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*FORT MCMURRAY, AB:* The ConvergenceYMM Advisory Team announced that it has shifted its 2020 event to be delivered virtually due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19. Participants who registered for the in-person event to have been held on March 26th will receive a refund.

“The decision to move the event online reflects our commitment to cross sectoral collaboration, while ensuring the health and safety of our community partners, speakers and attendees,” said Chantal Beaver, Co-Chair ConvergenceYMM Advisory Team.

This now free event will take place on August 12, 2020, via Zoom web conferencing, to discuss current and future challenges and opportunities in our region.

This will include an address from the Honorable Mayor, Don Scott, a keynote address by Blythe Butler, and speakers from industry, economic development, education, the social sector and more, under the theme ‘Better Together,’.

“Having this event now allows us to examine the power of networks through the lens of relevant topics like mental health and social isolation,” said Beaver. “Even though we are psychically distant, we can leverage our social connections to identify the current needs of Wood Buffalo and ways to address them, collaboratively.”

Registration for the event can be found here: <https://maccalendar.ca/events/convergence-ymm-resurgence/>.

If you would like to learn more about ConvergenceYMM, or how to get involved, please email [mszpak@fmwbunitedway.com](mailto:mszpak@fmwbunitedway.com).

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