

News Release

For immediate release:

An important step has been taken by Council in the journey towards adopting a Priority-Based Budgeting approach to allocating Beaver County resources. On October 10, 2019, County Council approved a new vision, a set of goals and corresponding results on which to base a 10-year strategic plan.

Council spent time completing a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis of the current environment from which the municipality must operate. They also used their engagement with the community since being elected and foundational documents like the Municipal Sustainability Plan (MSP) and previously approved priorities to influence the new strategic direction.

The new vision **“Beaver County: We are an innovative leader in food, energy and housing”** is not a huge departure from the vision within the MSP, and Council felt both are important. The new vision is reflective of a condensing of priorities for which administration will be asked to focus in a shorter timeframe than the MSP. As well, the Province of Alberta has indicated, via the MacKinnon report, that municipalities can expect less revenue from the Government of Alberta and this was factored into very clear direction from Council.

Reeve Jim Kallal feels this strategic planning effort “is different than any other we have completed. We have created a series of goals along with results that illustrate what we expect to see when we are successful in achieving the goals. This will mean that our administration knows, with more clarity than ever before, our expectations.”

Goals and results are as follows:

GOAL:

Our lifestyle options are known as a strength.

- We have unique recreation opportunities in the community.
- Our farming history has solidified our culture.
- Acreage and country residential development attracts new citizens.

- Our urban and rural communities in the region are growing in a sustainable manner.

GOAL:

Citizens benefit from our diverse assessment base.

- We have an industrial park.
- Many new agricultural businesses have started operations.
- We have a new seed plant.
- There are numerous green houses in our community
- We see more businesses supporting our industry.

GOAL:

We are seen as leaders in the Capital Region.

- We are recognized for our efforts in Priority-Based Budgeting.
- Our relationship with our municipal partners is seen as an example for others.
- We drive innovation in waste management.
- Niche crop development starts here.
- Unique advancements in energy form part of our reputation.

GOAL:

We are confident in the stability of our infrastructure investments.

- We have a long-term plan for our road network.
- We have a financial plan in place to support our community assets.
- Drainage plans are in place.
- Industrial assessment has grown.
- Municipal equipment is in sound condition.

Next steps in this process include the creation of a strategic plan using the approved vision, goals, and results as anchors. This document will include a narrative around what citizens can expect to see as a result of the strategic plan and how it might impact their daily lives. Also, administration will begin working on a business plan and budget built around achieving success in the areas identified by Council.

Any questions about the process to date or upcoming work can be directed to your Councillor or by contacting the Beaver County Service Centre at 780-663-3730.

Invest in your Community

INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY - GET INVOLVED!

Land Use Planning

Are you interested in learning more about land use planning and being involved in the decisions that your local municipality is making regarding developments in your area?

Property Assessment

Are you interested in learning more about property assessment and being involved in resolving conflicts between landowners and municipal assessors?

Planning and Assessment Appeal Boards

Did you know that development and subdivision decisions and property assessments can be appealed and that appeals are heard by someone other than elected officials and municipal staff? You can be a part of this important function in your community!

Beaver County, the Towns of Tofield and Viking, and the Villages of Ryley and Holden have established Joint Appeal Boards that hear appeals from decisions of the Development and/or Subdivision Authorities as well as complaints against residential or non-residential property assessments.

Vacancies have occurred on the Boards and applications are now being accepted from persons interested in sitting on both Boards. Applicants must be residents of Beaver County or the Towns or Villages within the boundaries of the County. Appointments will be for a period of up to 3 years with a daily rate and mileage paid to attend hearings. Training will be provided.

To receive an information package and application form, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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Don McLeod, CAO, Town of Viking	336-3466	cao@viking.ca

Applications should be submitted no later than 4:30 pm, Friday, November 8, 2019, to your local municipal office.