



## Critical Information for Social Profit Leaders 3.0

### Working Together To Support Our Social Profit Organizations Together We Are Strong

This is the third in a series of informational documents created to help and support our social profit organizations in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. FuseSocial is committed to providing helpful and timely information for you, your board, staff and volunteers<sup>1</sup>.

**Our thoughts are with each and everyone one of you. Together we will recover, and rebuild.**

### Social Profit Sector Meeting

**Why:** The social sector is required to play a critical role in the re-entry and rebuild of our community. You are invited to join with other social sector leaders to explore together how to do it, taking care about our own agencies and staff members to being planning.

**Where:** SANTA MARIA GORETTI COMMUNITY CENTRE

11050 – 90 STREET  
EDMONTON, AB. T5H 1S5  
(780-426-5026) [view map](#)

**When:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, May from 9 am to 4 pm (MDT) Coffee and Muffins at 8:30am



## The Current Situation (May 24th, 2016)

The wildfire continues to burn in the Fort McMurray area and fire conditions remain extreme. [A fire and off-highway ban](#) is in place. The following communities are under an evacuation order:

- Fort McMurray
- Anzac
- Gregoire Lake Estates
- Fort McMurray First Nation
- Fort McKay First Nation

A **boil water advisory** has been issued for the area of Fort McMurray including **Anzac, Conklin, Gregoire Lake Provincial Park, Janvier** and nearby work camps that pull water from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Water Treatment Plant, as a precautionary measure. This advisory is expected to be in place until the end of June.

Updates on [Alberta Emergency Alert](#) and the [Municipal District of Greenview website](#). Residents can receive updates on our website, and through [Red Cross](#) and here: <http://www.alberta.ca/emergency.cfm>

The Province has announced the tentative **Re-Entry Plan**, Timelines and Information to know about Re-Entry.

### 5 things need to be in place for re-entry:

- Wildfire is no longer an imminent threat to the community
- Critical infrastructure is repaired to provide basic service
- Essential services, such as fire, EMS, police and healthcare are restored to a basic level
- Hazardous areas are secure. There are 100 truckloads of fencing being sent to Fort McMurray.
- Local government is re-established

**The Timelines and Details for the Re-Entry Plan can be found here:**

<http://www.alberta.ca/emergency.cfm#reentry> and  
<http://www.rmwb.ca/News-Room/RMWB-Wildfire-Information/Wildfire-Re-Entry-Plan.htm>  
<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/wf/eph/wf-eh-returning-to-your-home.pdf>  
<http://www.redcross.ca/crc/documents/3-1-2-4-Fire-Recovery-Guide.pdf>

**The Alberta Government Suggests the Following before returning to the community:**

1. Check the **status of your property** with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's [Fire Assessment Tool](#).
  - These images provide a clearer picture to help you determine if your property was lost or damaged.
  - These images may be hard for some to view. **If you need support, please call the 24-hour Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2642.**
2. Contact your **insurance company** about what they require from you regarding information about your property and any damage it may have sustained
3. Speak with your **mortgage holder/lender** about mortgage/payment options

**Residents with the following medical conditions or situations **should not** return to the community until the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre is fully operational:**

- A chronic or acute medical condition, like asthma
- Requiring regular primary care, specialist care, laboratory, or diagnostic services
- Requiring counselling or mental health services
- More than 36 weeks pregnant or a high-risk pregnancy
- Receiving cancer treatment, dialysis, or other specialized medical services
- Requiring home care, home oxygen or home health supports
- Recently discharged from hospital or had a transplant

Read more here: <http://www.alberta.ca/emergency.cfm> and <http://www.rmwb.ca/News-Room/RMWB-Wildfire-Information/Wildfire-Re-Entry-Plan.htm>

## Fire Assessment App

This information is from the RMWB: "The tool's "Fire Map" provides an overhead view of a property before and after the wildfire. Its "Fire Report" offers detailed information on a property, including property description, damage status and detailed oblique images of all sides of a property before and after the fire. In an introduction to the Fire Assessment Tool, Mayor Melissa Blake notes: "Viewing these high-resolution images will be difficult and troubling. Some will want to see these, and some will not. I caution all citizens viewing these images to keep this in mind. No words can describe the emotions these images will convey and the devastation we have experienced."

<http://www.rmwb.ca/News-Room/RMWB-Wildfire-Information/Fire-Assessment-Tool.htm>

## Town Hall Meetings- a source of accurate and timely information.

The Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee and government representatives for an interactive question and answer sessions. Each one focusses on a current update of the fire and situation in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, along with information residents need to be aware of. Listeners have the opportunity to ask questions. The Town Hall Meetings are recorded. You may access the recordings for all Town Hall Meetings below.

Alberta Health has produced the [Health In Tough Times](#) document to provide information and support. This document can be accessed here: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/news/page13094.aspx>

**These town hall meetings are important accurate information for you, your board, staff and volunteers. The government officials answer questions live. You may listen to the recent town hall meeting here:**

**Listen to all Town Hall Meetings Here:** <https://soundcloud.com/your-alberta/sets/evacuee-telephone-town-halls>

**Listing of schedules for upcoming Town Hall Meetings and Updates:** available at: <http://www.alberta.ca/emergency.cfm>

## A few more things to do

### **Register Your Organization Here:**

You can list your organization here on CanadaHelps.org- it is a listing of organizations providing relief, raising funds for Fort McMurray and/or assisting in the long term re-building efforts. Once you are registered, it is recommended you share your link on social media. This is a way that people can support the different social profits in our region. You can find more information and the link to register (free) here: <http://crisisreliefcentre.org/2016fortmcmurray/donate/>

### **CRA INFO: Charities impacted by the wildfires in Alberta**

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) understands that the main concerns of those affected by the disaster are their families, homes, businesses, and communities. We also understand that filing required documents, such as Form T3010, Registered Charity Information Return, is not a priority at this time. In light of this disaster, the CRA will be providing proactive relief to affected charities by allowing more time to meet their information filing requirements. The situation will be monitored by the CRA and addressed case by case.

[http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/chrts/whtsnw/frtmcmrry-qstns-nswrs-eng.html?utm\\_source=charities&utm\\_medium=eml](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/chrts/whtsnw/frtmcmrry-qstns-nswrs-eng.html?utm_source=charities&utm_medium=eml)

## Operating Your Organization Remotely

There are a number of things you and your organization can do to operate remotely in this time of crisis and transition:

- Many organizations are providing **free office space in Edmonton** for organizations to work from temporarily.
  - **Inside Education** is extending an opportunity for not-for-profit organizations from Fort McMurray and the RMWB whose staff have relocated to Edmonton. If you are in need of a small meeting room, office space and equipment, computers, telephones, highly mediocre coffee or even just camaraderie with your fellow NFP-ers, Inside Education is happy to invite you to work from our downtown Edmonton office. They add “We realize it's soon to think about work, but we also know that the not-for-profit world waits for no one. We also believe that we're all in this together.” If you are interested, contact our Executive Director, Steve McIsaac at [insideeducation.ca](http://insideeducation.ca)
  - **ALIGN, Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations, and Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council** are pleased to offer free workspaces for any nonprofit and charitable organizations displaced by the Fort McMurray wildfires. Two workspaces with private phone lines and laptops are available.  
Workspaces can be booked by contacting Sharon at 780.801.4727 or by phone at [volunteerism@ecvo.ca](mailto:volunteerism@ecvo.ca)
  - **Qualico** has a lot of office space available in a couple of their locations, Ken (the contact is on vacation however Charmaine spoke with him), they have a number of different size offices that are furnished, they are all free for nonprofits and businesses. They also have offices that lock so agency information and confidentiality can be maintained. Contact Pauline at 780-463-2132
  - **Liana Dien** has office space available 780 884 1888. Here office in Southside of Edmonton. Just connect directly with her.
  - **Spieker Point** has office space available. Contact Sara at 780-439-0077 ext 116 or email [sara@spiekerpoint.com](mailto:sara@spiekerpoint.com)
  - **Business Link In Edmonton:** 780-422-7722
  - **Edmonton Chamber of Commerce** may also have space: <http://www.edmontonchamber.com/news/news-releases/edmonton-chamber-of-commerce-offers-free-office-space-to-businesses-displaced-by-fort-mcmurray-fire/>
- Many organizations are providing **free office space also in Calgary, Medicine Hat** and other places across Alberta for organizations to work from temporarily.

## Calgary:

- **Calgary Reads.** Steacy Collyer, [Steacy@calgaryreads.com](mailto:Steacy@calgaryreads.com) 403-777-8254
- **Dexterity Ventures Inc. Calgary.** Gena Rotstein, Place2Give, 403-860-7572
- **Alberta Promise.** Karen Whiteman, Director, Strategic Partnerships and Community Engagement, Calgary, Direct 403-355-4507, Main 866-313-7500
- **Calgary Alternative Support Services Inc.** Aaron T. Semkuley, Director of Capital and Accountability, Phone (403) 283-0611, Ext. 502
- **Business Link in Calgary:** 403-475-7466

## Medicine Hat:

- CORE Association a nonprofit organization that supports people with Developmental Disabilities in **Medicine Hat.** Rita Bessant <[rbessant@coreassoc.net](mailto:rbessant@coreassoc.net)>
- Ensure you maintain **regular communication** with your team; you can use platforms like skype, phone, Face Time, email and tele-conferences.

Each organization is dealing with the situation differently. It is common that the organizations have staff, board and volunteers living temporarily in many different locations. Some organizations are working modified hours and using this time for building resilience in their team, planning, creating information and resources for clients, working on projects that have been on hold, looking at the many decisions that need to be explored as the transition and rebuilding process begins.

## Questions and Answers

**Q- Where can people sign up to help?**

**A- Offers to Help**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1E3IFMdGI2WozqeTJVUwLXVHDXWmFNbv02ZKx1sF0k\\_w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1E3IFMdGI2WozqeTJVUwLXVHDXWmFNbv02ZKx1sF0k_w/viewform)

and <https://ymmhelp.com/Submit.aspx>

**Q- Is there a way that the social profits can share their stories and experiences?**

**A- Yes!** You can email them to Katie at the FuseSocial office to [hello@fusesocial.ca](mailto:hello@fusesocial.ca)

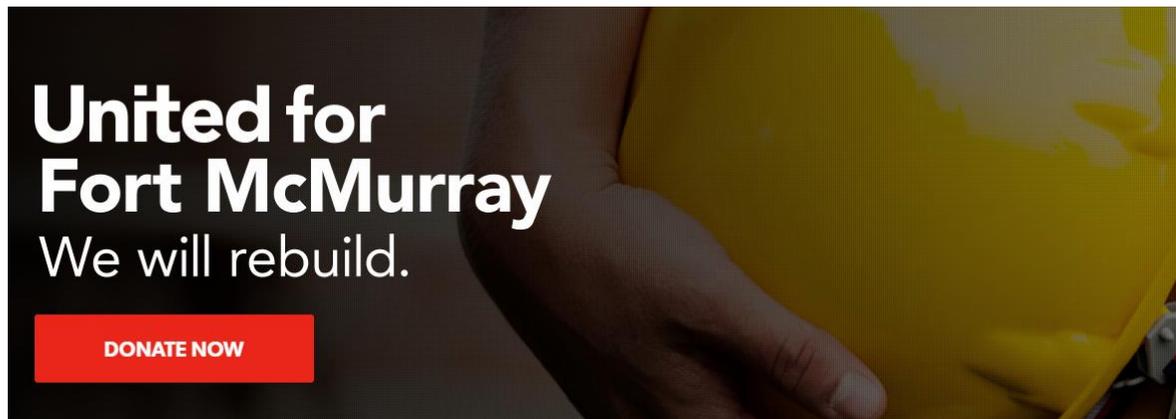
**Q- Where can we share stories of Kindness, and Generosity?**

**A- Sharing Stories of Kindness and Support**

Charmaine Hammond is also helping us collect stories of kindness to share on her social platforms, blogs etc. You can upload stories of kindness here: <http://charmainehammond.com/kindness-counter/>

## United Way has started a campaign

The United Way of Fort McMurray has commenced a campaign to support the organizations in Fort McMurray. The link is



<https://www.unitedfortmcmurray.ca/>

We encourage you to share this link with others. We greatly appreciate the support and commitment from United Way.

## Other Resources & Information

Here are some resources that provide very valuable information about the Re-Entry and Recovery of a community:

<http://www.nadc.gov.ab.ca/Docs/Wisdom-Gained.pdf>

Charmaine will be interviewing NADC and Slave Lake on upcoming webinars to provide information to social profits as they rebuild together.

**Helpful information about lessons learned from Slave Lake Fires about Re-Entry and Recovery**

**Information after page 110 very relevant to social profit sector**

<http://www.aema.alberta.ca/documents/0426-Lessons-Learned-Final-Report.pdf>

## Information for Your Organization's Families and Client's Family

Discounts available:

<https://ymmhelp.com/Discounts.aspx>

Information on helping children cope through disasters and forest fires:

<http://summitstonehealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Helping-children-cope-with-forest-fires.pdf>

[http://www.redcross.ca/crc/documents/Where-We-Work/Canada/Alberta/AlbertaFiresInfo/FtMacCR\\_Guide\\_parent-caregiver.pdf](http://www.redcross.ca/crc/documents/Where-We-Work/Canada/Alberta/AlbertaFiresInfo/FtMacCR_Guide_parent-caregiver.pdf)

NADC Bursary for college and university students

<https://www.benorth.ca/index.asp>

Preparing your 72 Hour Emergency Kit

<http://www.aema.alberta.ca/72-hour-emergency-kit>

Hotels Offering Compassionate Rates:

<http://www.rmwb.ca/News-Room/RMWB-Wildfire-Information/Hotels-for-Evacuees-With-Compassionate-Rates.htm>

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