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Free dust control ends for golf course; Colony will pay one mile

Patricia Harcourt

Two dust control issues and their payment were part of county council's decisions at the regular meeting Feb. 21.

A west end golf course has had its annual free dust control ended after five years at a cost to the county of \$1,200 per year.

The county has decided to stop applying free dust control on the county service road adjacent to the Tofield Golf Course.

The free applications started five years ago when then reeve Jim Kallal made a motion to that effect at council. As well as the free dust control, the motion called for the service road to be graded "at the discretion of the landowner." Council was also to give consideration for grading to the service road east of the golf course to Range Road 191 in the spring of 2020.

At that time, four members of council voted in favour of the motion. Then councillor Kevin Smook (now county reeve) in Division 1 where the golf course is located voted against it.

Councillors in 2019 voting in favour were: Gene Hrabec (Division 3), Barry Bruce (Division 4) and Dale Pederson (Division 5), along with Kallal in Division 2.

The golf course asked for the dust control on the basis that the county's service road was inundating the business with tremendous amounts of dust. The golf course felt the county should provide the dust control free of charge as it was the county road creating the issue.

Five years later, however, the same three councillors voted to end the free dust control upon recommendation by administration.

The motion by Pederson passed unanimously at the Feb. 21 meeting, including new councillor Lionel Williams. Williams replaced Kallal in Division 2 after Kallal chose not to run in the last municipal election.

In making his motion, Pederson said the last five years of applications should still be effective in keeping the dust down on the service road entrance for at least this year.

General Manager of Infrastructure Dan Blackie spoke to end the free dust control, pointing out that it cost the county \$1,200 for each of the last five years.

The landowner will be notified of the decision, he said, and will have until April 5 to apply through the Dust Control Program for a paid application. As well, the Viking Hutterite Colony's request to have Terra-Cem applied to a county road running to the colony entrance has been granted - with the payment of an improvement tax by the Colony.

Beaver County Council agreed to authorize administration to commence the Local Improvement Tax process with the colony for a Terra-Cem project on Range Road 120 from Twp. Rd. 490 north for one mile to the colony entrance.

The project will be undertaken this year, and hitches a ride with another county project taking place in the vicinity.

"It's considered long term dust control," said Blackie, at the Feb. 21 regular meeting of council.

"The colony pays 100 per cent of the product," he said of the agreement, and the county pays for the labour and equipment.

He added that "the colony wants to cost share," noting: "The colony has seven years to pay (the improvement tax) off...I got it in writing."

The project "is just a matter of going North from (the county's) original work site," he said, regarding roadwork already taking place this year in that area.

"Administration has provided a rough estimate based on 2023 pricing with a modest margin for inflation costs," he states, in his report to council.

"The Viking Colony has responded in writing that they would like to proceed with the project and will pay over seven years as a Local Improvement Tax," he said.

Tofield Men's Bonspiel A and B event winners



Last weekend the Tofield Curling Club hosted their Men's Bonspiel. Eleven teams entered and Shauna Neufeld, Tofield Curling Club President, said it was a very successful weekend. Pictured L-R are A event winners on the Parent Team, Skip Ken Parent, Third Steve McKay, Second Kelsey Kisiloski, Lead Len Nearing.



Pictured L-R are B event winners on the Schultz Team, Skip Dave Schultz, Third Ron Cameron, Second Les Warner, Lead Mark Vasick.

All About Trees

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Join us for a workshop all about trees with Toso Bozic, CEO and Tree Expert at ATTS Group Inc. Where you will learn about:

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- Pests & Diseases:** Identify common threats and protect your trees from harm.

When: April 5th, 1 PM

Where: Kinsella Community Hall (305 King St, Kinsella)

How to register: Scan the QR code with your phone, or contact Baileigh at the County Office on 780-336-3730 or bklammer@beaver.ab.ca with your name, phone number, email address and any food allergies. Registration deadline is March 27th.



BEAVER COUNTY

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - FEB 21

Highlights from the February 21, Regular Council meeting include:

- CN invoice discussions
- Sad news for the Paragon Theatre
- Holden Ag Society funding request
- Agricultural water sources in times of restrictions
- Rescheduling May 15th Council Meeting.

The full highlights can be found on our website on the Homepage under Recent News.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

We're looking for some motivated team members to join our team! What's your superpower?!



• Seasonal Crew Member - Ag Services

• Seasonal Labourer

- Duties may include but are not limited to brushing, road oil patching, packer operator, bridge maintenance, drainage improvement, culvert replacement, and beaver dam removal.
- QUALIFICATIONS:**
 - Valid Class 5 Drivers License with an acceptable driving record
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 - Opportunity to gain valuable work experience
 - Must be willing to work in fluctuating climates (hot, cold, wet) and environmental conditions.
 - Ability to lift 50 lbs. or more
 - Safety conscious attitude

• Seasonal Serviceman/Equipment Operator

- Needed for the 2024 road maintenance and construction season.

• QUALIFICATIONS:

- Valid Class 5 Drivers License with an acceptable driving record
- Willing to train and learn to operate light and heavy duty equipment and work with crews
- Opportunity to gain valuable work experience
- Must be willing to work in fluctuating climates (hot, cold, wet) and environmental conditions.
- Ability to lift 50 lbs. or more
- Previous construction experience is an asset
- Mechanics/trades experience is an asset
- Class 3 is an asset
- Ability to work well in a team environment

• Seasonal Truck Drivers (6-8 months)

- Class I Truck Drivers with equipment operating experience for the 2024 gravel hauling and construction season.

• QUALIFICATIONS:

- Valid Class 1 License with a favourable driving record.
- Minimum Grade 12 or G.E.D.
- Proven experience and ability to perform road maintenance of roads, signs, bridges, etc.,
- General servicing of equipment, and other duties as assigned by the Supervisor.
- Previous experience hauling and spreading gravel is an asset.
- Knowledge of Beaver County.
- Ability to work independently and assume responsibility for maintenance of equipment.
- Ability to work effectively with other employees and the public.

Interested applicants are requested to submit their resumes and driver's abstracts to:

- Human Resources, Beaver County, Box 140, Ryley, AB T0B 4A0
- Or by e-mail to: careers@beaver.ab.ca

For more info visit our website. The Careers page can be found under the Government menu.

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To Apply: Send your cover letter and resume to info@claystonewaste.com by March 31, 2024. The Board will be making committee appointments at their April meeting.

Landfill & Ryley Transfer Station:

50117 Rge Rd 173 (HWY 854) Box 322, Ryley, AB T0B 4A0

Weekdays 9:00am - 4:30pm;

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

NOTE: customers must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to closing;

Administration building

Mon to Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm, Closed from 12:00 - 1:00pm

Toll Free: 1.855.221.2038 Ph: 780.663.2038

Lindbrook Transfer Station:

51008 Rge Rd 201 Ph: 780.662.2704

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

Sat 10:30am - 5:30pm

Tofield Transfer Station:

51032 Rge Rd 191 Ph: 780.662.2731

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

Viking Transfer Station:

12503 Twp Rd 480 Ph: 780.718.7956

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

Kinsella Transfer Station:

46418 Rge Rd 113 Ph: 780.226.6802

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

Please note: All transfer stations except for the Ryley Transfer Station are closed on Statutory holidays.

IMPORTANT DATES**March 6th:**

- 9:30 AM: Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

March 27th:

- 9:30 AM: Regular Council Meeting

March 29 & April 1:

- Office Closed for Easter

WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY**Book Club**

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.

Food for Thought - Give a Can Today - Food Drive

Tofield-Ryley Food Bank desperately needs cans of fruit.
Call 780-662-3511 and leave a message if you wish to donate - a volunteer will return your call.

Music Jam/Open Mic - March 17 @ 1 PM.

Holden Community Hall, admission \$5, no charge for musicians.

Tofield AA - Thursdays, 8 - 9 PM

Basement of Bardo Lutheran Church, 4737 57 Ave, Tofield.

Viking AA - Wednesdays, 7:30 PM, Zoom option also available.

Golden Valley Lutheran Church, 5327 56 Ave, Viking.

<https://area78aa.org/meetings/147-3/>

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!**



UNDER THE SEA

STUDENT DANCE GRADES 7-12

MARCH 8, 2024

7 - 10 PM

HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL

Tickets \$10 at the door.

Dessert included. Photo Booth Area
and Concession Available

Call Amber at 780-688-3928
for questions

**Mailing list**

Get news, meeting highlights, the road construction schedule, the Chronicle, and more - direct to your inbox!

Website

Information on County programs and services can be found on our website, along with the latest news.

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS**

The following Development Applications have been APPROVED (except where otherwise noted) by the Development Authority under the provisions of Land Use Bylaw No. 98-801, subject to the right of appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board/Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

APPEAL DEADLINE March 20, 2024

Appeal Body	SDAB
Application No.	020020-24-D0010
Applicant	Five Star Permits
Landowner	Bruce Sports and Stampede Association
Location	Plan 5553AO; Block ; Lot B located in SW-30-48-14-W4
Development	Discretionary Use – Signs (13.25 sq.ft. to replace existing ATB sign affixed to building)

Any person wishing to appeal an application may do so by serving written notice on the prescribed form (stating reasons for the appeal) to the relevant appeal body. For information on how to appeal can be found on our website under **Services > Planning & Development > Appealing Planning Decisions**

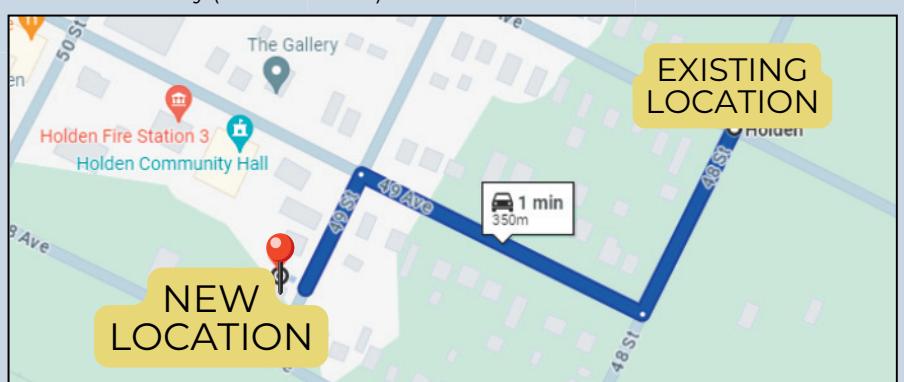
Further information regarding the above decisions may be obtained from the County Office, Ryley, Alberta.

**HOLDEN BIN RELOCATION**

Please be informed that the location of the four designated rural garbage bins will change **during the week of March 11th**.

The bins will move from the corner of 48 Street and 50 Ave, to behind the Beaver County grader shed, at **4904 48 Ave**.

If you have any questions, please contact the Village of Holden (780-688-3928), or Beaver County (780-663-3730).

**ARE YOU A LOCAL CATERER?**

We're on the lookout for a reliable caterer to provide light lunch and dessert for a group of 6 at the County office on a monthly basis, typically every 3rd Wednesday. If you pride yourself on delicious, quality fare and dependable service, we'd love to hear from you!

Interested parties, please reach out to Delayna Koch for more details at dkoch@beaver.ab.ca or 780-663-3730

THE PARAGON THEATRE

**Movies temporarily moved to Holden Hall:
4919 49 Ave, Holden AB.**

Saturday, March 9th:

- 3 PM: *Butterfly Tale* - F 82m
- 7 PM: *The Creator* - PG 133m

Info:
paragontheatre.ca

Next Movie:
April 13 (TBA)

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Tofield Golden Club requests Pink Shirt Day funding for expansion project

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County needs more information about the Tofield Golden Club's expansion project before deciding on a funding request from the club.

The club is marking its 50th anniversary in 2025, and wants to expand the building it uses which is located across the street from the Tofield Municipal Office and Library.

Aimee Boese, general manager of community services for Beaver County, outlined the club's objective. She said the club "is seeking to expand the current building to add amenities which will attract newly retired seniors with many more opportunities for social interaction, such as pickle ball, workshops, and a stage for arts and entertainment."

While 20 per cent of the club's membership - which is open to people over the age of 50 - is from the county, "It is hoped that with increased space and opportunities that number will rise," she said.

The club wants to build a new addition to their existing space, about 55 ft. by 100 ft., with a mezzanine for crafts and administrative offices.

The project's estimated cost is \$1.1 million to \$1.5 million, and the club wants it started in the spring and completed a year later in time for the anniversary year.

In a letter to the county, Golden Club Treasurer Jim Robichaud stated: "We have the full support of our community behind us as demonstrated in a recent member meeting where those present voted 100 per cent in favour of moving ahead."

Boese stated that the club has not asked for any specific amount financially, but hopes

that the county will match the Town of Tofield's contributions.

The town has donated the land, valued at \$230,000, for a dollar. A separate contribution by the town of \$40,000 was made to help with design work for the project.

One design element mentioned in the letter was to convert the club's coffee room into a "60s themed retro design," and another was to make the area that once housed the fire station into a small engine repair and wood working shop.

Said Robichaud: "Tofield Mayor Deb Dueck and town council are working with us and have passed motions for the current building and land to be sold to the Golden Club for one dollar."

Boese posed some questions for council to consider before deciding on a request amount. The county should determine if this is a one-time request only, if there are other ways to support

the membership of county seniors, and if the expansion fits into any long-term strategic plans for either the town or the county.

Reeve Kevin Smook (Division 1) felt the officials from the club should come to the county's Governance and Priorities Committee meeting, "to share their concept with us."

He added: "I see meat in the project in principle but we lack details for council to consider."

But Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) worried about operational expenses going forward. He also wondered if buildings already in existence shouldn't be utilized more rather than adding to them.

"We have lots of facilities we are trying to keep running," he said. Hrabec is the chair of the Beaver Foundation, which operates the government-run housing for seniors in the county. The foundation is having trouble filling its vacancies in two or three facil-

ties in the county.

Other factors that might affect the project include the possibility of a new community centre being built in Tofield, he said.

"We need to know how many people they have talked to, other groups, etc." said Hrabec, concerning the seniors club project.

Smook agreed: "We could ask them to a future meeting."

A motion was passed to follow the recommendation for administration to gather additional information about the Tofield Golden Club expansion project, including detailed financial planning, and provide a report at a future council meeting.

Boese said "there can be an opportunity to review the shared services agreement (with the club) down the road."



CW Sears Pink Shirt Day: CW Sears School participated in Pink Shirt Day last week, wearing pink to represent anti-bullying. Pictured here are Grade 1 teacher Mrs. Kyle with two Grade 2 students.

OBITUARIES

Wanda Baraniuk

Wanda Baraniuk of Holden, Alberta passed away on February 24, 2024 at the Tofield Health Center at the age of 74 years.

She is survived by her husband Bill and her loving family and friends.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 4, 2024 at the Tofield United Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tofield and Area Health Foundation.

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