

Notice of Public Hearing

BEAVER COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

For the purpose of hearing arguments for and against a proposed amendment to Beaver County Land Use Bylaw 98-801.

Bylaw 16-1044

Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendments

Beaver County Council is considering an amendment to its Land Use Bylaw to allow the installation and use of solar collectors, solar farms, and renewable and alternate energy facility; and to include a new land use district, as follows:

a) Solar collectors that are mounted to the roof, wall, and/or ground (floor area of 10m² (107 ft²) or less) to generate energy for personal use is permitted in all districts; no development permit is required.

b) Solar collectors mounted to the ground (floor area greater than 10m² (107 ft²)) is a permitted use in the Rural Industrial, Landfill and Composting, and Low Impact Eco-Friendly District. Use is discretionary in the Agricultural, Country Residential, and Urban General District. Development permit is required.

c) A solar farm with panels to collect solar energy covering an area of 1 acre or more is a permitted use in the Rural Industrial, Landfill and Composting, and Low Impact Eco-Friendly District. Development permit is required.

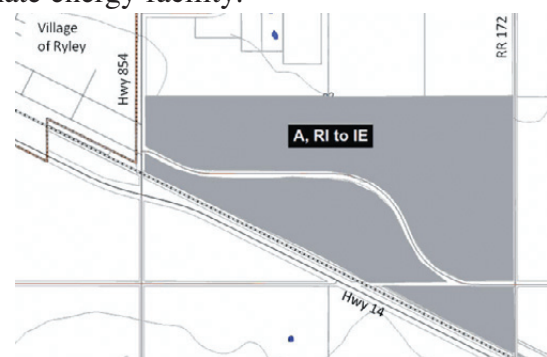
d) A facility that generates energy using natural or renewable resources such as wind, geothermal, or bio-fuels to reduce harmful emissions is a permitted use in the Rural Industrial and Landfill and Composting District. Use is discretionary in the Agricultural and Low Impact Eco-Friendly District. Development permit is required.

e) The creation of a new land use district called the Low Impact Eco-Friendly Industrial District for conserving wetlands and allowing the generation of renewable energy.

f) Associated development regulations shall apply to the land uses and land use district above.

Proposed Rezoning

A proposed rezoning in S½ 3-50-17-W4 and NE 34-49-17-W4. **The current district** is A (Agricultural) and RI (Rural Industrial). **The proposed district** is for IE (Low Impact Eco-Friendly Industrial) to allow the development of solar collectors, solar farms, and renewable and alternate energy facility.



Council will hear arguments for and against the proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment at a public hearing scheduled for **10:30 am, Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at the Beaver County Service Centre in Ryley, Alberta.**

A copy of Bylaw 16-1044 may be obtained at the Beaver County Service Centre or on the County's website at www.beaver.ab.ca. Written submissions may be provided to Beaver County Council during the public hearing, however it is requested that a copy of the written submission be delivered to the Service Centre (5120-50 Street, Ryley), attention the Chief Administrative Officer, no later than **4:30 pm, Wednesday, January 11, 2017.**

If you submit comments regarding the bylaw in writing, the information you provide may be made public, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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