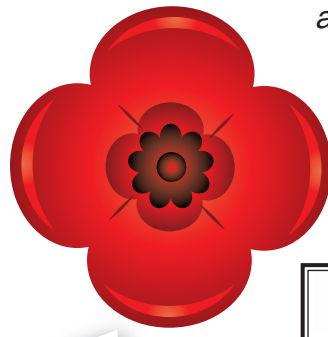


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County open house presents update on land use and development

Patricia Harcourt

Open houses were held Nov. 1 at both ends of Beaver County following a recent review of the county's land use bylaw (LUB) and municipal development plan (MDP).

The community halls in Tofield in the west end and Viking in the east end were each lined with charts revealing the results of the recent study, courtesy of consultants V3 Companies of Canada Ltd. Hard copy information packets were also made available.

In Tofield, Reeve Kevin Smook (Division 1), Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) and Councillor Lionel Williams (Division 2) attended to represent the county. Councillors Barry Bruce (Division 4) and

Dale Pederson (Division 5) were on hand in Viking. Hrabec, whose division is in the middle of the county, later attended Viking as well as being in Tofield initially.

Jessica Post, the county's development officer, explained that the intent of the open house was to share proposed updates to the land use and development documents.

"It's a huge project," she said involving adding approved uses resulting in fewer restrictions and utilizing a formatting process that would hopefully make the documents easier to understand.

"It's not a rewrite of the document, it's just an update," she said. "The current documents are from the



Beaver County held a land use bylaw/municipal development plan open house Nov. 1 in both Viking and Tofield. Shown in Viking are, from left: Councillor Dale Pederson (Division 5), Viking resident Rod Krips, Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Div Division 3), Beaver County Staffer Delayna Koch, and Viking RCMP officer Cst. Jason Wall.

1990s and it's definitely due for it."

Post added it was "best practice" to do a review at least every five years.

The open houses didn't generate huge interest with only a handful of people coming out to review the information and ask questions of the county reps and consultants.



Elisa Stamatakis, a planner for the consulting firm V3 Companies of Canada Ltd., talks with Councillor Barry Bruce (Division 4) during Beaver County's open house Nov. 1 in Viking on a proposed update to the county's land use and development policies.

County Council adopts 2024-2028 road plan

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County Council adopted a five year road plan running from 2024-2028 at its regular meeting Oct. 18.

"This is a big one but kind of great," remarked General Manager of Infrastructure Dan

Blackie.

"Because there's been a lot of consideration (put into) choosing these roads."

He noted there was "lots of input from staff, ratepayers and lots of grader operator discussion..It was really good."

He also noted that the

plan starts with 2024, a year where the roads were already approved."

Blackie then went through the map provided indicating the roads to be included for work by year with different colours.

He indicated a he wanted to delay to the

spring a decision on what to do with Rge. Rd. 130.

This was due to an issue with the culvert situation and the Town of Viking, but added he "had some ideas," and it was marked as pending on the map.

He said there is a 50/50 cost sharing

agreement with the Viking Colony for work on a road allowance north to their property in the county's east end. Councillor Barry Bruce (Division 4) wondered "if (this kind of agreement) could be made available to anyone who is one-half to one mile of road allowance

to their property."

Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) noted that upgrading roads to terracem in the plan will eventually save the county money as graders will not be used on them.

"People have to realize the investment is longer term," he said.

Clean Harbors' grant enhances Ryley School's educational opportunities

Ryley School is buzzing with excitement because of the continual community commitment of Clean Harbors.

On Oct. 23, a motion was passed at the Village of Ryley Council Meeting, awarding Ryley School \$30,000 for the 2023-2024 school year. This community enhancement grant disbursement, recommended on an annual standing basis by Clean Harbors on Sept. 13, will significantly enrich the educational experience of Ryley School students.

Clean Harbors, a well-known environmental services company, has once again demonstrated their dedication to fostering education and community growth. The grant will be allocated to various initiatives, including field trips,

extracurricular sports, and providing hot lunches, among other beneficial programs.

Principal Maria Schaade expressed her gratitude for Clean Harbors' continued support: "We are deeply grateful to Clean Harbors for their ongoing commitment to Ryley School and the wider community," said Schaade.

"This generous grant will enable us to offer our students experiences that would have otherwise been challenging to provide. With no extra cost to parents, all of our students will now have the opportunity to explore the world through educational field trips, engage in extracurricular sports, and have nutritious hot lunches, all of which significantly enhance their overall educational journey."



Brent from Killam Feed & Farm Supply
INVITES YOU
to an Information Session & Lunch

Date: Wednesday November 22nd, 2023

**Location: Killam Legion
5117 51 Ave
Killam, Alberta T0B 2L0**

AGENDA

| | |
|----------|---|
| 10:30 AM | Arrival |
| 11:00 AM | Timely Beef Nutrition Q&A by Dr. Mark Cameron, Ph.D., <i>VP of Nutrition</i> |
| 12:00 PM | Customer Appreciation Lunch |
| 1:00 PM | Navigating the Cattle Markets by Brian Perillat, MSc., <i>Agribusiness Specialist</i> |

ALL are welcome for the Customer Appreciation Lunch!
It is not required to attend the speaker sessions to enjoy!



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR PIERRE BREAU

Join us in celebrating the retirement of our distinguished CEO, Pierre Breau, on **Friday, November 24**. The retirement celebration will take place at the **Ryley Hall**, located at 5103-49 Street from 2:00-5:00 pm. and is open to the entire community. This event will feature a brief program starting at **2:30 pm**, leaving the rest of the afternoon for guests to connect with Pierre. Light refreshments will be available.

Pierre's remarkable journey with the Beaver Regional Waste Management Services Commission (Beaver Municipal Solutions) began in 2011. Through his visionary leadership, the organization evolved into Claystone Waste, a municipally controlled corporation. Under his guidance, Claystone transitioned from a modest regional landfill into a western Canadian waste management leader. It has consistently demonstrated operational excellence in waste disposal, an unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship, and a steadfast dedication to pioneering innovative waste solutions.



We invite you to join us in extending warmest wishes to Pierre as he embarks on this well-deserved retirement journey. To assist us in making the necessary arrangements, kindly confirm your attendance, by **November 14** to info@claystonewaste.com or call us at **780.663.2038**.

2023 CYCLE 2 GRANT PROGRAM

Our second round of grant funding will be closing November 30. All Not-for-Profit community groups located within Beaver County that have a project, event or activity that could use some funding support are encouraged to submit an application. This program is not for individuals nor businesses.

Large capital projects do not qualify for this funding. For example, if your organization is developing a skate park, the overall capital project would not be covered, however an application for a bench or waste receptacle located in the skate park would qualify.

If you have any questions about our bi-annual grant program or would like to request an application form, please contact our office at 780.663.2038, extension 122.

Toll Free: 1.855.221.2038 Ph: 780.663.2038

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Landfill and Ryley Transfer Station Hours:

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

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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

Seniors get free snow clearing, service restricted to anyone being uncivil

Patricia Harcourt

A new snow clearing policy's eligibility gives seniors a free service and introduces a restriction for anyone being uncivil to county staff.

Dan Blackie, General Manager of Infrastructure, introduced the policy which council approved at the Oct. 18 regular meeting of council.

That was done with Blackie requesting council rescind the old policy PW-016 Snow and Ice Clearing Level of Service, and then approve INFR-019 Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy and Administrative Procedure.

"The Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) reviewed, discussed and recommended the current changes to the policy to council for approval," Blackie stated. GPC is composed of the same members who make up council.

Blackie added: "Service will be denied to residents who treat staff disrespectfully."

Council weighed in on this addition to the policy after it was passed.

"We will not tolerate disrespectful behaviour...period," said Reeve Kevin Smook (Division 1).

Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) said that "(residents) think it's the county's job to clear snow." But he added that there are also other services the county must do as well as that service.

"This policy comes up fair," he said. "They know the costs have gone up," citing fuel and the time employees take to do the work as factors in fees being raised.

Council also upgraded the fee schedule at the same meeting, which included a change for private grading services.

For ice and snow residential driveway maintenance, the price goes from \$200 to \$300 per hour, with a minimum 1/2 hour now costing \$150 instead of \$100. After that, the cost is \$50 (up from \$35) for each 10 minute increment.

Agriculture snow clearing will be \$300 per hour (with a minimum of an hour). Mobilization from the grader

storage location to the site to be serviced will cost \$10 per mile.

Any "rush" requests for service will cost three times the regular fee if done within one business day, and two times the regular fee if done within two business days.

Those persons already on the list to receive snow clearing services will be notified of the new policy by administration, said Blackie. There will also be updates on social media, the Chronicle and the county website.

Councillor Dale Pederson (Division 5) proposed changing the policy's wording so it reads that disrespectful conduct with 'county staff' would not be tolerated.

"Because they can still go after the (grader) operators," he said, if the word administration is used.

Council agreed to the change with Hrabec calling it "a good catch" by Pederson.

"We have had operators stopped in their graders or (otherwise) harassed," he said, but that conduct will now be

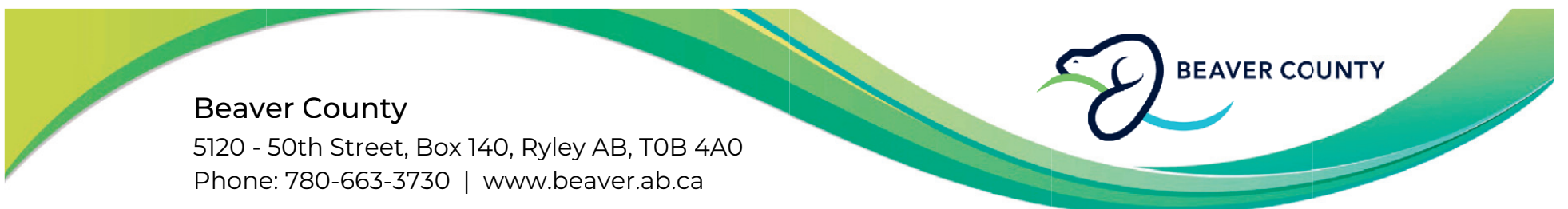
unacceptable in the new policy.

Hrabec made the motion to rescind the old policy with Pederson motioning to adopt the new one, including the change from "administration" to "county staff" regarding the harassment of county employees.

That part of the policy, under Private Snow Clearing Section (k) will now read: "The county reserves the right to deny snow clearing and ice control services to owners/approved renters whose conduct with county staff is disrespectful, intimidating, or harassing."

Senior citizens and residents with health restrictions preventing them from clearing their driveways will not be charged for the services to a maximum of six times per calendar year, and for no more than one half hour (30 minutes) for each one of these six times.

A fee will be charged for agricultural snow clearing of one hour's duration; however, a mobilization fee will be added onto that if necessary.



| CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE | | | |
|--|------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| TASK | START DATE | ESTIMATED END DATE | UPDATE: November 8th |
| Culvert Maintenance | APRIL 1 | TBD | ONGOING |
| Terra-Cem: | MAY 29 | JULY 10 | ALL LOCATIONS COMPLETE |
| Rechip: | AUGUST 4 | AUGUST 7 | COMPLETE |
| Shoulder Pulls: TWP RD 484 between RGE RD 145 & HWY 14 TWP 474 between HWY 857 & RGE RD 144 RGE RD 194 between TWP 500 & HWY 14 RGE RD 124 between TWP 492 & TWP 494 TWP 500 between RGE RD 142 & 144 | AUGUST 1 | OCTOBER 2 | ALL LOCATIONS COMPLETE |
| Backsloping: Range Road 160 and Township 490 | OCTOBER 2 | TBD | ONGOING |
| Gravelling | MARCH 13 | DECEMBER 22 | ONGOING |

SNOW CLEARING AND ICE CONTROL POLICY

Important Snow Clearing & Ice Control Policy Update:

In preparation for the winter season, we have made significant changes to our Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy. These revisions aim to boost safety and efficiency in our services.

- Starting this winter, residents must prepay for the service in advance. This ensures precise and timely service during winter weather.
- Previous agreements are now invalid. To continue using our snow clearing and ice control services, everyone must complete and sign the new agreement.
 - Access it on our website at www.beaver.ab.ca or request a mailed copy by calling 780-663-3730.
- Seniors and those with health restrictions still have up to six free snow clearings available per year, but a new agreement is required.
- To encourage the use of local contractors and support our community, we've changed service prices which can be found in the Fees, Rates, and Charges Bylaw.

For more information, visit our website or call 780-663-3730.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The County currently has one request for proposal open:

- Equity Industrial Park - Area Structure Plan



The RFP is posted on the County's website under the Business section.

THANK YOU!

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 (Holden Legion) would like to thank the following for all their assistance in repairing a major sewer issue:

- Madu's Plumbing
- Dave Marko - Village of Holden
- Bratrud Vac Services

Each of these companies donated their time and efforts contributing to the major bill of excavation. Legion members are extremely thankful for all the support from community members, and are happy to be back in the Legion enjoying their crib nights!

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 15th:

- 10:30 AM: Governance and Priorities Committee
- 1:00 PM: Regular Council Meeting

November 29th and 30th:

- 9:30 AM: Regular Council Budget Meeting

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Book Club - December 5th

Location: Ross Creek Community Hall, 531041 Rge Rd 191
Rural book club that meets the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings run from 7PM - 8PM, all ages welcome!

- Darts Night - Wednesday evenings at the Ryley Legion
7:30 PM- 10:00 PM

Legion membership not required, and all skills levels welcome! Darts available to lend if needed.

- Free palliative care training for volunteers, caregivers, and community members! This free, two-day, in-person training will give individuals the confidence to provide quality support services in any setting. Runs from November 15-16 Register at this link: <https://bit.ly/PCT-Viking> or contact Viking/Beaver FCSS a call at 780-336-4024.

- Steak Night - Saturday November 18th at the Holden Complex
Steak \$30 or Shrimp and Steak \$35

Children's Meals - burgers and hot dogs only (12+ \$10, 6-12 \$5, 5 and under free)

Live auction - 7:30 PM, Silent Auction 5-8 PM, Free Skating 5-8 PM
Contact Lucy at 780-781-6014 for more information.

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!**



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

Town of Tofield - Remembrance Day Service

10:30 AM Remembrance Day Parade (Tofield Legion Hall)

11:00 AM - Remembrance Day Ceremony (Tofield Community Hall)

Town of Viking - Remembrance Day Ceremony

(Viking Community Hall) Doors open at 10:00 AM, Ceremony at 10:30 AM, with lunch to follow.

Presentations of poems and artwork by Viking School students.

Village of Ryley - Remembrance Day Service

12:00 PM - Cenotaph and wreath placement service (Ryley Legion)

12:30 PM - Community Service (Ryley Community Hall)

1:00 PM- Potluck and social at the Legion Hall

Village of Holden - Remembrance Day Service

10:15 - 10:30 AM - Meet at Holden Legion

11:00 AM - March to cenotaph, service and lunch at the Legion to follow

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Royal Canadian Legion #56 (Holden Legion) is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the cenotaph, that stands tall at the foot of main street in Holden. The monument is the work of Frank Norbury (1871-1965). Norbury was unique, as he was one of the only sculptors working in Canada after the Great War that had actually been there fighting in the war beside the soldiers that his sculptures are meant to honour.

"The cenotaph was designed and sculptured by Major H. G. Norbury at the cost of approximately \$1200.00. On June 4, 1923 the cenotaph was unveiled, and dedicated by Bishop Grey, of Edmonton."

Sources: Holden History Book and Remembered in Bronze and Stone - Canada's Great War Memorial Statuary



Cenotaph erected in 1923 to commemorate those killed in action during W. W. I.

Lest We Forget

Beaver County salutes the service, commitment, and sacrifices, past, present, and future, made by men and women in uniform.

We honour all our veterans, and those who are currently serving. If you have photos or stories you would like to share, please send them to us via email to communications@beaver.ab.ca or message us on social media. Our goal is to compile these images into a collage that can be displayed every Remembrance Day.

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them."

Laurence Binyan

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