



## 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 (see map page 2).



### Accomplishments

- Physician recruitment: understanding recruitment needs and challenges is of particular interest to our remote communities in the zone.
- Addiction and mental health: presentations to council on services and treatment options available in the area, so gaps can be identified and we can lend support where possible.
- Engagement: council partnered with AHS to host an open house in April 2018 to share information about seniors and addiction and mental health services in the area.

### Our role and objectives

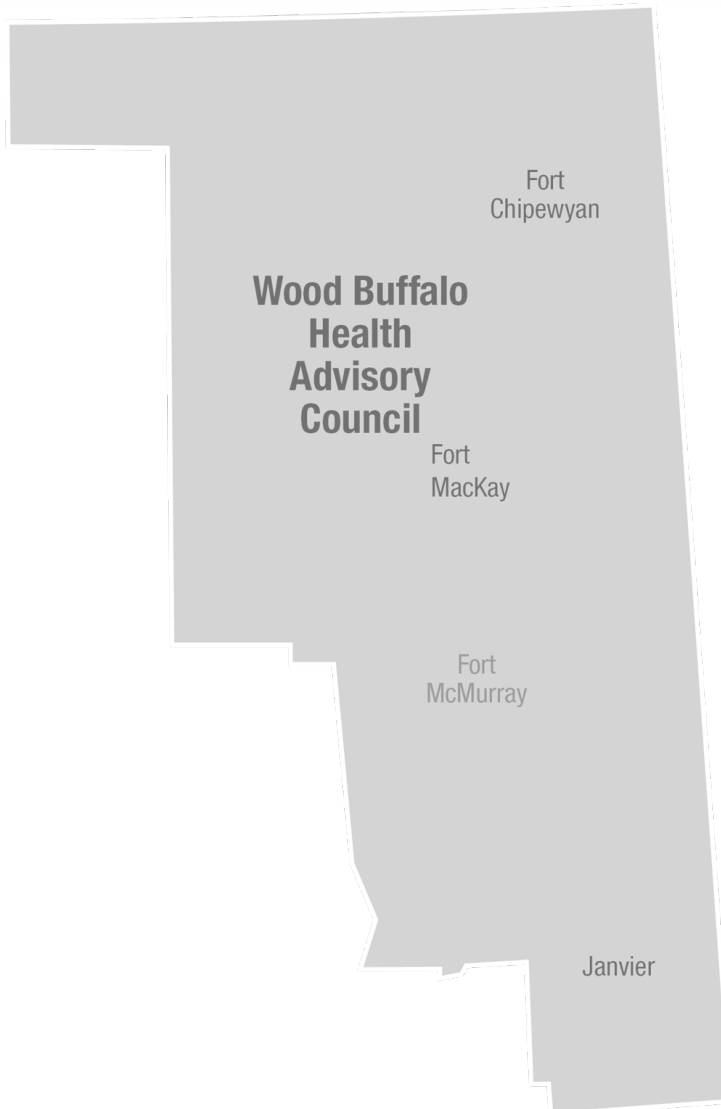
Everything we do is about improving the health and wellness of Albertans, no matter what part of the province they live in. We:

- 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 health care 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; visit [ahs.ca](http://ahs.ca) and search Health Advisory Councils for more info:

- 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 drives happen annually. Members are appointed for a three-year term.
- Share your feedback with council: [WoodBuffalo@ahs.ca](mailto:WoodBuffalo@ahs.ca)



### Contact us

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### More information

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[Indigenous communities map](https://indigenous.alberta.ca/interactivemap.cfm) (indigenous.alberta.ca/interactivemap.cfm)