



Beaver County Service Centre
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Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Press Release



Beaver County Council is pleased and grateful for the announcement from Minister Allard and Premier Kenney regarding the Assessment Model Review this week. Minister Allard announced a short-term strategy to attempt to balance municipal and industry sustainability, while

charting a path forward to achieve a long-term solution regarding taxation of oil and gas properties. The short-term solution is still being reviewed by the County, but it appears that the loss of tax revenue from industrial property taxation is well below \$200,000, instead of the worst case scenario being discussed this year of a loss of about \$3,000,000 in tax revenue.

County Council would like to thank our MLA's Jackie Lovely and Rick Wilson for their advocacy and for the hard work of RMA (Rural Municipalities of Alberta) Board and staff to achieve this solution. Most importantly, we would like to thank our residents, businesses and regional partners (Towns of Tofield and Viking, Villages of Ryley and Holden) who expressed your concerns about rural sustainability to the Province and industry stakeholders. Without your voice, this may not have been possible.

The County continues to look for savings and efficiencies, as this is a short-term reprieve to a bigger problem. Until the Province and Beaver County region sees growth and employment return to pre-pandemic levels, we understand that our taxpayers need us to keep a check on spending and continue to be wise with their dollars. We also want to thank our industry partners who have struggled in the past several years but are continuing to contribute to the County and to our communities.

County Tax Collection and COVID-19

Beaver County continues to monitor the coronavirus outbreak, and our commitment to the health and safety of our community and our staff remains our top priority.

Staff are diligently practicing "physical distancing" and taking other necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the virus, and we ask that you respect the health and safety protocols we have implemented when paying your property taxes this year.

The deadline for payment of property taxes to avoid penalty is November 2, 2020.

To avoid line-ups and congestion in the County Services Centre, the County strongly encourages taxpayers to take advantage of the many off-site methods of payment:

- ✓ Cheque or money order mailed to Box 140, Ryley, AB T0B 4A0. The postmark on the envelope MUST be stamped on or before November 2, 2020 to avoid penalty.
- ✓ On-line banking (internet or telephone). Please allow 3-5 business days for processing.
- ✓ Payment at your financial institution. Please allow 3-5 business days for processing.
- ✓ Pay simply. Please allow 3-5 business days for processing.
- ✓ Drop box at the County Services Centre on or before November 2, 2020.
- ✓ Credit card, e-transfer, PayPal, or payment at a Canada Post outlet. NOTE that a convenience fee will be charged by the payment processing agency. Go to www.beaver.ab.ca for more information.

A penalty of 6% will be added to outstanding CURRENT taxes on November 3, 2020. Hours for the Beaver County Service Centre are: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (weekdays). Please call ahead (780-663-3730) if an appointment with the Assessor is required.

Staff are available and happy to assist you with any questions you have and are accessible by phone at 780-663-3730 or by e-mail to administration@beaver.ab.ca.

If you must attend the County Services Centre to pay your taxes, please come prepared for the following:

- > If the Office lobby appears to be crowded, please wait outside the building at the spaces marked on the sidewalk until a safe space is available for you.
- > A MANDATORY health check is required. Forms are available in the vestibule. Completed forms must be given to County staff before your tax payment will be processed.
- > Please use hand sanitizer and wear a mask. Masks are available if you have forgotten to bring one.
- > Please follow all signage. Arrows and floor markers are in place to direct traffic and minimize close contact with others waiting in line.
- > Cheque and Interac are the preferred methods of payment.
- > Please do not linger to visit with others inside the Office. You are welcome to visit outside at a safe distance from each other.

Please do not enter the County Services Centre if you are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with a confirmed case, recently participated in a large group gathering, or travelled outside of the country within the last 14 days.

Thank you for doing your part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Your cooperation and patience are appreciated.

Community Events

Tofield Curling Club 2020-2021 Season

Tofield Curling Club is actively looking for new curlers, no experience required. If you are interested in a fun evening out, please consider joining our club. We are accepting new teams or new individuals to join existing teams for all leagues.

Please contact one of the league representatives below or email the club.

League play starts the first week of November, 2020.

Men's – Monday at 7:00 pm (Contact Doug 780-717-8963)

Ladies – Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Contact Deb 780-662-2056)

Modified Mixed – Wednesday at 7:00 pm (Contact Dawn 780-222-2416)

Email: tofieldcurling1988@gmail.com

For more information see our website (Special Guidelines are in effect as per Alberta Health Services) www.tofieldcurlingclub.ca

Viking Curling Club Curling to start November 10!

League curling – Tuesdays, 7:30pm
Super league - Thursdays, 7:30pm (until January 2021)

Everyone welcome. Enter as a team or individual. New to curling or need a refresher, lessons are available.

For more information, please contact:
Mike – 587-256-0135
Bucko – 780-385-0422

Special guidelines are in affect as per Alberta Health Services.

The Paragon Theatre Holden, AB Presents Remembrance Day Movie Memphis Belle

Wednesday, November 11,
1pm start
5019-50 St

Admissions by donation

The Paragon Theatre Holden, AB Movies G.I. Joe Retaliation

Saturday, November 14,
3pm

Midway

7pm

5019 50St.

Admissions \$7, \$3 u12