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Beaver County holds open house for
Equity Area Structure Plan



About 20 people from the local area and beyond turned out for the Equaity Industrial Park Area Structure Plan Open House held March 27 in Ryley. Photos courtesy of Tracey Popick.

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County held an open house on to showcase its Area Structure Plan (ASP) for development in Equity Industrial Park located east of Ryley.

The event was held at the Ryley Legion from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. County council and staff were on hand, along with consultants, to discuss the proposed plan with members of the public.

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

Consultants Beairsto and Associates were hired to update the county’s Area Structure Plan which was last updated in 2018.

“This initiative stems from the county’s commitment to economic development its recently

approved Economic Development Plan,” explained Jessica Post, then development officer. The plan identified several focus areas. Two main areas of focus in the plan are entitled “Speed to market,” and “Shovel ready” projects.

“An update to the EIP/ ASP will ensure that the county has resources in place to enable development and construction to move forward in a timely manner,” she stated.

The plan is also designed to ensure compliance with other legislative requirements, in order to maximize efforts by the county for sustainable growth and development within the region. This includes parts of the environment within the industrial park such as wetlands and other features that must be left alone or requiring compensation if there are any changes made to them.

The draft ASP was reviewed with members of the county’s Governance and Priorities Committee March 6 with the help of consultants engaged for

the process. The draft document was then finalized for the open house held March 27.

The process includes the county’s economic development plans, of which development of Equity is part and parcel.

County Council has also received an economic development update by Rob MacMullen at the latest GPC prior to the open house.

It includes, in part, identifying gaps in key areas of economic development and implementing plans to address them. Initial areas where gaps were identified included water needs, area structure plan updates, land use bylaw and municipal development plan updates.

An economic development plan has already been developed, accepted and adopted by council., along with an economic development advisory committee. It includes increasing public awareness of county business parks and opportunities for economic growth there and within the county as a whole.

VILLAGE OF HOLDEN LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

Our New Slogan:
Holden Has Heart.

What does this mean to you?

COMPETITION RULES :

- 1.Designers must be from Beaver County Region (including all Municipalities).
- 2.Designs must be submitted on 8.5 x 11" paper.
3. Designs submitted by April 4, 2024.
- 4.Artist's idea may be modified to digital format.
Winning image will be property of the Village of Holden.
- 5.Finalists announced on June 8th, 2024.

CASH PRIZES:

1

= \$500

2

= \$250

3

= \$100

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BEAVER COUNTY

DUST CONTROL

Just a reminder: the deadline to submit your application for the spring suppressant is **April 15!**

All the info you need, including the letter and application form, can be found on our website under **Services > County Roads** or contact our Infrastructure team at 825-385-0052 to get signed up and ensure your roads remain dust-free this season.





CAMPGROUND BOOKINGS!

Attention outdoor enthusiasts! Planning your next camping adventure? Reservations are now open for Camp Lake and Black Nugget!

Access the online booking tool on our website under the **Explore** menu.

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National Volunteer Week is April 21 to 27, 2024



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50117 Rge Rd 173 (HWY 854) Box 322, Ryley, AB T0B 4A0
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Saturdays / STATS 9:00am – 3:00pm; Closed Sundays
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Administration building
Mon to Fri 8:00am – 4:00pm, Closed from 12:00 – 1:00pm
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Sat 10:30am – 5:30pm

Tofield Transfer Station:
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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.



EVERY Moment MATTERS

Viking, Holden & Beaver County East Volunteer Appreciation Events!

It takes a person of great ability to understand and share the feelings of others. Thankfully our communities have incredible volunteers, who take the action of volunteering to new heights each and every day! Please join us as we recognize this incredible work.

Viking Community Luncheon
Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m (doors open at 11:30).
Viking Seniors Centre (5024 53 Ave., Viking) *FREE of Charge!

Holden Community Luncheon
Saturday, April 27th, 2024, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (doors open at 11:30).
Holden Community Hall (4919 49 Ave., Holden) *FREE of Charge!

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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.



BEAVER COUNTY

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 3**
- 9:30 AM - Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting
- April 8**
- 2 PM - Agricultural Service Board Meeting
- April 17**
- 9:30 AM - Regular Council Meeting

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.
- 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 the events calendar on the website! Just head to the website, under the Explore menu click on County Region Events Calendar. We have partnered with Go East to share local events on our website!

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). 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



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.

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



Changes made after development officer resigns

Patricia Harcourt

Changes were made at Beaver County Council’s March 27 meeting as a result of the county bylaw officer’s resignation, which was effective as of the same day.

Margaret Jones, general manager of legislative services, explained to council that interim appointments were necessary while the county works to replace the outgoing bylaw officer, Jessica Post.

“It will take time to fill the position,” said Jones, adding two motions would need to be passed to keep the office going until that happens. A motion by Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) was passed to appoint Jane Dauphinee of Municipal Planning Services (2009) Ltd. as Beaver County’s Subdivision Authority effective March 28.

Another motion by Reeve Kevin Smook (Division 1) was passed for

Assistant CAO Jones to be appointed as Beaver County’s Development Authority effective March 28. with Jane Dauphinee of Municipal Planning Services (2009) Ltd. appointed as the person to act as the development authority in Jones’ absence.

With the resignation of the development officer, “there is no capacity within the office to assume these responsibilities, especially during the busy spring season,” stated Jones, in her report to council. She explained that unless these interim appointments were made, there would be “unreasonable delays for landowners whose applications are already in progress or those who wish to begin the process.”

Municipal Planning Services (MPS) “can provide the services until the county can fill the vacant position,” said Jones. “MPS filled the void left by the previous development officer. We were pleased with the service they provided.”

Jones predicted “a seamless transition as MPS is already familiar with the county’s Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

“County staff will still be available to assist with basic inquiries,” said Jones.

While MPS can issue decisions on subdivision applications, it won’t be doing so for development applications.

“Residents prefer (development) decisions to come from the municipality,” so Jones will be issuing these decisions “for the time being.”

“This will create a conflict if there is an appeal,” said Jones. “However, we will explore alternatives if that issue arises.”

Council also passed a motion by Councillor Barry Bruce (Division 4) to authorize administration to issue a Request for Proposal for a Development and Subdivision Authority Services.

Jones noted that the county has had

three development officers in the past seven years.

Two of the three officers moved to planning departments in larger municipalities near Edmonton.

“This changeover in staff is disruptive to both internal operations and customer service,”she said. “In addition, it is difficult to train a backup development officer to provide coverage for absences.”

The county has recommended going into a contract with a planning and development service through an independent planning consultant, firm or agency. The positive aspect to this is that “residents would have access to experienced land use planners.” The down side is that they would have to contact an external resource instead of a county staff person for their planning needs.

Development enforcement and compliance issues would still be the county’s mandate to enforce.

Beaver County council moves gun complaint issue to committee for discussion

Patricia Harcourt

An ongoing issue regarding complaints of gunfire in a county subdivision was peremptorily moved to a Governance and Priority Committee (GPC) meeting before any discussion could take place at the most recent meeting of Beaver County council.

A letter under the “Consent Agenda” at county’s March 27 council meeting was titled “Gunfire complaint - Rhona and Sebastian Lawson.”

Before a motion was passed to receive and file all the items under this heading, Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) made a motion to move the gunfire complaint consent agenda item to a future GPC meeting.

There was no date specified as to what meeting that would be.but this

week has a GPC meeting on Wednesday, April 3.

The letter from Rhona Lawson refers mainly to neighbours target practicing adjacent to their property, in what was described as ‘unrelenting and ongoing.’

“I am experiencing some distressing issues with gun control and I am finding there is no way to get help,” she writes. “I would not have thought this would ever be an issue in Canada, but here we are.”

Lawson continued: “The issue I am struggling with is that it seems since the beginning of March 2022 everyone around me owns multiple firearms and feels the need to use them recreationally.”

Lawson said she listens “to hours of gunfire on random afternoons. Often I listen to five hours of it on Sunday on

a nice weekend. Today (Feb. 25) during a snow storm, there has been four hours of gunfire while I. write this.”

She added that “there is nowhere in my own home I can escape from the noise.”

She asked county officials why there appears ti be no way for them to curtail “persistent firearms practice” in the way Strathcona County has done.

Lawson outlined her attempts at getting some recourse from the RCMP and the county regarding this issue, but says it was to no avail.

A presentation by Lawson to the county resulted in no action, she said, asking: “How is it okay for a small minority to push me out of my home and my work? Why do these people need guns so badly?”

The Lawson couple said their health is being affected at this stage and “I

am becoming desperate.”

She offered a solution of prohibiting firearms target practice in high density populations, “as other counties have had to put in place because of people abusing the freedom we are privileged to have in Canada.”

The county has dealt with issues related to firearm use in the past but the status quo answer of keeping to the provincial statutes has been the standard response.

Governance and Priorities Commission meetings are made up of county councillors who become committee members for these meetings.

The GPC meetings are set up for discussion purposes and consensus reaching before recommendations are made to county council, which is solely responsible for passing official motions.

RCMP warns public against mass marketing scams

Alberta RCMP is warning about current mass marketing and phone scams that are being perpetrated on the public.

These include phone scams, fraudulent telemarketers, mass mailouts and/or subscriptions, emergency and/or grandparent scams, work from home schemes, CRA scams, foreign lottery or prize scams, overpayment schemes, inheritance schemes and credit card interest rate reduction schemes.

How can you better protect yourself from these types of scams? Here are some helpful resources:

- Do not provide any personal information to an unknown caller;
- Learn the warning signs of caller ID, email and website spoofing; and,
- You have the right to say no to any questions and directly contact a business to speak to a designated representative.

“Phone scams are typically employed to gain information or

money from a potential victim. If you feel like something is off about an interaction, you have every right to say no and to end the call,” says Cpl. Sean Milne, Alberta RCMP Provincial Financial Crime Team.

A Fraud Prevention Seminar will be held at the Viking Senior Centre on Wednesday, April 10 at 4 p.m. to get more information about what is happening locally regarding fraud and scam related activity. In the meantime, if you believe you may be a victim of

fraud, or are currently being targeted by fraud, please report it to your local law enforcement and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) at 1-888-495-8501. Instances of compromised personal and/or financial information should be reported to your bank and credit card company. To learn more about the various types of frauds and scams, please visit the CAFC’s scam webpage. For more fraud prevention information and resources, follow us on Facebook and X.