

REDWOOD RAMBLER

REDWOOD MEADOWS, OCTOBER 2026



Redwood Meadows Golf Course, Established in 1976

Celebrating 50 years of operation

COUNCIL

September saw Council back for our two meetings a month. We are doing the second reading of the Noise, Wildlife and Access to Information Bylaws. An initial review is being conducted on the Land Use and Community Standards Bylaw. Rather than having duplicates in both bylaws some movement is taking place so it appears in the most logical spot.

Weekly meetings are continuing with Sylogist with the new accounting software. It is hoped to have it ready for installation in the New Year. Dominique and Rob are carrying the input for the meeting.

A meeting was held with Rockyview to continue keeping the lines open with their development plans and our ability to have input about the concerns of the community. This is termed as an Intermunicipal Committee. Plans are to meet a couple of times a year.

The construction start up for the new Tosguna Police Station is still pending the sublease agreement between the Tsuut'ina Nation and Townsite of Redwood Meadows. Once finalized and signed by both parties then construction can begin. Legal counsel from both sides have been working on the agreement and we will keep our Society members posted.

Construction has begun on the fire hall building 2. The foundations are completed, the slab on grade is being poured on September 28th. Framing lumber has been delivered and mason is expected to begin work on the demising wall by Thursday October 1st.

No updates to report on the rehab centre.

Drones were present in the community for a day. They were conducting an inventory and survey of the curb stops, road and manholes. They will also be boring test holes to track ground water levels.

A new contract is being considered for waste removal and recycling, including the input from the community survey conducted. Details will be shared at the October 14th Townhall.

The election is coming up with 4 positions available. Some of the existing council members may also run to be re-elected. Pick up your package from the townsite. A small presentation from each candidate will be done at the Townhall on October 14th. This allows each candidate what they hope to bring to the table in the interest to the community. Voting day is October 19th. The referendum vote will also be held that day and at Redwood House.

The Golf Tournament and its success is outlined in additional articles within this edition.

IN MEMORY



In Loving Memory

On August 24, 2026, Kelsey passed away in the community of Redwood Meadows where he had been a resident for over twenty years with his wife, Shannon and daughter, Kaitlyn.

He was survived by his parents, Sharon and John; brothers, Lorin and Trevor. Kelsey will be lovingly remembered by his wife Shannon and his daughter, Kaitlyn; brother Lorin (and his wife Cara with children Leah and Evan) and brother Trevor (and his son Mathew), extended family and many close friends.

Kelsey played football and hockey when he was in high school and recently came to enjoy watching the Columbia Valley Rockies, a junior ice hockey team in Invermere, British Columbia when he spent weekends with his wife and daughter at his family's retreat home in Radium, BC. Kelsey loved being outdoors hunting and fly fishing; he looked forward to hunting with friends John, Will and Nigel every fall.

Kelsey worked in the field of enterprise Geographic Information System (GIS) solutions for the past thirty years. He enjoyed working from home where his cat, Nakiska, would often demand to sit on his lap during zoom meetings. He worked at Esri Canada for the past six years in the role of Program Manager of Indigenous Communities.

He spent several years with his daughter when she was young participating in Junior Forest Wardens where they enjoyed spending time outdoor camping, winter shelter building, ice climbing and volunteering at the Christmas tree lot. Kelsey enjoyed many special daddy daughter days with his daughter, Kaitlyn, which she will remember fondly.

He also loved to cook and was especially skilled at creating unique recipes as he moved to a more carnivore-based diet. He excelled at creating his own unique sausage recipes and smoking meat which he loved to prepare for friends and family. Kelsey traveled with his wife and daughter to Mexico and numerous Hawaiian Islands, where he enjoyed marlin fishing & catching bone fish.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 17th at Eden Brook Funeral Home, 24223 Township Rd 242, Calgary, AB. The family would appreciate it if friends would share stories of the times they shared with Kelsey at this celebration.

The family is sincerely grateful to the Tsuut'ina Nation Police Service, Foothills Search and Rescue, Redwood Meadows Fire Department, RCMP and other partner agencies involved in the search for Kelsey and the considerable support shown by the community afterwards.



Submitted by Shannon Davis



October brings crisp mornings, colourful canopies, and the annual push to get our homes ready for winter. As you begin fall cleaning, home maintenance, and seasonal organizing, we're focusing this month's safety message on preventing the most common autumn hazards. A few thoughtful steps now can reduce emergency calls later and help keep our community safe through the colder months.

Heating System & Furnace Safety

With furnaces running more frequently, make sure your heating equipment is in good working order.

- Schedule a furnace inspection by a licensed technician to remove dust and debris that
- can ignite.
- Replace filters to improve air quality and reduce strain on the system.
- Keep the area around your furnace clear of boxes, paint cans, and cleaning supplies.
- Check and clean vents and registers to ensure airflow isn't blocked.

Chimney & Fireplace Cleaning

As temperatures drop, many households begin using fireplaces again — and that makes chimney maintenance essential.

A dirty or damaged chimney is one of the leading causes of preventable home fires. Creosote, a highly flammable residue, builds up inside chimneys over time. When fireplaces are used without proper cleaning, that buildup can ignite and cause a fast moving chimney fire.

- Schedule an annual chimney sweep by a certified professional before your first fire of
- the season.
- Inspect your chimney cap to ensure it's secure and free of debris.
- Check for cracks in masonry or metal liners.
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood to reduce creosote buildup – never ever burn holiday wrapping paper!
- Keep a screen or glass barrier in front of your fireplace to prevent sparks.

A clean chimney not only reduces fire risk — it improves heating efficiency and keeps smoke out of your home.

Declutter to Reduce Fire Hazards

Fall cleaning is a great opportunity to remove items that create unnecessary risk.

- Clear storage rooms and keep pathways open.
- Dispose of old chemicals like paint, solvents, expired bear spray and cleaners at approved facilities – reminder, the firehall doesn't accept these items!
- Store holiday décor safely in dry, labeled containers.
- Donate unused items to reduce overcrowded basements and closets.

A tidy home improves escape routes and helps responders navigate more easily during emergencies.

Electrical & Appliance Safety

As you move furniture and clean behind appliances:

- Inspect cords for fraying or heat damage.
- Vacuum behind refrigerators and dryers to remove dust and lint.
- Ensure outlets aren't overloaded with seasonal décor or heaters.
- Clean your dryer vent — lint buildup remains a leading cause of home fires.

Outdoor Fall Cleanup

- Rake leaves away from your home.
- Clean gutters to prevent ice dams.
- Store firewood at least 10 metres from your house.
- Trim branches hanging over roofs or power lines.

Emergency Preparedness

- Test smoke & CO alarms. If they expire before year end, buy and install them early to
- prevent them alerting for end of life in the middle of a dark winter night.
- Review and practice your home escape plan with all family members, including holiday
- visitors.
- Restock your emergency kit with cold weather supplies and put a winter emergency kit in
- your vehicle.
- Schedule your vehicle for an annual check up to ensure it's ready for winter driving.
- Ensure house numbers are easily visible in the dark for first responders.



Redwood Kids Christmas Choir!

Your children are invited to be a part of our annual Redwood Kids Christmas Choir where they will learn some singing basics and have a whole bunch of fun. This is truly one of the best ways to start the Christmas season!



It is free to participate and is for Kids aged 4-15

Rehearsals are:

Every Sunday Nov.2- Dec. 6th at Redwood House

Dress Rehearsal and Performance Sunday Dec.6th 3-5pm

Please contact minkestudio@gmail.com to register!

A festive poster for the Redwood Meadows Kids Christmas Choir. The top features a holly leaf and berry decoration. Below it, the text 'RMCA PRESENTS' is in a green serif font. The main title 'Redwood Meadows Kids Christmas Choir' is in a large, bold, red serif font with a green outline. A dark red banner in the center contains the text 'Rehearsals Every Sunday in November 4-5pm' and 'Free for Ages 4-15' in white. The background of the poster is a group photo of children in Christmas attire, including Santa hats and holiday sweaters. At the bottom, a red ribbon banner reads 'Performance Sunday Dec. 6th 4pm @Redwood House'. Below the ribbon, it says 'Directed by Michelle Minke' in white. A small circular inset photo of Michelle Minke is in the bottom right corner. The entire poster is framed by a green border with pine branches and lights.



Kananaskis Country: Then and Now *A look at the history, conservation, and current stewardship of our mountain playground on its 48th anniversary.*

Then: From Industry to Preservation

For time immemorial, the lands we now call Kananaskis Country have connected people to the landscape and to each other. Long before it was a designated park, these traditional territories were lived on and stewarded by the Îyârhe Nakoda, the Blackfoot Confederacy, the Tsuut'ina Nation, the Metis Nation of Alberta, and the Ktunaxa.

However, in the early 20th century, the region was heavily utilized for its resources, facilitating coal and mineral extraction, natural gas, and hydroelectric production. The 1930s brought forestry work camps to the area during the Great Depression, which were later repurposed as prisoner of war camps during the Second World War.

By the 1970s, Kananaskis faced mounting pressures from an expanding urban population and commercial development applications. In response, a bold vision for conservation emerged. On September 22, 1978, Premier Peter Lougheed officially established Kananaskis Country, dedicating a massive tract of mountain terrain as a protected public

recreation area. Initially, park policies still allowed for substantial commercial infrastructure, but thanks to the advocacy of groups like the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS), the focus shifted strongly toward long-term environmental protection, leading to major milestones like the preservation of the Elbow-Sheep and Bow Valley Wildlands in 1998.

Now: A Modern Era of Conservation

Today, 48 years after its official dedication, "K-Country" looks very different than the industrial landscape of the past. It stands as a premier year-round playground spanning over 4,000 square kilometres right at our doorstep. However, preserving its immense natural beauty relies on a delicate balance of modern funding and dedicated volunteer networks, such as the Friends of Kananaskis Country.

To manage the millions of visitors it now sees annually, the province introduced the Kananaskis Conservation Pass. During its recent operational year, the pass generated over \$12 million in revenue, accounting for approximately 60 per cent of the Kananaskis annual budget. This modern funding model ensures the region remains pristine and safe. The revenue is directly reinvested into the park, including \$2.2 million for trail stewardship and maintenance, \$1.5 million for mountain rescue and dispatch, and nearly \$1 million for conservation and environmental education.

From its days as an industrial corridor to its present status as a beloved natural wonder, Kananaskis Country has been shaped by a collective effort. Thanks to the foresight of early leaders, the enduring connection of traditional Indigenous trail builders, and the ongoing investments from visitors today, this magnificent landscape remains wild and protected for generations to come.

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REDWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Another Garden Season Comes to a Close

Another garden season has come to an end, and what a season it has been!

After the first few frosts, we harvested the last of our carrots and beets, officially bringing this year's growing season to a close. We also had a fantastic garlic harvest, with many of our best bulbs set aside to replant this fall and keep the cycle going.

One of the highlights of the season was our first cut flower garden. It was such a beautiful addition to the garden and brought so much colour and life throughout the summer. The dahlias, asters and scabiosas were especially beautiful, and it was wonderful to see gardeners enjoying the flowers and bringing bouquets home.

This was also our first full season with our new communal gardening model, and we've been so pleased with how well it has worked. Having everyone contribute, share in the work and enjoy the harvest together has created a great sense of community, and we expect to continue with this model going forward.

As we wrap things up for another year, we want to thank everyone who helped make the garden such a success. We're already looking forward to next season and would love to welcome some new gardeners to the community garden in 2027.

If you're interested in getting involved or have any questions about the garden, please reach out to us anytime at communitygarden@rmca.ca.



RMES GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Redwood Meadows Emergency Services Charity Golf Classic presented by **Macushla Law** as its chief sponsor was a huge success with the weather picture perfect, a great group of volunteers, a snappy set of golf carts, an incredible silent auction and the best people in the universe playing. A day of adventure, fun and meeting of new fabulous folks along the way was the order of the day.

A ream of other amazing sponsors made this event a reality. Additionally, an abundance of beautiful gifts was donated to the silent auction by many other companies and individuals. A huge thank you!

A very special thank you to Gord Tate and his gang of merry organizers and helping hands put everything together in a coordinated and timely manner. Thanks also to the townsite staff for keeping everything on track and doing the set up. They and the volunteers made the day special with their donation of time and energy to work the registration, silent auction setup and registering the participants.

Thank you to all the participants, who not only played, but donated and supported this cause. Remarks about the beautiful course, the great meal, the friendly monitors on the course simply made us proud to be part of Redwood Meadows.

Thank you to **FORTIS** who travelled from Edmonton to present a cheque and thank you to Ken Barrie, who won and donated back the funds from the 50/50 draw.

Last but not least, a huge thankyou to RMES our dedicated year-round group of volunteers that keep our community safe and protected...a humble and heartfelt thank-you. Your loss in the building during the December fire hit all of you very hard and you had to compromise, adapt and work hard to keep going to rebuild **#RebuildRMES**.

The tournament raised \$60,136.41 for #RebuildRMES!

A list of corporate sponsors:

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ATB Financial
Wescal Energy

Canadian Natural
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Great Pacific Group
SysGen Solutions Group
Accu-Flo
Shawn Bond

Tournament Committee:

Carl Giddens, Bob Gregor, Murray Bouchard, Alison Archambault

Staff:

Courtney Koebel, Natasha Martel, Max Dunay, Elliot DeJong

Course Volunteers:

Wally & Sandra Whitehead, Dave & Sharon McPherson, Ken Barrie, Diane Woods,
Darrell Dvorak, Neil Burke, Coleen Fortin, Ted Bull

Silent Auction:

Annette Giddens, Zoe Anne Brown, Shelley Surbey, Linda Galeski, Joni Bouchard

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Sharon Pegg





FORTIS



FORTIS ALBERTA travelled from Edmonton to present the Townsite of Redwood Meadows in their quest to fund raise for the fire loss in December 2025. They graciously and generously presented our Fundraiser with a cheque for \$5,000.

FORTIS ALBERTA connects its customers and communities with a team of talented professionals and are listed as one of Alberta's top employer for 6 years in a row. They are the recipient of awards in restoration operations, efficient asset management and thoughtful motivation to keep lights on in the communities they serve, Redwood being one of them.

Pictured above are Sam Jackson, Mayor of Redwood, Alison Archambault - RMES , Sunny Parmar – Stakeholder Relations Manager and Dave Hunka – Senior Manager Stakeholder Relations

INTERESTING LOCAL FACTS



Toadflax

Invasive

Beautiful with yellow flowers but can get out of control quickly. The root system is very deep and long making it difficult to get rid of. It is found in common seed mixes. Can be harmful to animals although most avoid ingesting. A dangerous plant for farms.

EDITOR NOTES

Come join the Council team for fun, enjoyment and work! Pick up your registration package today, get your signatures and join the dedicated group of volunteers.

Be kind to your sewer system by not flushing wipes even if they say “flushable”. They accumulate with other material and sludge and block the system.

Be space conscious by breaking down boxes or any cardboard material for recycle pick up.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone involved with the Golf Tournament. A great day, great folks and a good time. A total of \$60,136.41 for #RebuiltRMES!

Know that a link to this publication is available on the website at www.redwoodmeadows.ab.ca; a link is provided in the updater pointing to the current version; or a paper copy is available at the mailbox flyer boxes and the flyer box at Redwood House.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

October 2nd	Community Cafe
October 6th	Council Meeting
October 7th	RMCA meeting
October 14th	Townhall Council Candidates Introduction
October 19th	Election of new council
October 20th	Council Meeting