



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

Council Meeting Presentation Request

Completed requests to make a public presentation must be received by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday immediately prior to the scheduled meeting. Presentations are a maximum of 5 minutes in duration.

Presentation Information	
Preferred Date of Presentation	
Name of Presenter(s)	
Organization Represented	
Topic	
Please List Specific Points/Concerns	
Action Being Requested of Council	
<p>Are you providing any supporting documentation (ie: Powerpoint)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, the documentation <u>must</u> accompany this request, as handouts will not be distributed at the meeting. To ensure that your documents meet minimum standards, please see presentation guidelines on the next page.</p> <p>Supporting documents may be e-mailed to Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca.</p>	

As per Procedure Bylaw No. 14/025, a request to make a presentation may be referred or denied.



Our plan for proposal

- Turn the building over and we re-build
- Third party for mould assessment



A History:

- The Community Hall was built for the residents of Anzac, First Nations 468 and Gregoire Lake Estates. We raised the money to build it, the province matched funding and the Hall was built. We maintained it from the mid 80's until amalgamation in 1995.

Community Hall Usage

All social non profit groups have had access to the community hall

AHS public Health Nurse had a dedicated office

Social and Cultural gathering space for our community,

Laundry Facilities that are widely used

The Food Bank uses this space to operate once a month

Anzac Recreation and Social Society – Winterfest breakfast, teen and adult dances, after school programing

Anzac FCSS – functions such as Bingos, elders programing as well as confidential dealings with community members who need their assistance

Private Functions – Funerals, Wakes, Weddings, Birthday Parties



Winterfest pancake breakfast
with our local Celebrity Chefs

Private Office Space

Willow Lake Metis Local – a space used for confidential meetings and individual issues

Anzac FCSS – Social Support Services, needing a confidential office as well as a space for RMWB FCSS to set up for social workers and counseling services

AHS Public Health Nurse – the Nurse does not have a designated space, using a room in the rec center that is not adequate for the needs.

Willow Lake Community Association has been renting an office in Anzac at a generous discount due to the cost of operating at the community hall, as well as the need for a quiet meeting space.

Waypoints has seen a needs increase in the community partially due to the fire. They are currently renting office space from the Willow Lake Community Association due to the confidentiality of their meetings.



One of many Quad/Snowmobile Rallies to raise money
for our regional non-profits

Programming and Events

Anzac Recreation and Social Society uses the hall for programming and events. The use of the kitchen area in the hall is integral to both events and programs (allows for the storage of healthy snacks for their after school programming). Pancake breakfasts to kick start events.

Having the kitchen gave all events serving the public to follow the food safe guidelines

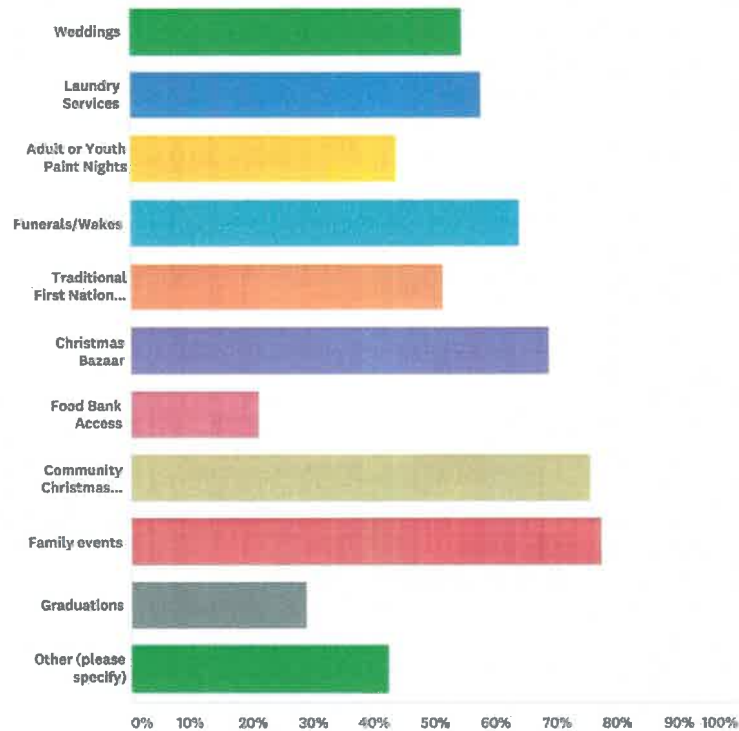
Hall location is ideal for programming as supervision is provided to children walking from the school to the hall. The Anzac Recreation Center given the distance from the school does not allow for the children to be walked under supervision in inclement weather conditions and AR&SS does not have transportation available.



Center of Hope Fund Raiser

Q1 What have you used the Anzac Community Hall for before it closed for renovations?

Answered: 128 Skipped: 0

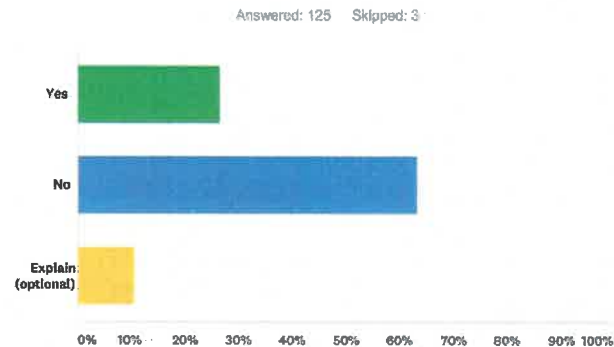


A survey was sent around Anzac to ask community members in confidence about their uses for the community Hall, to the right is the breakdown

- Family Events
- Christmas Bazar
- Social and Cultural events and programing
- Funerals and Wakes
- Weddings
- Laundry Services

The numbers and comments

Q2 Would you be comfortable with attending events like funerals, wakes, weddings, or other traditional events at a location that is not **intimate**



EXPLAIN (OPTIONAL)

I don't like funerals cuz it I'm burying a loved one

You don't understand what our traditional events are or the question would have been asked differently.

Nobody wants their privacy invaded by ththe public

If the area can be sectioned off for privacy, yes

Weddings, yes. Funeral services, no. The luncheon meet and greet after, ok, but the service itself, no. I'd need privacy.

No I would not! It is indecent to have a funeral in a gym!

Privacy is very important when to comes to sensitive matters listed above

Never attended these things at the community hall before or in Anzac for that matter

Not relevant, Usually attend these at Church

When you have a wake the body is available for viewing and the community hall allows for 24 hour access during this time. People want to bring in their own food items and personalize the room. The community hall meets and understands these needs. Traditional ways are allowed such as smudging, etc.

Feel wakes and funerals for family's would want to be private

not sure. If the room was at rec center and no one else could go in room I would consider that private.

The lack of privacy, the cost and atmosphere

Wakes and Funerals

Community Residents, Willow Lake Metis Local and the Fort McMurray #468 First Nation use the hall for Wakes and Funerals. The kitchen in the hall allows for the preparation and serving of traditional foods. All Anzac Community Hall operations and programming are shut down for wakes and funerals out of respect for the family.

A quiet room to set up cots during the wake will be required as people travel from all over to attend and will need a place for a few hours of sleep

During wakes and funerals a secured room that can host 200 people and allows for praying and smudging. 24-hour access to the facility and kitchen is required as ceremonies can range from 5 hours to three days.



4 funerals

There have been four funerals held at the Rec Centre since the closure of the community hall

The kitchen was **NOT** available for these functions.

Food was prepared the evening prior and delivered in crock pots, for one funeral the meeting room was provided to prepare food.

Microwaves and multiple plug ins could not be used due to blown breakers.

Hot food doesn't stay hot, cold food doesn't stay cold. This fails food safety regulations big time.



To the right is the concession held by the School for a fundraiser for their travel club.

- To the Left was a pot luck dinner we put together with 24 hours notice to welcome the walkers to Anzac. They walked from Ontario to Anzac to raise money for us during the evacuation.
- The Rec Centre was not open, and our kitchen was needed to provide a meal for these people.

- To the Left was one of the last Christmas Dinners we held at the Community Hall
- Below is the first paint night we held in Anzac, put on by the FCSS



For Certain events we have partnered with Rec One (Anzac Recreation Centre) to accommodate our larger events such as Community Christmas Dinner, Winterfest, Anzac Daze utilizing both inside space as well as the fields



Conclusion:

The Anzac Community Hall provided services similar to a mini-municipal Building, provided cultural and social programming to children/youth, seniors and families, met the needs of social non profit organizations, industry and community residents of Anzac, Gregoire Lake Estates and Fort McMurray #468 First Nation.

Social profit organizations in the community and urban service area of Fort McMurray such as the Food Bank and Alberta Health Services provided services out of the Anzac Community Hall.

Several non for profit organizations in the Community used the hall for meeting space. The current lack of meeting space is putting pressure on existing organizations to accommodate meeting space for groups who are not in a position to rent. (i.e.: group organizing baseball tournament for teams in the RMWB).

The philosophy of no child, youth, senior or family being left behind through the provision of services and programming was provided in the Anzac Community Hall. This philosophy is in contradiction to the business model that the Anzac Recreation Center operates from.