes process!

- When you submit a post to People Changes, it will be posted **automatically**. No more waiting for approvals!
- We have created [templated messaging](#) for you in the updated guidelines to simplify the message writing process.

You can continue to use the [People Changes portal](#) on My RMWB. It will remain beside the Announcements tab on the intranet homepage.

Staff snapshots: Where we are & what we're up to

Batter up for community connection!

The Council Relations team joined members of Council for their Ward 1 Council Connect at the Fort McMurray Giants game on July 9, and what a home run it was!

Council traded the horseshoe for the ballpark and spent the evening connecting with residents about the issues, ideas, and opportunities that matter most to them.

Between innings, conversations, and cheering from the stands, it was a fantastic chance to engage with the community in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere while supporting our hometown Giants.

From raffle baskets and RMWB swag to tasty ballpark snacks and plenty of laughs, there was something for everyone. A highlight of the evening was residents, Councillors, and staff taking to the field to dance along to the YMCA—showing that community connection sometimes comes with a few dance moves!

Keep an eye out for more Council Connect events this fall - hope to see you at the next one!



Bringing fresh insights home from National Planning conference

Members of Planning and Development Services and Recruitment recently attended the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) FUSION 2026 conference in Montreal, joining planning professionals from across Canada and around the world to explore emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities shaping communities of the future.

Over several days of learning, networking, and discussion, the team connected with planners, industry leaders, and international peers to exchange ideas on topics ranging from evolving practices and community building to the growing role of technology and artificial intelligence in the profession.

"These discussions fuel innovation and help us bring fresh thinking back to the region."
