

### Survey: Working Together to Define Elder Abuse

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Alberta's government is seeking input from the public to update the definition of elder abuse.

A new public survey is now open and Albertans are invited to provide input into the new definition of elder abuse. The revised definition will be used to inform legislation, policies and programs to better meet the needs of seniors and support organizations. As the foundation for this work and a new provincial strategy to prevent and fight elder abuse, a clear and specific definition will improve the safety and well-being of seniors across the province.

Stakeholders and the public can share their thoughts on the enhanced definition through the survey at:

<http://www.alberta.ca/elder-abuse-prevention-engagement.aspx>

The survey is open until Oct. 25.

### Tofield Bypass

Upon completion of the new rail crossing on Highway 834, Alberta Transportation and CN Rail found that the grade of the new crossing may cause a clearance issue for drivers hauling longer trailers or low clearance vehicles. Alberta Transportation and CN Rail have made a temporary fix for drivers, however a permanent fix is being worked on and will be implemented in the spring. The speed limit on Highway 834 near the rail crossing has been lowered to 30 km/hr. and drivers are asked to cross with caution or use an alternate route.

### Voting During COVID-19

On October 18, residents will have the opportunity to exercise their democratic right and vote for a municipal councillor, school board trustee, and senate nominee, as well as voice their opinion on the two Provincial referendum questions.

COVID-19 presents unique challenges for the election process. Beaver County takes the health and safety of the public and its election workers seriously and has implemented the following measures to prevent the spread of the virus:

- ✓ The Provincial mask mandate is in place. Election workers will be wearing masks, and we ask that you wear your mask while in the Voting Station. If you forget your mask, one will be made available to you.
- ✓ Advance voting opportunities are available during the week of October 12-15 to reduce congestion at the Voting Stations. Refer to the Notice of Election for details.
- ✓ You may vote by Special Ballot if you are unable to vote at the Advance Vote or on Election Day. Contact the Returning Officer at 780-663-3730 for more information.
- ✓ Voting Stations will be sanitized regularly throughout the day.
- ✓ The Voting Stations will be arranged to enhance physical distancing. Please be patient if you are asked to wait outside the Voting Station until others leave.
- ✓ A single-use pencil will be provided to you to vote.
- ✓ Plexiglas shields will be in place to protect you and the Deputy Returning Officer when you pick up and return your ballot.

Thank you for working with us to respect the health and safety protocols during the municipal election.

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