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Beaver County Float at Kickin’ Country Parade



Beaver County took part in the Kickin' Country Parade in Camrose last weekend, promoting the County and handing out candy. Pictured are, from left: Benny the Beaver, Deb Juch - General Manager of Community and Protective Services, Reeve Kevin Smook (beside Benny) and Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (beside Smook).

Level of service enforcement review will lead to new policy

Patricia Harcourt

Committee members of the county’s Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) reviewed a policy on municipal enforcement levels of service at their July 16 meeting.

GPC requested information on the county’s enforcement levels after county council had directed there be a revamping of the service last year.

Taking this information to the GPC begins the process of information gathering, discussion, and an ultimate decision made first by the GPC, which makes recommendations to council.

Administration completed seven goals following this revamping directive in late 2024 and early 2025, stated Juch.

A large goal was the re-establishing of the Community Peace Officer (CPO) Program with the hiring of two part-

time trained and experienced peace officers.

Another goal was the county engaging the Strathcona Mediation Service which provides free mediation services to the public.

A kennel was contracted to provide impound and other kennel services, and updated and revised the bylaw for Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Another goal completed was to establish a new Community Standards Bylaw through “extensive public engagement,” said Deborah Juch, General Manager of Community and Protective Services, with the resulting revised bylaw going to a public hearing before council passed the final draft.

A sixth goal to repeal the Noise and Nuisance and Unsightly Premises bylaws was also completed.

Finally, monthly CPO Enforcement reports were put into place showing

statistics on provincial and county laws and bylaws.

Juch added that council further recommended a review of the enforcement level of service “might be appropriate after statistics and performance metrics were gathered for at least six months in 2025.”

A performance report for CPO work was introduced to County Council at the July 16 meeting.

And Juch recommended more months of statistics gathering before a level of service policy is recommended.

“Administration recommends that statistics be gathered for department activity for the rest of 2025 before returning the level of service policy to council early in 2026,” she said, in her GPC report.

Completing the policy early next year would give the new CPOs “adequate time to fully establish and develop its enforcement practices,” she

said.

It would give time for the results to be known of the new Community Standards Bylaw, and for more statistics to represent a full calendar year, “since much of bylaw enforcement is summer seasonal,” she said.

Plus, a backlog of planning and development enforcement would have time to be cleared.

This would also allow time for the new 2025 Animal Control Action Plan to be implemented and become a source for more statistics on which to develop policy.

She said that the county would “continue with the authorized level of service in the current policy and reporting statistics to council monthly in the department highlights.”

The GPC fwill continue to review th e plan throughout 2025 prior to its implementation expected early next year.



Summer Garden Party

Hosted at The Gallery
4916 - 49 AVE IN HOLDEN

AUGUST

SATURDAY

16

11AM - 4PM

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IMPORTANT DATES

August 20

- 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - 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!

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!

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 relevant appeal body - Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) or Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT).

APPEAL DEADLINE	AUGUST 27, 2025
Appeal Body	LPRT
Application No.	020020-24-D0031
Applicant	MARCUS BROOKER (LEDCOR HIGHWAYS LTD.)
Landowner	JOSEPH LAZARUK
Location	NE-24-52-19-W4
Development	Discretionary Use – 80m x 100m Temporary Asphalt Plant (Utility and Transportation Uses, Major) and 80m x 50m Work Camp (Temporary Accommodations)

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.

In last week's Development Permit advertisement (Application No. 020020-24-D0031), the appeal deadline was incorrectly published as August 20, 2025. The correct appeal deadline is August 27, 2025. We apologize for the error.



THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?

Join us for a Pre-Election Orientation designed for anyone (both urban and rural) considering a run in the 2025 Municipal Election. Learn what it really means to serve your community - from roles and responsibilities to time commitments and decision-making.

17 Choose the date and location that works for you:

- Sept 2 – Viking Seniors Centre
- Sept 3 – Ryley Community Centre
- Sept 4 – Tofield Community Hall

⌚ All sessions run from 6–8 p.m.

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More information can be found on our website under the Government Menu > Municipal Election 2025



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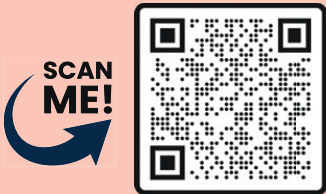


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- **Administrative Assistant - Corporate Services**
- **Tradesman - Heavy Duty Mechanic**

For more information, and details on how to apply, visit our website > Government > Careers



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2025 COUNTY CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

ALL DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT	START DATE	EST. END DATE	AS OF AUGUST 6
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	P1, P2
Rge Rd 202 between Twp 502 & 504	May 19	May 30	P1, P2, P3
Beaver Creek Estates North - 50514 Rge Rd 202	Jun 2	Jun 4	P1, P2
Rge Rd 200 from Hwy 630 to campground entrance & Hoopers Dr	Jun 5	Jun 9	P1, P2
Whispering Hills Estates - 51308 Rge Rd 195	Jun 10	Jun 14	P1, P2
Rge Rd 200 from Hwy 630 to Blackfoot Grazing Reserve Entrance	Jun 16	Jun 24	P1, P2
Twp 492 approx. 1.72kms east of Rge Rd 170	Jun 26	Jun 27	P1, P2
Twp 490 between Hwy 857 & Rge Rd 142	Jul 2	Jul 25	P1, P2
Twp 490 between Hwy 870 & Rge Rd 120	Jul 28	Aug 22	P1
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	
Bridge Replacement (RGE RD 171 from TWP 484 - 490)	Jun 26	Jul 26	
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			

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: TWP RD 512 FROM RGE RD 191 TO SECONDARY HIGHWAY 834

Over the coming weeks, TWP RD 512 from RGE RD 191 to SEC HWY 834 will undergo a significant road repair 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.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- **TWP RD 490 between HWY 857 and RGE RD 142**
- **TWP RD 490 between HWY 870 and RGE RD 120**

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.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Over the summer, County construction crews have been working to upgrade the following roads:

- **Kingsway Estates**
- **Beaver Creek Estates North 50514 RGE RD 202**
- **RGE RD 200 from Secondary HWY 630 to Hoopers Drive and Campground Entrance**
- **Whispering Hills**
- **RGE RD 200 between HWY 630 & Blackfoot Grazing Reserve Entrance**
- **TWP 492 Approximately 1.72kms east of RGE RD 170**

These locations will soon begin to receive the second layer of chip seal and there may be delays as work crews' direct traffic to work safely. There will be many loose rocks after the second chip seal layer is applied and speed limits will continue to be reduced on these roads until the final sweep is complete. Beaver County's goal is to provide a healthy, injury free work environment for all employees, contractors, visitors, and general 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.
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Local MLA takes part in Bruce Stampede parade



Camrose MLA Jackie Lovely, with Clint Nearing at the wheel, waves to the crowd at the Bruce Stampede Parade on Sunday.

PATRICIA HARCOURT PHOTO

Action plan for animal control services approved

Patricia Harcourt

The Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) met Wednesday, July 16 in the morning. The regular meeting of council followed in the afternoon. Both meetings were held on the same day in accordance with meetings scheduled over the summer.

At the GPC, an action plan for animal control services was discussed and approved for recommendation to county council. Administration had requested at this meeting that the 2025 action plan be approved for immediate implementation.

Any recommendations from the GPC goes on to the regular meeting of county council for a final discussion and decision.

Deborah Juch, General Manager of Community and Protective Services, gave a report at the July 16 GPC meeting.

“During public engagement conducted in 2024 for the Community Standards Bylaw, administration received considerable input from ratepayers about dog control and dog noise concerns,” said Juch.

“This input prompted a review of the Animal Control Bylaw and on March 5, 2025, the

Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) reviewed a comparative analyses of the county’s bylaw with other municipalities in Alberta’s east central area.”

At that time, she said, “no revisions to the bylaw were determined to be needed.”

Juch went on to explain that following this, administration reviewed the current level of enforcement of the Animal Control Bylaw.

This was done “to determine if efficient strategies were available and applied when residents called for service.”

The July 16 GPC meeting also had discussed the county’s Municipal Enforcement Level of Service Policy earlier in the meeting. This policy “identifies animal control as ‘Priority #1’ and worthy of proactive enforcement, with an allocation of up to 25 per cent of available office time.”

With that in mind, administration developed a new action plan for animal control services, which was attached for committee members to see in the GPC agenda package.

This new plan has some “key improvements,” said Juch, that “can be effected immediately and with existing resources.”

Juch listed three categories for these improvements, including service enhancements, enforcement procedures, and public communication.

“The overall aim of the 2025 Action Plan for Animal Control Services is to ensure services meet the needs of county ani-

mal owners and those impacted by animals in their neighbourhoods,” she said.

Juch added that, “The GPC may wish to identify other issues needing action or suggest additional strategies for the plan.”

She also promised to

provide GPC members with “a visual of the county’s revamped Animal Control webpage” for the GPC to review.

Under next steps, Juch said that input from the GPC at their July meeting “will be incorporated into a finalized plan which can be reviewed by

council for approval and immediate implementation.”

She added that, “once the plan has been fully rolled out, administration can provide statistics and other measurement data to a GPC or council meeting in early 2026 for potential adjustments.”



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