



Building a better health system with the voice of our community

Where we are

The communities that Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council serves in Alberta's busiest region include the city of Fort McMurray, and a number of rural and remote communities including Anzac, Conklin, Fort Chipewyan, Fort MacKay, Janvier and Wandering River. Our geographic area covers a range of landscapes, industries, and demographics, including the largest employers in the nation and long-established remote communities.



Accomplishments

WBHAC held three public meetings during the year. Presentation topics included one from Alberta Healthy Living Program (AHLP) where we learned that they provide free workshops to help Albertans manage chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart and stroke education, weight management, stress management, chronic pain or chronic conditions management, supervised exercise and COPD education.

We hosted a joint virtual engagement event with Lakeland Communities and Tamarack Health Advisory Councils where we learned about services and resources of Health Link 811, and an overview of lab services with DynaLIFE.

Council attended a session with Dr. Cowell, AHS Official Administrator (OA), where he reviewed findings from his 90-Day Report, which outlined progress in the health system from his first 90 days as OA.

Our role and objectives

Everything we do is about improving the health and wellness of Albertans, no matter what part of the province they live in. We:

- Are a group of volunteers focused on listening to your thoughts and ideas on health services to help AHS enhance care locally and province-wide.
- Develop partnerships between the province's diverse communities and AHS.
- Provide feedback about what is working well within the healthcare system and suggest areas for improvement.
- Promote opportunities for members of our local communities to get engaged.

Join us - your voice matters

There are a number of opportunities to participate:

- Attend an [upcoming council meeting](#) to hear feedback, offer comments, and ask questions.
- [Make a presentation](#) at our Council meeting on a health area of interest or concern to you.
- Bring your community's voice forward to provide input on local and regional health.
- Volunteer your time as a Council member. Recruitment is ongoing throughout the year until a Council is at maximum membership. Members are appointed for a three-year term.
- Share your feedback with Council: WoodBuffalo@ahs.ca.



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