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Council adopts policies for adults and youth improvement

Patricia Harcourt

In the interest of recognizing adults and youth and to help them attain their goals, county council has adopted or revised three initiatives for people within Beaver County.

"As part of the county's ongoing policy review project," explained Aimee Boese, general manager of community services, "policies relating to scholarships and opportunities have been scheduled for review by council."

"These policies are geared toward students to recognize their academic achievement and/or participation in extracurricular activities."

She further explained that, "in the past, council has also received requests from adults; however, there has been no policy that addresses these requests."

A draft policy was prepared similar to the Youth Outstanding Achievement Policy. This new policy was presented at the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting Sept. 6.

"The committee reviewed the policy and recommended that the policy be submitted to council for approval," stated Boese.

A motion by Reeve Kevin Smook (Division 1) to accept Policy CS-001, Adult Outstanding Achievement Support was passed without discussion.

Boese stated that there was a maximum of \$2,500 available every year for the policy, which states that "county council may recognize significant adult achievements in sports, recreation or performing arts by providing financial support to attend provincial/territorial, national or international levels of competition representing Alberta, Canada and/or Beaver County."

To be eligible as an adult, a person must have reached the age of majority by January 1, 2002. Those living within rural Beaver County will take priority, followed by people living within



With the good weather occurring in Beaver County these days, harvesting has been going gangbusters as producers - like this one finishing up the combining of a field just outside Viking - work to get their crops off as quickly as possible as we get into the fall season.

the towns and villages within the county.

County Council also passed a newly revised version of the Ed and Marie Stelmach Scholarship Policy.

The budget for the award will be \$2,000 in any calendar year. The bylaw states that two recipients would each be awarded \$1,000.

And it adds that, "The award will be given to two applicants with the highest and second highest academic achievement in the most recent school year prior to post-secondary."

Council passed motions by Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) to rescind the old policy and by Councillor Dale Pederson (Division 5) to adopt the new one.

Council also dealt with the rescinding of the old Youth Education of Government Bylaw named ADM-013, followed by approval of new bylaw CS-017.

The policy states that, "Beaver County recognizes that knowledge of the democratic process encourages individual and community involve-

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ment, promotes better citizenry, and strengthens the region's capacity for leadership, resulting in a healthy and dynamic democracy."

Students enrolled in schools located within Beaver County, including Tofield School, Viking School and Holden Rural Academy are eligible.

A Social Studies 30 Award with financial support of \$250 will be awarded to a student from each school who achieves the highest academic standing in the Social Studies 30 program.

For extracurricular studies financial support will not exceed \$1,000 per calendar year. Each student is eligible to receive a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$200 depending on the number of applications received. The funding allotment can support up to 10 students per year and will be split equally among the applicants.

In making his motion Hrabec said: "I think it goes to show the county is committed not only to students in the county but also adults," adding: "It's good the county is giving these (awards) out."

Council schedule re-arranged for budget meetings

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Scheduling dates were changed for some meetings in the upcoming months before Christmas to accommodate budget discussions and other scheduling.

The county's organizational meeting will be held on Oct. 18, to be followed immediately by the Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) meeting at the conclusion of the organizational.

Budget meetings by regular council will be held on November

29 and 30, and then again from Dec. 6-8.

The council and GPC meetings originally scheduled for Dec. 6 will be set over to Dec. 13.

It is at this meeting that the county wants to pass its interim budget for 2024.

Council and GPC meetings scheduled for Dec. 20 are cancelled.

A motion by Councillor Lionel Williams (Division 2) was passed by council accepting the recommended changes to the schedule to occur before Christmas.

County council revisions to waste facility policy recognize name change

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Beaver County made revisions to a waste facility policy at the Sept. 20 meeting of council recognizing the facility's name change to Claystone Waste. It meant rescinding a prior policy and replacing it with an updated version.

Most of the discussion for this had taken place earlier during a Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) meeting.

However, Margaret Jones, the county's manager of Legislative Services, provided some background information in her report.

At the June 21 meeting of the GPC, amendments were considered to the Beaver Municipal Solutions Surplus Revenue Policy.

Based on that discussion, administration recommended that a new policy be adopted with several changes made from the original.

The name Claystone Waste Dividend would replace the original name in the document as the landfill had incorporated and was no longer called Beaver Municipal Waste.

The Grant-in-Lieu of Taxes portion of the original document would be removed, as well as the removal of the specific allocation of the dividend portion of the grant.

"This will provide council with increased flexibility for use of the grant," said Jones.

Application deadlines would also be removed as "these are already referenced in the Community Support Requests Policy," she said.

Included would be the allocation of the Good Neighbour Grant towards the cost of dust control for occupied residences on roads near

the waste facility, which is located northeast of Ryley in Beaver County.

Council passed a motion by Councillor Lionel Williams (Division 2) to rescind Policy ADM-024, Beaver Municipal Surplus Revenue and accompanying administrative procedure.

Then a motion by Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3 councillor) was passed to approve Policy CORP-002, called Claystone Waste Dividend and its accompanying administrative procedure.

Jones stated that, with the passing of the new policy, the next step would be to inform affected residents regarding dust control and bin service.

"Landowners living adjacent to the roads affected by the policy change will be advised of the opportunity to receive dust control," she said, adding: "Dust control will only be applied upon request of the resident."

The Good Neighbour Grant is \$78,873.65 for 2023, she informed council.

"If all eligible residents participated, approximately \$29,160 would be allocated towards the waste bin benefit program," she said. "The balance available for other purposes is \$49,713.65."

She added that the Claystone Waste Dividend Policy enables the county to support regional initiatives with the local towns and villages.

In terms of public consultation regarding this move, she said: "A member of the public adjacent to the landfill attended a council meeting to request that the Claystone Waste grants be used for other initiatives."



FALL LARGE ITEM COLLECTION PROGRAM

The fall large item collection program is just around the corner. In the past, regular garbage was put out for collection, instead of large items such as sofas and washing machines. Just a reminder—if it fits in the waste bin in your alley, please put your items for disposal in there. This program is for large items that don't fit in there.

The dates for each of the municipalities is as follows:

Mon, October 2 to Thurs, October 5—Hamlet of Bruce

No curbside collection. Bring your items to the large bins located:

- Community Hall (2 bins)
- Lift Station (1 bin)

Thurs, October 12—Town of Viking

Curbside pick up, large items must be on the street—not on your lawn or driveway.

Mon, October 16 to Thurs, October 19—Village of Ryley

No curbside collection. Bring your items to the large bins located:

- Old carwash beside Village Office—50 St & 50 Ave
- Truck stop area close to the cardboard bin—51 St & 50 Ave
- Trailer park close to the 4yd bins—53 St & 52 Ave
- Grassy area north end of Village on 57 Ave between 49 & 50 St.

Thurs, October 26—Town of Tofield

Curbside pick up, large items must be on the street—not on your lawn or driveway.

Mon, October 30 to Thurs, November 2—Village of Holden

No curbside collection. Bring your items to the large bins located:

- Empty lot at 5024—50 St
- Gazebo Park entrance located on 51 St.
- Beside Beaver County's 4yd bins on 48 St.
- West side of Public Works shop at 4920—48 Ave

This collection program is provided at no-charge to regional urban residents twice a year. **Please note: if you are a resident of Holden, Ryley or Bruce and need help getting your large items to the collection bin, please reach out to our Collections Department for assistance.**

All regional residents can take their large items to our transfer stations year round, if you'd prefer not to wait for this biannual program. Check our website to see which items are acceptable at which location. If you have questions or need help, please call our Collections Department at 780.663.2038.



Left: Not large items—put in bin in alley



Right: Placed on grass—put on street

Toll Free: 1.855.221.2038 Ph: 780.663.2038

50117 Range Road 173 (Secondary Highway 854) Box 322, Ryley, AB T0B 4A0

Landfill and Ryley Transfer Station Hours:

Weekdays 9:00 am - 4:30 pm; Saturdays / STATS 9:00 am - 3:00 pm;
Closed Sundays

NOTE: customers must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to closing;
Administration—Monday to Friday 8:00 am - 4:00pm, closed from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Lindbrook Transfer Station Hours:

Tues 10:30 am - 5:30 pm; Thurs 11:30 am - 6:30 pm; Sat 10:30 am - 5:30 pm

Tofield Transfer Station Hours:

Wed, Fri and Sat 10:30 am - 5:30 pm

Viking Transfer Station Hours:

Tues 10:30 am - 5:30 pm; Sat 10:30 am - 5:30 pm

Kinsella Transfer Station Hours:

Wed 11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Fri 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Funding request granted for final Bathgate funds to repair Ryley pool

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County Council granted a funding request that the final Bathgate Water Co-op monies go towards repairs to the Ryley swimming pool.

The amount of \$15,306 will go towards the Beaver Heritage and Agricultural Society to complete upgrades and renovations at the Ryley Swimming Pool.

This is the last of the Clean Harbors' grant held in reserve by Beaver County.

An agreement between Clean Harbors and the county was entered into in 2014 that a grant would be used for the Bathgate Waterline Project, or other county strategic priorities if that didn't proceed.

"This is the original grant agreement," said Margaret Jones, manager of legislative services. However the Bathgate project

never went ahead.

"The county and Clean Harbors recently entered into a new agreement for annual grants," she said.

The result was that \$210,000 was received from Clean Harbors over a two-year period. Funds were then held in reserve and disbursed upon requests from the Bathgate Water Co-op, which had originally been the grant recipient.

Funds had gone towards engineering costs for the Bathgate waterline project.

Once that ended, however, grants went to the Beaver Heritage and Agricultural Society, Ryley Legion, Ryley Museum Society, Friends of Ryley School Society, and the Ryley Sunshine Club, as well as for upgrades to the Ryley water truck fill station.

With the final \$15,306 going towards the

swimming pool upgrades in Ryley there are now no funds left from this pool of money held in reserve.

The upgrades are going to repair of the pool's sidewalk and breezeway, and the removal of some old equipment.

"I would like to thank the group," said Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3), referring to the people of Bathgate, noting: "It's the last money in that account. They've done a great job (and) the people doing it had their hearts in the right place."

Hrabec also thanked Clean Harbors, "for providing the funds," adding: "They are important to the community and it's good to see this (funding) going into the community as well."

His motion to disburse these final funds in the manner recommended by administration was then passed by council.

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CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

TASK	START DATE	ESTIMATED END DATE	UPDATE: September 27th
Culvert Maintenance	April 1	November 1	ONGOING
Patching oil roads	May 1	September 29	ONGOING
TWP RD 490 between HWY 36 and RGE RD 124 Terra-Cem Phase 1 (Cement) Phase 2 (1st lift of chip seal) Phase 3 (2nd lift of chip seal) Phase 4 (Final sweep of chips)	May 29	June 9	Phase 1 - Complete Phase 2 - Complete Phase 3 - Complete Phase 4 - Complete
Carey Ridge Estates Terra-Cem Phase 1 (Cement) Phase 2 (1st lift of chip seal) Phase 3 (2nd lift of chip seal) Phase 4 (Final sweep of chips)	June 12	June 13	Phase 1 - Complete Phase 2 - Complete Phase 3 - Complete Phase 4 - Complete
TWP RD 502 between RGE RD 205 to CAREY RIDGE entrance Phase 1 (Cement) Phase 2 (1st lift of chip seal) Phase 3 (2nd lift of chip seal) Phase 4 (Final sweep of chips)	June 14	June 15	Phase 1 - Complete Phase 2 - Complete Phase 3 - Complete Phase 4 - Complete
HWY 854 from HWY 14 south to TWP RD 500 Phase 1 (Cement) Phase 2 (1st lift of chip seal) Phase 3 (2nd lift of chip seal) Phase 4 (Final sweep of chips)	July 4	July 10	Phase 1 - Complete Phase 2 - Complete Phase 3 - Complete Phase 4 - Complete
Rechip 2 miles Terra-Cem on TWP RD 492 from RGE RD 172 -190 (Various locations)	June 19	June 24	Phase 1 - Complete Phase 2 - Complete Phase 3 - Complete Phase 4 - Complete
Rechip: TWP 480 between HWY 36 and RR 130 P&H Road TWP 480 and RR 130	August 4	August 7	Complete
Shoulder Pulls (Multiple Locations) Current location - TWP 484	August 19	October 2	In progress
Backsloping (Location TBD)	October 2	November 1	
Gravelling	March 13	December 22	ONGOING
Patching roads throughout season	May 2	October 1	ONGOING
Dust Control - 2ND Application	August 8	August 15	COMPLETE

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Beaver County will be completing Shoulder Pulls in the following areas over the next couple of weeks:

- RGE RD 124 between TWP 492 and 494 (2 miles)
- TWP 482 between RGE RD 130 and 123 (3 miles)
- TWP 500 between HWY 36 and 132 (1 mile)
- TWP 500 between RGE RD 142 and 144 (2 miles)
- RGE RD 194 between TWP 500 and HWY 14 (6 miles)
- RGE RD 202 between TWP 502 and TWP 504 (2 miles)

Road rehabilitation through shoulder pulling will re-establish crown, compact the road surface and allow for grading of the road slope for proper drainage. Although the roads will stay open during construction, please expect delays or use alternate routes.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this road maintenance causes and thank you for your patience and understanding during construction. If you have any questions, please call the Beaver County Service Center at 825-385-0052.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Human Resources Manager

Permanent Full-time
35 hours per week, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday
This role is pivotal in fostering the organization's culture and driving its success through people oriented programs and services. Reporting to the CAO, the HR Manager provides strategic leadership and direction for human resources management, aligning with the corporate mission, vision, values, and strategic objectives. Thriving under pressure, they are committed to learning and continuously apply new insights and processes to enhance HR operations.

Closing Date: October 16th, 2023

Email resume and cover letter to careers@beaver.ab.ca

or via mail to: Human Resources, Beaver County, Box 140, Ryley, AB T0B 4A0

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 4th:

- 9:30 AM: Regular Council Meeting
 - 1:00 PM: Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting

October 18th:

- 9:30 AM: Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting
 - 1:00 PM: Regular Council Meeting

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Book Club

Location: Ross Creek Community Hall, 531041 Range Road 191
Rural Book Club that meets the first Tuesday each month.
Books are provided by the local library or can be checked out
on their own by attendees. **October 3rd, November 7th,**

December 5th, 7 PM-8 PM. All ages are welcome!

Technology Classes

Sharpen your digital skills with Beaver County CALP Technology Classes! Starting September 26th through to October 31st. Runs every Tuesday from 1-3 PM at the Beaverhill Lake Nature Centre. Cost is \$2 per session, call 780-663-3732 to reserve your spot!

Tofield Golden Club - Burgers, Salads, and Sweets!

Location: 5004-54th Avenue Tofield
Friday, September 29th

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
\$10 at the door, all are welcome!



Borschiiw Social Guild Turkey Bingo

join the Guild for a fun game of Bingo and your chance to win a turkey!
Just in time for Thanksgiving!



Location: Borschwi Community Hall
Wednesday, October 4th
Doors open at 6 PM | Bingo starts at 7 PM
Snacks and refreshments available for purchase!
For more information contact borschwiocialquid@gmail.com



Halloween Family and Teenage Dance
Viking FCSS and Holden Community Hall Association are
hosting a Halloween dance!

host a Halloween dance!
Location: Holden Community Hall
Family Dance: 6-7:30 PM (Free to all) | Teenage Dance: 8-10:30 PM (\$10)

Family Dance: 6-7:30 PM (Free to all)
Music, games, food and more!

Contact Dawn at 780-336-4024 for more information!

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Submit your event/s, meetings and/or gatherings to our events calendar on the website! Just head to the

website, scroll down to the calendar, click to view all events, then hit the **Submit an event button!**

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