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Councillors meet with Poilievre and Kurek in Ottawa

Conservative Leader promises to visit residents in Beaver County



Beaver County officials met formally with local MP for Battle River-Crowfoot MP Damien Kurek and Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre while the three county officials were in Ottawa for an FCM convention. They are shown, from left: Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec, Councillor Barry Bruce and Reeve Kevin Smook listening to Poilievre speak, as MP Kurek looks on.

Patricia Harcourt

Three Beaver County officials scored a coup last Thursday when they met with local MP Damien Kurek and Conservative Party leader Pierre Poilievre during a convention visit in Ottawa last week.

Kurek, MP for Battle-River Crowfoot, is stepping aside to allow his leader Poilievre to run in a by-election in this riding. If Poilievre wins, he can once again take over as leader of the Official Opposition in Parliament. Poilievre had lost his own seat in the recent federal election.

Kurek cannot officially resign as MP until mid-June, although he has signalled his intention to do so as of last week.

Once that resignation takes place, a by-election can be called by the prime minister for the riding and

Poilievre will be campaigning in Battle River - Crowfoot.

Beaver County Reeve Kevin Smook, Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec and Councillor Barry Bruce were in Ottawa May 29 to June 1 for the Canadian Federation of Municipalities (FCM) convention.

While there, they were able to meet with Kurek and Poilievre in the House of Commons. Smook stated it was just “moments before” Kurek had announced his intention to resign his recently won seat giving his leader a chance to sit in Parliament, if elected.

Smook said the meeting took place last Thursday afternoon following Question Period, at which time Kurek formally announced his intention to resign his seat to help his leader gain one.

Following the session, the meeting with Kurek and Poilievre lasted about 15 minutes.

“We were able to discuss rural crime, employment in smaller communities, pipelines and resource development,” said Smook, as well as “infrastructure funding and federal funding in general.”

Said Smook, “We also invited Mr. Poilievre to come tour Beaver County. Mr. Poilievre is seeking the Battle River - Crowfoot seat in the upcoming by-election.

“Mr. Poilievre has committed to coming out to the Battle River - Crowfoot riding - and Beaver County in particular - to meet with residents,” Smook also confirmed.

And he explained how the three county officials managed to get an audience with the Conservative leader and local MP.

“While attending the FCM Conference in Ottawa, Deputy Reeve Hrabec, Councillor Bruce and I had the opportunity to attend Question Period in the House of

Commons,” he said.

“We also arranged for a meeting with our MP Damien Kurek. During that meeting, we were pleasantly surprised to have Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre join us.

Smook continued: “We were able to talk directly with him, to help bring him up to speed on concerns in our region. We were also happy that he accepted our invitation to come to Beaver County to meet people in our area.”

And he noted the importance of establishing this connection with the possible new MP for this riding come the fall sitting of Parliament.

“Mr. Poilievre will be seeking the Battle River Crowfoot seat in an upcoming by-election, and we feel it's important to establish a relationship with him, in the event he's successful in winning the seat.” said Smook.



COMMUNITY THANKS

- The **Tofield Curling Club** would like to thank Tofield Town Council for their generous donation towards their building improvements!
- On behalf of the **BESC** (Beaver Emergency Services Commission) Board, Administration, and Firefighters, we extend our sincere thanks to the former Victims Services Board for your dedication and hard work. Your service and commitment to the community have made a lasting impact.



BEAVER COUNTY



IMPORTANT DATES

June 4

- 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM - Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

June 18

- 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM - Regular Council Meeting

RYLEY MUSEUM SOCIETY SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Ryley Museum is seeking a reliable and enthusiastic individual to join our team for the summer!

Position Details:

- **Duties include:** Cataloguing, organizing artifacts, welcoming visitors, light cleaning, and other general museum tasks.
- **Employment Period:** July and August
- **Work Schedule:** Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- **Start Date:** Wednesday, July 2
- **Wage:** \$17.00 per hour



Application Deadline: June 20th

To apply or for more information contact:

willisreist@outlook.ca or 780-886-8144

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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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Tofield United Church
Centennial Celebration

The Tofield United Church will be celebrating the Centennial of the formation of the United Church of Canada on June 8, 2025. The Worship Service will be at 10:00 am; in person and on zoom. For more information on the service or to receive the zoom link email tofieldunited@gmail.com A BBQ lunch will follow the service. All are welcome.



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FREE of charge, no pre-registration required!
For more information, please contact Viking/Beaver FCSS at 780.336.4024.

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BEAVER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD - CALL FOR PUBLIC AT LARGE (PAL) MEMBERS

Beaver County Council is seeking two (2) Public at Large positions to serve on the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) for a three-year term starting November 2025.

The ASB meets approximately 4-6 times per year and helps shape local policies and programs that support sustainable agriculture.

Applicants must:

- Reside in Beaver County
- Be familiar with agriculture practices and trends (e.g. value - added agriculture)
- Be willing to contribute to policy discussions in line with the Agricultural Service Board Act.

Orientation will be provided for applicants to discuss position responsibilities, and the role of the ASB within Alberta.

To apply or learn more, contact Jonny Culbert at 825-385-0064 or jculbert@beaver.ab.ca

To fill out the online form, scan the QR code.

Deadline to apply: 12:00 PM (noon), June 13, 2025

SCAN ME!



KINGSWAY ESTATES AND RGE RD 202 BETWEEN TWP RD 502 AND 504 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

The soil stabilizing for the road base with soil cement is now complete. We will soon be starting the first layer of chip seal and there may be delays as work crews direct traffic in order to work safely. There will be many loose rocks after the chip seal layer is applied and speed limits will be reduced on these roads once opened until the project is complete.

During this construction phase, portions of the road may be closed to allow crews to work safely please use another route, detours will be posted or be cautious when you need to drive through construction zones (local traffic only). Beaver County's goal is to provide a healthy, injury free work environment for all employees, contractors, visitors and general public. Already this year we have had people exceeding the posted speed limit through our construction zones, endangering staff, contractors and the public.

There are potential hazards to the public and vehicles during the construction process. This can include heavy machinery, dust or mud, road material such as gravel, asphalt coatings and rock chips.

We apologize for the inconvenience that road maintenance and upgrading causes, but the same roads that receive the most traffic also need the most maintenance. Thank-you for your patience and understanding during construction. If you have any questions, please call the Beaver County Service Centre at 780-663-3730.



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.



BEAVER COUNTY

2025 COUNTY CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

****ALL DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT****

	START DATE	EST. END DATE	AS OF MAY 28
Culvert Maintenance	April 1	Nov 1	
Patching oil roads	May 1	Sep 29	
Hard-Surface Locations Constructed in the following phases: Phase 1 (P1): Cement, Phase 2 (P2): Chip Seal 1st Lift, Phase 3 (P3): Chip Seal 2nd lift, Phase 4 (P4): Final sweep of Chips.			
Kingsway Estates - 501	May 12	May 16	
Rge Rd 202 between Twp 502 & 504	May 19	May 30	
Beaver Creek Estates North - 50514 Rge Rd 202	Jun 2	Jun 4	
Rge Rd 200 from Hwy 630 to campground entrance & Hoopers Dr	Jun 5	Jun 9	
Whispering Hills Estates - 51308 Rge Rd 195	Jun 10	Jun 14	
Rge Rd 200 from Hwy 630 to Blackfoot Grazing Reserve Entrance	Jun 16	Jun 24	
Twp 492 approx. 1.72kms east of Rge Rd 170	Jun 26	Jun 27	
Twp 490 between Hwy 857 & Rge Rd 142	Jul 2	Jul 25	
Twp 490 between Hwy 870 & Rge Rd 120	Jul 28	Aug 22	
Twp Rd 512 from Rge Rd 191 to HWY 834	Aug 25	Sep 3	
Shoulder Pulls (Location TBD)			
Backsloping (location TBD)	Oct 2	Nov 1	
Gravelling	Mar 13	Dec 22	
Dust Control- 1st Application	May 13	May 30	
Dust Control- 2nd Application	Aug 8	Aug 15	
 Completed  In Progress  Scheduled  Delayed			

RANGE ROAD 200 FROM SECONDARY HWY 630 TO CAMPGROUND ENTRANCE & HOOPERS DRIVE

Over the coming weeks, Range Road 202 will undergo a significant road upgrade—from a gravelled surface to a durable, all-weather hard surface. This improvement includes stabilizing the existing road base with soil cement, followed by the application of two layers of chip seal. Although this process differs from traditional asphalt paving, residents and motorists will enjoy a similar finished surface—dust-free when dry and mud-free when wet.

During construction, sections of the road may be temporarily closed to allow crews to work safely. Detours will be clearly marked. Please plan alternate routes where possible or drive cautiously if you must travel through the construction zone (local traffic only).

Beaver County is committed to maintaining a safe, injury-free work environment for all staff, contractors, and the public. We kindly remind all drivers to respect posted speed limits in construction areas. Excessive speed poses a serious risk to workers and others in the area.

Construction sites can present potential hazards such as heavy equipment, dust, mud, gravel, chip seal materials, and other debris. We urge everyone to stay alert and travel with care.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to improve your roads. These upgrades are essential to maintaining safe and reliable infrastructure in high-traffic areas.

For more information, please contact the Beaver County Service Centre at 780-663-3730.

Social media

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







Join us at an upcoming Open House for the Atlas Carbon Storage Hub.

The Atlas Carbon Storage Hub from Shell and ATCO EnPower intends to store CO₂ emissions generated in the Alberta Industrial Heartland region.

The first phase of Atlas plans to permanently store CO₂ captured by Shell's Polaris carbon capture project. The CO₂ will be permanently stored approximately two kilometres underground below areas of east central Alberta.

A future phase of the Atlas Carbon Storage Hub, that could potentially store CO₂ for the partners and third parties, is subject to a future investment decision.

Please join us at one of our upcoming open house events to hear more details about the next steps for the project, ask us questions and provide us with feedback.

Round Hill

Tuesday, June 10, 2025
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Round Hill & District Community Centre – 9 Township Road 484, Round Hill, Alberta

Vegreville

Wednesday, June 11, 2025
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
The Social Centre – 4802 47A Street, Vegreville, Alberta

Viking

Thursday, June 12, 2025
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Viking Community Hall - 5021 54 Ave, Viking, Alberta

For all events, doors open at 4:30 p.m. A presentation will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Q&A session, and time to speak one-on-one with the project team. Dinner will be provided.

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