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## Projects supported to maximize water supply and delivery of drinking water to communities

The province plans to invest in projects that will maximize water supply and deliver adequate drinking water to communities this year.

The government made the announcement on Monday as part of its plan to help municipalities during the risk of drought feared for 2024.

Alberta's largest innovation agency, Alberta Innovates, has invested more than \$75 million through its Water Innovation Program, supporting 101 completed projects, with 65 more in the works. All 166 projects represent a total project value of more than \$256 million.

These projects are helping researchers and industry accelerate the development of new technology that will deliver safe, secure drinking water to communities and promote healthy aquatic ecosystems.

Water Innovation Program projects that come under environment technologies are funded under four themes: future water supply and watershed management; healthy aquatic ecosystems; water conservation, efficiency and productivity; and water quality protection. As the province faces a risk of extreme drought, these technologies are more important than ever.

"Technology is driving innovation in every industry.

Each project supported through this funding will help us bring real-world solutions to real-world problems, that include a high-performing responsive waste management system for our province," said Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation

"We are investing in innovation and technologies that will help us maximize Alberta's water supply to fight drought. These innovative projects are part of our work to modernize and transform how water is used in this province, finding new and better ways to manage, conserve and use our most precious resource," added Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

One of the technologies, developed at the University of Alberta uses a granular sludge reactor to increase the amount of processed water that can be reused and recycled. It will also increase the performance and capacity of municipal water treatment facilities. The project is currently being piloted at a City of Calgary wastewater treatment plant and is showing promise.

As Alberta continues to diversify its economy, innovations like these are critical. They will not only help create a clean tech industry for water treatment but also improve the province's marketability and competitiveness with

these technologies for a global market.

"Water is always taken for granted until such time as there is none. The Water Innovation Program creates the knowledge and technologies to help ensure a safe, secure and reliable water supply, so our communities, businesses, farms and ecosystems have the water they need now and into the future," said Laura Kilcrease, CEO, Alberta Innovates

"The University of Alberta is committed to bringing our expertise to bear to address the grand challenges of our time. We are pleased to be working once again with Alberta Innovates and the Government of Alberta, as well as other collaborators, to accelerate the development of key technologies that will ensure Albertans can rely on a clean water supply today and for generations to come," added Aminah Robinson Fayek, vice-president (Research and Innovation), University of Alberta

Working with the government, Alberta Innovates supports resource and technology companies, small- and medium-sized enterprises, and post-secondary institutions in research, technology development and commercialization.

## Beaver County Council meets with Ministers and at Rural Municipalities Association Convention



Beaver County Council and Camrose MLA Jackie Lovely held a conversation with Advanced Education Minister Rajan Sawhney at the recent Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) Convention held in Edmonton. Said Lovely: "We are all passionate about the Nursing program returning to U of A Augustana and will continue our conversation." Shown in the photo are, from left: Councillor Dale Pederson, MLA Jackie Lovely, Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec, Minister Sawhney, Councillor Barry Brruce and Reeve Kevin Smook.



At the recent Rural Municipalities Association (RMA) convention in Edmonton, some Beaver County Council members were able to meet with Minister of Municipal Affairs Ric McIver to discuss issues earmarked as important to the county. From left to right are: Camrose MLA Jackie, Lovely, Beaver County Councillor Dale Pederson, Minister of Municipal Affairs Ric McIver, and Beaver County Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec.

# You are invited

Beaver County is inviting interested residents to view, comment, and discuss the proposed updates to the Equity Industrial Park Area Structure Plan with County Council, Planners, and Consultants.



## OPEN HOUSE



March 27, 2024  
4 PM to 7 PM



Ryley Legion  
5121-50 Street, Ryley

### What is an Area Structure Plan?

This plan is our blueprint for guiding development in a smart and sustainable way. It covers everything from environmental protection, how land will be used, to the design of roads and infrastructure, ensuring growth happens smoothly and thoughtfully.



# Claystone

Waste Ltd

### Do you call Beaver County home?...

- Are you a community champion with a keen interest in waste management?
- Do you have valuable insights or expertise in environmental and occupational health and safety?

If you answered yes, to all the above, Claystone Waste has TWO openings on our Public Advisory Committee (PAC) that might just be perfect for you!

The PAC serves as a crucial link between Claystone Waste's Board of Directors and the community. Its core mission is to provide valuable insights on community concerns or interests related to our regional waste facilities and services. The committee comprises of six (6) public members, each serving a 3-year term, appointed directly by the Board, and representatives selected by municipal shareholders via Council.

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

#### Landfill & Ryley Transfer Station:

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

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#### Lindbrook Transfer Station:

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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:

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

#### Kinsella Transfer Station:

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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.



BEAVER COUNTY



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# HIPPITY HOPPITY

## EASTER PARTY

MARCH 30, 2024

10AM TO 1PM

SPILSTEAD HALL

20502 TOWNSHIP ROAD 502

Bring the family for a few hours of Easter fun including egg painting, crafts, art, a visit from some cute bunnies, the Easter Bunny, and an easter egg hunt!



# Music Jam / Open Mic

Admission - \$ 5 per person  
Musicians/Participants - No Charge  
Come Dance to the Music!

SUNDAY APRIL 21 at 1 PM

HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL  
4919 - 49 Ave. HOLDEN, AB



For more info:  
Dave 780-720-5839  
or [beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com](mailto:beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com)

Musicians and spectators welcome!

April 27th & 28th

9am - 5pm

Ryley Legion

5121 50 St, Ryley, AB

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BEAVER COUNTY  
Community Adult Learning Program



## 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 April 10, 2024**

Appeal Body LPRT  
 Application No. 020020-24-D0011  
 Applicant MAGA Energy Ltd.  
 Landowner Edward Koop  
 Location NW-11-51-19-W4  
 Development Discretionary Use - Natural Resource Extraction Uses and General Industrial Uses – Type II – Four (4) Natural Gas Generators combined capacity of 990kW (sea cans – each being 1.5m x 2.4m) and Two (2) Data Processing Facilities (sea cans – each being 6.1m x 2.4m) – added to existing wellsite with well and compressor.

**APPEAL DEADLINE April 10, 2024**

Appeal Body SDAB  
 Application No. 020020-24-D0012  
 Applicant Matthew Thiessen  
 Landowner Samuel and Sandra Thiessen  
 Location NW-22-50-19-W4  
 Development Discretionary Use – Second or Additional Dwellings (Second Home – 980sq.ft.)

**APPEAL DEADLINE April 10, 2024**

Appeal Body SDAB  
 Application No. 020020-24-D0013  
 Applicant Alan Cahoon  
 Landowner Alan and Erin Cahoon  
 Location Plan 1325099; Block 1; Lot 6A located in SW-36-51-20-W4  
 Development Discretionary Use – Solar Collectors, Ground Mount (1,000 sq.ft. in area) – residential use

**APPEAL DEADLINE April 10, 2024**

Appeal Body SDAB  
 Application No. 020020-24-D0014  
 Applicant Fluent Solar LLC  
 Landowner Lance and Rachel Englot  
 Location Plan 1121776; Block 1; Lot 1 located in SW-15-50-19-W4  
 Development Discretionary Use – Solar Collectors, Structure Mount (420.36 sq.ft. in area on primary home) – residential use

**APPEAL DEADLINE April 17, 2024**

Appeal Body SDAB  
 Application No. 020020-24-D0019  
 Applicant EVOLVsolar (EVOLV renewables inc.)  
 Landowner Sijmen and Hendrijke Bosma  
 Location Plan 0829039; Block 1; Lot 1 located in NW-20-50-18-W4  
 Development Discretionary Use - Solar Collectors, Structure Mount (714 sq.ft. to be affixed to roof of house) - residential use

**APPEAL DEADLINE April 17, 2024**

Appeal Body SDAB  
 Application No. 020020-24-D0020  
 Applicant Fluent Solar LLC  
 Landowner Malcolm and Wendy Griffiths  
 Location Plan 1422327; Block 1; Lot 1 located in SW-29-50-18-W4  
 Development Discretionary Use - Solar Collectors, Structure Mount (483.41 sq.ft. to be affixed to roof of house) - residential use

**APPEAL DEADLINE April 17, 2024**

Appeal Body SDAB  
 Application No. 020020-24-D0021  
 Applicant Daniel Krause  
 Landowner Brian and Daniel Krause  
 Location Plan 1922620; Block 1; Lot 2 located in NE-17-50-20-W4  
 Development Discretionary Use – Accessory Storage Buildings (200 sq.ft. storage shed)

**APPEAL DEADLINE April 17, 2024**

Appeal Body SDAB  
 Application No. 020020-24-D0022  
 Applicant Matthew Thiessen  
 Landowner Samuel and Sandra Thiessen  
 Location NW-22-50-19-W4  
 Development Discretionary Use – Buildings and Uses Accessory to Discretionary Uses (576 sq.ft. Detached Garage for Second Home)

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.



### 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.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**March 27th:**

- 9:30 AM: Regular Council Meeting
- 4 - 7 PM: Open House - Equity Industrial Park ASP

**March 29 & April 1:**

- Office Closed for Easter

## WHAT'S 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.

### 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/>

## JOIN OUR TEAM!

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



- **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.
- General servicing of equipment, and other duties as assigned by the Supervisor.
- 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.

For full information on these opportunities visit our website ([www.beaver.ab.ca](http://www.beaver.ab.ca)). The Careers page can be found under the Government menu.

## OPEN TENDERS / RFQ'S

Beaver County is currently accepting submissions for the following:

- TEN2024-10INFR RGE RD 205 Paving Project
  - Closes 10 AM (Local Time), April 11, 2024.
- TEN2024-06INFR 2024 Motor Graders
  - Closes 10 AM (local time), April 8, 2024.

**Please find complete information for all requests on our website > Business > Requests for Proposals & Quotes**



### Social media

Find us on Facebook, X (Twitter), Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.



# Agriculture Minister and MLA meet with crop group

Patricia Harcourt

Local representatives from municipal governments met with Agriculture Minister RJ Sigurdson along with Camrose MLA Jackie Lovely and other MLAs at a recent meet and greet for the Alberta Crops Team group.

D'Arcy Hilgartner of Alberta Grains and Scott Keller with Alberta

Pulse Growers were also on hand as provincial representatives for their sectors.

"We can be very proud of the work they are doing to represent not only our community but the entire province," stated Lovely.

"And I'm delighted, we had two gentlemen from our community who spent their time and provided feed back to assist the Minister and

their sectors."

Team Alberta Crops represents a working collaboration between seven of Alberta's crop commissions: Alberta Canola, Alberta Grains, Alberta Pulse Growers, Alberta-British Columbia Seed Growers, Alberta Sugar Beets and the Potato Growers of Alberta. Collectively the group represents about 40,000 farmer members.

Alberta's crop sector farmers were invited to a meet and mingle in advance of the growing season held on March 13 at the Alberta Legislature in Edmonton.

The Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation Minister delivered remarks at the gathering, reported Lovely.

# Beaver County notes for Feb. 21 council

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County Council approved new appointments to the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at council's Feb. 21 meeting.

The appointments included Jennifer Goertzen and Cathy McRae, both for terms that expire as of March 31, 2027.

Another motion by Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec was passed to send a letter to outgoing SDAB board member Al Reynolds "thanking Mr. Reynolds for his service, impeccable knowledge and commitment upon his retirement from the board."

Council also rescheduled the May 15 meeting of council to May 22 through a motion by Councillor Dale Pederson (Division 5). After a closed session, council passed a motion regarding a gravel adjacent to a pit on the east side of the county.

A motion by Pederson was passed, which read: "That council authorize administration to enter into a Road Allowance Aggregation Royalty Agreement with Alberta Transportation for the removal of aggregate located under Range Road 120 adjacent to the gravel pit located at SW-19-46-11-W4 at a rate of \$2.40 per tonne.

A closed session was held early in

the meeting to discuss the gravel issue along with changing of appointments to the Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission.

Council passed a motion to appoint Reeve Kevin Smook (Division 1) as the primary representative on the Highway 14 Regional Water Service Commission's board. Councillor Barry Bruce (Division 4) is to be the alternate representing the county.

Chief Administrative Officer Kayleena Spiess indicated the closed session was held to discuss a letter from the Highway 14 Water Commission board, which contained

a request from the commission. No other explanation was given for this circumstance.

Pederson initially made the motion to state that Reeve Smook was to replace himself as the county's primary representative on the board. However, the word 'replace' was not included in the final passed motion. Instead, it simply stated that Smook (as primary rep) and Bruce (as alternate) were to be appointed to the commission.

Hrabec said that, although the request for the change was made "to ensure the Municipal Government Act is being followed, he still had concerns "how it transpired."

# Heavy police presence near Lindbrook Tuesday, suspect arrested

On the morning of Tuesday, March 26, Tofield RCMP advised of a heavy police presence in the area of Range Road 201 and Township

Road 512 in Lindbrook.

At 12:17 p.m. that day, RCMP announced the alert had been lifted.

In an update, RCMP advised that a suspect has been arrested and no injuries have been reported.

Police remained in the area as the

investigation continued.

Additional details will be released once information becomes available.

