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County appoints two councillors to Tofield Hall board

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County has appointed two members of council to the Tofield Community Hall Committee looking into the possibility of building a new facility.

However, Councillor Dale Pederson (Division 5) started discussion by saying he “didn’t see any need for the county to be on the board.”

Meaghan Walsh, Legislative Services Coordinator, replied that two policies applied including the Councillor Representation on External Committees and Councillor Remuneration policies.

“The policy suggests councillors will be paid for committee work,” she said.

Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) questioned the other side of the financial equation, wondering if the county would be on the hook to provide funding.

“Would there be a financial obligation,” he said, adding he wouldn’t want that perception to be conveyed.

The county’s Chief Administrative Officer Kayleena Spiess said she agreed that the councillors are already busy and would need to determine the time factor involved in this obligation.

She added there is no funding commitment, which would have to go through council in any case to be given out.

Hrabec said he was not opposed to members of council sitting on the board, but as chair of the Beaver Emergency Services Commission felt it might factor into any decisions BESC may make as well.

“I don’t know what will be decided,” he said. “That will affect BESC plans.”

A motion was made by Councillor Lionel Williams (Division 2) to appoint the councillors for Division 1 and 2, which cover the area represented by Smook and Williams.

Also CAO Spiess or a delegate for her was to attend the hall board meetings.

Williams noted that “there are structural concerns with the existing community hall,”

adding the hall could be in place for another 10 years while the committee conducts fact finding missions making this a longer term project.

Hrabec said he would vote against the motion as he saw a conflict between two different interests and asked for a recorded vote.

Smook informed council that he and Williams attended the Town of Viking meeting which discussed strategy and planning.

Smook felt “it was better to be at the table so we know,” the decisions being made about the hall, so he supported the motion.

“Tofield hall is used by county people as well as town people,” he said.

The motion passed with Hrabec opposed.

The committee is exploring the possibility of building a new hall

The members of administration and county council were requested, said Walsh, “to provide a unique sense and perspective on the potential project.”

County makes way for new councillor training program after election

Patricia Harcourt

With the general municipal elections coming this fall, Beaver County Council agreed to reschedule meetings concerned with the results of that election.

The organizational meeting is usually held soon after the councillors have been elected. But administration requested it now be held on October 30 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Similarly, the county must now make room for a new item involved with the newly elected council.

A councillor orientation training workshop will also take place on October 30. It is designed to satisfy the new requirements in the Municipal Government Act and will take place following the organizational meeting.

The MGA was amended last year by the province’s Bill 20 stating that the orientation meeting must be held on or before the organizational.

An orientation meeting is being set up in conjunction with the towns and villages so councillors can get this training together.

Part A of the orientation will be held on October 29, with Part B taking place October 30.

“These are mandatory meetings,” said

Meagan Walsh assistant manager of legislative services.

The motion by Councillor Dale Pederson (Division 5) to hold the organizational on October 30 was passed by council. A motion by Councillor Lionel Williams (Division 2) was also passed regarding the holding of an orientation meeting on the same date as the organizational.

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 26

- 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM - Regular Council Meeting

April 2

- 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM - Governance & Priorities Committee 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!

Tofield AA - Thursdays, 8 - 9 PM
Basement of Bardo Lutheran Church, 4737 57 Ave, Tofield.

Viking AA - Wednesdays, 8 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!



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- **RFQ2025-09INFR: 2025 Portland Cement Supply and Apply**
 - Closes: March 19, 2025 @ 10 a.m. Local time

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- **Seasonal Serviceman/Equipment Operator**
 - Needed for the 2025 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 2025 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. Or scan the QR code!

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March 22nd

Lunch 4pm

Green Beer 50/50 Irish Coffee



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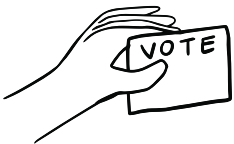
Beavers front teeth grow continuously throughout their life, but daily use helps to trim them down!
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#FactOfTheWeek

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD - REGISTER TO VOTE!

Did you know that registering to vote in advance makes election day easier and faster? By signing up ahead of time, you ensure your name is on the list and avoid last-minute hassles. Participating in elections is a vital way to have your say in the decisions that shape our community.

Don't wait—check your registration status and sign up today!
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CELEBRATE ST.PATRICK'S DAY!

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner, bringing a touch of Irish luck and a whole lot of green!

Did you know? The tradition of wearing green comes from the folklore that mischievous leprechauns will pinch anyone they can see - not wearing green makes you an easy target! And if you're hoping for some good fortune, keep an eye out for a rare four-leaf clover - it's said to bring extra luck. May the luck of the Irish be with you this St. Patrick's Day!



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THE VILLAGE OF RYLEY IS HiRING!

Ryley is currently hiring for the below positions:

- Director of Programs
- Program Support Coordinator

For more info, please head to their website: www.ryley.ca/news

Beaver County makes board appointments

Patricia Harcourt

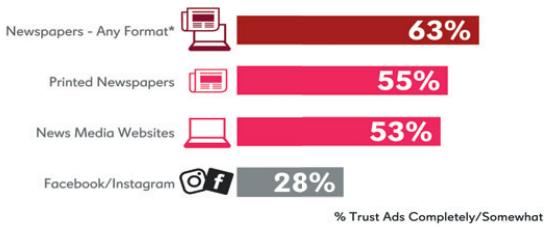
Meagan Walsh, Legislative Services Coordinator, presented Beaver County Council with names of persons wanting appointments on development boards. The boards include the Intermunicipal Subdivision Development Appeal Board and the Intermunicipal Assessment Review Board. These are reappointments requested by the board members. Beaver County is a member of both boards, “Each board consists of several

members,” said Walsh. “The terms on the boards are staggered to maintain experience ...from year to year.” A maximum of 10 members at large are maintained on the boards, with six currently sitting. “The number is sufficient at this time given the number of hearings required throughout the region,” said Walsh. Two of the members’ terms expire at the end of March. A motion by Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) was passed to reappoint Rosemary Harris and Juanita Enome to their respective boards.

NEWSPAPER ADS ARE MORE TRUSTED THAN SOCIAL MEDIA ADS

In February 2025, The Privy Council Office (PCO) said the government deemed it “essential that Canadians receive credible information about government programs designed to support them,” when asked what informed the decision to reverse the policy of not spending taxpayer money to advertise on Facebook and Instagram. [source: CTV News]

Almost two-thirds (63%) of adults in Canada trust ads in newspapers, regardless of the format. This is in sharp contrast to the 28% who trust ads on the Meta platforms.



Source: Tatum Research, Canadians 18+, n=2418, January 2025. *Printed newspapers, news media websites and e-editions.

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