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2021 Municipal Election

2021 is the year of municipal elections and October 18, 2021 is Election Day.

In the past, submission of nominations was restricted to one day only. The Local Authorities Election Act has been amended to extend the time period during which nominations can be filed.

The new **Nomination Period is January 1, 2021 to noon on Monday, September 20, 2021.**

At any time during this period, a candidate may submit a Nomination Form. The Nomination Form as well as a Candidate Information Package is available on the County's website at www.beaver.ab.ca/council/2021-municipal-election.

Additional information regarding municipal elections is available on Alberta Municipal Affairs' website at www.alberta.ca/municipal-elections.aspx. Inquiries may be addressed to the Returning Officer, Margaret Jones, or the Substitute Returning Officer, Cindy Cox, at 780-663-3730, or by e-mail to mjones@beaver.ab.ca or cindy@beaver.ab.ca.

Budget Approved

2021 INTERIM BUDGET APPROVED

On December 16, 2020, Beaver County Council approved an interim budget for 2021. The interim budget enables the County to continue operations until the final budget is approved in the Spring.

Development of the 2021 budget has been a challenge. The uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery of the oil and gas industry made it difficult to predict revenue and expenses with any degree of certainty.

Council was relieved to hear that the Provincial Government delayed implementation of the assessment model review, however other assessment reductions for the oil and gas industry resulted in a loss of over \$17 million in the County's assessment base.

To offset this loss in assessment, spending has been reduced in almost every department. Budgets are tightening up, vacant staff positions are not being filled, and employee compensation was frozen for 2 years. Council is also working with its partners (urban municipalities and other non-profit organizations) to hold the line on spending related to fire protection, recreation, and cultural services.

Despite Council's efforts at restraint, it continues to feel the impact of government down-loading. RCMP cost-sharing has increased and the Provincial Government has mandated an e-ticketing system for our peace officers at the County's expense. Most notable is an expected 25% reduction in the MSI operating and capital grant. Although a reduction was expected in 2022, we now anticipate it to be implemented in 2021, resulting in a loss in revenue of over \$400,000.

County Council will continue to work hard over the next few months to develop a budget that reflects the levels of service that residents enjoy while being mindful of the current economy and the challenges that COVID has placed on all of us. In particular, Council recognizes that our small businesses are struggling and is considering a reduction in the mill rate for this key sector of our local economy.

To review the interim budget, go to the www.beaver.ab.ca. Your input is welcome!

FCSS Changes

Changes to Town of Tofield and Rural West Beaver County

A new year brings about new changes and as such the Village of Ryley will now be operating a separate FCSS program specific to the residents living in the Village of Ryley. Residents living within the (Ranges 17-21) will continue to remain clients of our Tofield/Beaver County West FCSS program.

We would like to thank the Village of Ryley Residents for their past patronage and let you know that you will be missed. Thank you to the Village of Ryley for their past partnership.

As always our team is available at the Tofield office (780-662-7067 or 780-662-7066) Monday to Friday 8:30am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm. The Director is situated in the Beaver County office (780-663-3730) every Tuesday following a change to enhanced status in our county.

The Open Door

Opening the Door to a Brighter Future

Youth Employment Skills Strategy (YESS) is the Government of Canada's commitment to help young people, particularly those facing barriers to employment, get the information and gain the skills, work experience and abilities they need to make a successful transition into the labor market. The open door provides a series of activities and interventions to assist youth (aged 15-30) navigate through these barriers. We will be offering services through our office, as well as through an online platform.

Participants will have access to a variety of services through our employment office such as:

- Job skill development
- Creating cover letters and resumes
- Interviewing skill training
- Employment opportunities
- On the job training
- Provision of work materials and necessary PPE

Mentorship

The Open Door Employment office is committed to guiding participants through the employment process. Our Employment office Coordinators are available to offer help in person, over the phone or virtually.

Employers

Through professional relationships, The Open Door will direct participants to apply to work with valued employers. As part of the YESS program, our participants will be placed with a one week (36.5 hour) full time employment opportunity. Employers are eligible to have some (if not all) of the 36.5 hours reimbursed by the Camrose Open Door upon hiring the participant.

For more information call, text or email our Employment office.

Email: Melanie@camroseopendoor.com

Samantha@camroseopendoor.com

Call or text 780-679-8836

Tax Deadline

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Beaver County Tax Deadline Please note that an additional penalty of 3% will be added to any outstanding taxes on January 16, 2021. Please ensure that all tax payments are made on or before January 15, 2021.

Mailed payments must be sent to: Beaver County, Box 140, Ryley, AB, T0B 4A0 Inquiries can be made by phoning (780) 663-3730. Please ensure that the postmark is on or before January 15, 2021.