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Four of five county seats contested in municipal election

- Lionel Williams elected by acclamation in Division 2

Patricia Harcourt

An election will be held in four divisions out of five for seats on Beaver County Council following the close of nominations Sept. 22 in the 2025 municipal elections.

All incumbents are running again and four of them are being challenged for their seats.

All except for Councillor Lionel Williams, who has been elected by acclamation in Division 2 as nobody has stepped forward to take him on.

In Division 1, current Reeve Kevin Smook is being challenged by Nora Abercrombie. Smook filed his nomination papers on Sept. 10 while Abercrombie filed hers on Sept. 19.

In Division 2, incumbent Lionel Williams went unchallenged and is therefore elected by acclamation. Just completing his first term in office, Williams filed his notice of nomination for a second term on August 25.

In Division 3, incumbent Eugene (Gene) Hrabec is being challenged by Richard (Rick) Ells, who filed on nomi-

nation day Sept. 22. Hrabec filed his nomination papers on Aug. 13.

In the next two divisions, there are three candidates each vying for two seats.

In Division 4, incumbent Barry Bruce has two challengers, Ava Fried and Shawn O'Shea. Papers for nomination were filed on Aug. 18 for Bruce, Sept. 11 for Fried, and Sept. 15 for O'Shea.

In Division 5, incumbent Dale Pederson (filed his nomination papers on Sept. 15) is being challenged by Marshall Tymofichuk (filed on Sept. 11) and Diane Weaver (filed on Sept. 22).

Candidates have 24 hours following the nomination deadline of noon on Sept. 22 to withdraw their name from nomination.

Advance voting will be held for Divisions 1 and 2 on Oct. 14 at the Tofield Golden Club.

In Divisions 3 and 4, advance voting is set for Oct. 15 at the Holden Seniors Club.

And in Division 5, advance voting will take place on Oct. 16 at the Viking Seniors Club.

Voting times for these advance polls

within the respective divisions are all between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

As well, electors from all five divisions can advance vote on Oct. 14-17 at the Beaver County Service Centre in Ryley from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The municipal election will take place on Oct. 20 with voting stations open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

On voting day, voting stations in Division 1 will be held at the Lindbrook Community Hall and Tofield Community Hall.

In Division 2, at Spilstead Community Hall as well as Tofield Community Hall. However, with the incumbent already elected by acclamation in Division 2, only voters for Division 1 will be voting at the Tofield Hall.

In Division 3, a voting station is scheduled for use at the Ryley Legion.

In Division 4, the Bruce Community Hall will be the voting station.

In Division 5, there will be voting stations set up at the Kinsella Community Hall and the Viking Seniors Centre.

The campaign now begins in earnest for all the candidates with nominations

closed and candidates officially declared.

Already, an All-Candidates Forum 2025 has been announced by the Tofield and District Chamber of Commerce for Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Tofield Community Hall starting at 6 p.m.

The Tofield and District Chamber of Commerce is hosting a moderated candidates' forum for members of the public to meet local candidates "so you can make informed decisions in the upcoming municipal election," says the Chamber.

The Chamber invites the public to come out and "hear from your local candidates on issues that matter most to your community."

For Beaver County elections, Kevin Smook (inc.) and Nora Abercrombie are vying for a Division 1 council seat, and Gene Hrabec (inc.) and Rick Ells are contesting the Division 3 county council seat.

Municipal elections are also taking place in the towns and villages, and school districts that lie within the county boundaries.

County responds to odour concerns with 'fact sheet' for residents -

Province "wholly responsible" for landfill's odour and other issues

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County Council addressed letters of concern regarding landfill odours from Claystone Waste Ltd. at council's Sept. 17 meeting.

Council directed administration to prepare a fact sheet outlining the dual approval processes fro Claystone Waste Ltd. development, specifically the municipal and provincial development application processes as well as contact information for concerned citizens to direct complaints about Claystone's odours and other emissions to the province.

Deborah Juch, General Manager of Community and Protective Services,

presented the fact sheet devised by administration explaining the county's role and responsibilities and suggestions on what people can do to register complaints. The fact sheet is now posted on the county website.

In her report, she stated that the responsibility for monitoring odours falls within the Provincial jurisdiction and "supersedes" the county's bylaws.

In terms of making a complaint about odours, Juch said that "Claystone would do an investigation and report back to the company," stating this complaint process has been under utilized in the past.

The fact sheet was "desk dropped" to the councillors and therefore not includ-

ed in the public agenda package, although posted on the screen in county chambers during discussion.

The fact sheet also spells out "what the county can and cannot control," said Juch.

Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Councillor Division 3) called the fact sheet "great."

But he added: "Claystone needs to fix its complaint process." He said that, often, there is no answer when using the complaints line and no follow up after leaving a message.

Hrabec said he has asked the company about this and was told there are so many calls regarding items like bins that "they just take messages," he said,

adding "this needs to be fixed."

Reeve Kevin Smook (Division 1) reminded council this issue was discussed in a closed session on Sept. 3. Issues discussed in closed session are not for public consumption.

The fact sheet would go out to the public once it has been approved, he said. It has been posted on the county website following the meeting.

Hrabec added that when the county approved the new compost facility for Claystone four years ago, "council had no idea of the growth," of the facility since then, adding: "The compost facility has growing pains..."

"The size was unexpected," he said,

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BEAVER COUNTY
MUNICIPAL ELECTION:
Monday, October 20, 2025

Special Ballots

If you are not able to vote at an Advance Vote or on Election Day you may request a Special Ballot (aka mail-in ballot). Requests for Special Ballots will be accepted in writing, by telephone, in person, or by e-mail commencing at 12:00 pm (noon) on Thursday, September 24, 2025.

Special Ballots must be returned to the Returning Officer no later than 12:00 pm (noon) on Monday, October 20, 2025, either in person during business hours or by mail. Any ballots that are received late will NOT be accepted.

Email: mwalsh@beaver.ab.ca Phone: 780-663-3730 ext. 1023



**IMPORTANT DATES**

October 8

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

October 20

- 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM - Municipal Election

ALL CANDIDATES
FORUM 2025

HEAR FROM YOUR LOCAL CANDIDATES
ON ISSUES THAT MATTER MOST TO OUR COMMUNITY

The Tofield and District Chamber of Commerce is hosting a *Moderated Candidates Forum* for YOU to meet the local Candidates so you can make informed decisions in the upcoming Municipal Election!

 **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

 **6:00 pm**

 **Tofield Community Hall
5309 50th St, Tofield**

CANDIDATES:
Please email greg@greg-litwin.com by **October 2, 2025** to confirm your attendance.



tofieldchamber.com

Fall 2025
Large Item
Pickup



Hamlet of Bruce: Sep 26 – Oct 2

Village of Rley: Oct 3 – 9

Town of Tofield: Oct 10 – 16

Village of Holden: Oct 17 – 23

Town of Viking: Oct 30

Visit our website for more information on dates, bin locations, and accepted items

claystonewaste.com/large-item-pickup

Dates are subject to change pending equipment availability.
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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 relevant appeal body - Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) or Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT).

APPEAL DEADLINE	OCTOBER 22, 2025
Appeal Body	LPRT
Application No.	020020-25-D0062
Applicant	MANSOOR ROY
Landowner	1325207 ALBERTA LTD.
Location	E 1/2 Block 2, Plan 1562W in NW-27-46-11-W4
Development	Discretionary Use - Gas Station & Convenience Store (Highway Commercial Use)

APPEAL DEADLINE	OCTOBER 22, 2025
Appeal Body	SDAB
Application No.	020020-25-D0051
Applicant	SIMON KEUSCH (PRAIRIE PRIDE MEATS LTD.)
Landowner	SAME
Location	Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 052 5952 in SE-24-50-20-W4
Development	Discretionary Use - Pet Food Manufacturing Business (Agricultural, Product Processing)

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 our our website under **Services > Planning & Development > Appealing Planning Decisions**

Further information regarding the above decisions may be obtained from the County Office, Rley, Alberta.





CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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

- TWP RD 492 Approximately 1.72kms east of RGE RD 170
- TWP RD 490 between Highway 857 & RGE RD 142
- TWP RD 490 between Highway 870 & RGE RD 120
- TWP RD 512 from RGE RD 191 to Secondary Highway 834

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. 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.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: SHOULDER PULLS

Beaver County construction crews are completing shoulder pulls on the following roads this season.

- Rge Rd 200 from HWY 14 to Twp Rd 500
- Twp Rd 492 from HWY 834 to Rge Rd 192
- Rge Rd 173, 430 meters south of Twp Rd 500 to Twp Rd 492
- Twp Rd 500 from HWY 854 to Rge Rd 171
- Twp Rd 484 from HWY 855 to Rge Rd 164
- Twp Rd 502 from HWY 854 to Rge Rd 171

This work reclaims gravel from the road edges, restores the crown for proper drainage, and improves overall driving conditions. During this process, residents may notice temporary rough surfaces and road equipment. We ask drivers to slow down, watch for signs, and give crews space to work safely. For more information, visit the Road Maintenance FAQ on the Beaver County website. If your question isn't answered there, please contact the Beaver County Service Centre at 780-663-3730.

ROAD SURFACING UPDATE:

Beaver County is pleased to announce that the hard surfacing projects at the following location(s) have been completed:

- Rge Rd 202 between Twp 502 and 504

This upgrade will provide smoother travel and extend the long-term durability of the roadway for all users. To ensure the road remains in excellent condition, we ask the public to please follow the guidelines below:

- Road bans will remain in place for approximately one year.
- No loading or unloading on the roadway.
- Avoid driving heavy and tracked equipment on the road, please use alternate routes or haul roads.
- Report any damage or unsafe conditions to the Beaver County Service Center.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT DEADLINE

Beaver County values the incredible work of community organizations! Through the Community Support Grant program, we provide funding and in-kind support to help bring impactful projects to life.

Thinking about applying? Here's what you'll need:

- ✓ A completed application form,
- ✓ A detailed project budget,
- ✓ The organization's most recent financial statements,
- ✓ Evidence of financial need or quotes for the project.

Deadline: September 30th, 2025

Visit our website under Community > Community Support Requests for more information or to fill out an application form.



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.

2025 COUNTY CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

ALL DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDENT

	START DATE	EST. END DATE	AS OF SEPTEMBER 24
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, P3
Rge Rd 202 between Twp 502 & 504	May 19	May 30	All 4 Stages
Beaver Creek Estates North - 50514 Rge Rd 202	Jun 2	Jun 4	P1, P2, P3
Rge Rd 200 from Hwy 630 to campground entrance & Hoopers Dr	Jun 5	Jun 9	P1, P2, P3
Whispering Hills Estates - 51308 Rge Rd 195	Jun 10	Jun 14	P1, P2, P3
Rge Rd 200 from Hwy 630 to Blackfoot Grazing Reserve Entrance	Jun 16	Jun 24	P1, P2, P3
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, P2
Twp Rd 512 from Rge Rd 191 to HWY 834	Aug 25	Sep 3	P1, P2

Shoulder Pulls			
Rge Rd 200 from HWY 14 to TWP RD 500	Sept 9	Sept 30	
Twp Rd 492 from HWY 834 to Rge Rd 192	Oct 1	Oct 9	
Rge Rd 173 from 430 meters south of Twp Rd 500 and Twp Rd 492	Oct 10	Oct 24	
Twp Rd 500 from HWY 854 to Rge Rd 171	Oct 27	Nov 4	
Twp Rd 502 from HWY 854 to Rge Rd 171	Nov 5	Nov 14	
Bridge Replacement (RGE RD 171 from TWP 484 - 490	Jun 26	Jul 26	
Gravelling	Mar 13	Dec 22	

Hamlet Road Rehabilitation (Dates TBD)			
Bruce - Main Street from railroad tracks to 4 th Avenue			
Kinsella - Main Street from Highway 14 to 3 rd Avenue			
2 nd Avenue from Main Street to King Street			

Completed In Progress Scheduled Delayed

“There is a time in late September when the leaves are still green, and the days are still warm, but somehow you know that it is all about to end as if summer was holding its breath, and when it let it out again, it would be autumn.”
Sharyn McCrumb

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Beaver County supports Kinsella Community Centre roof replacement

Funds used from Clean Harbors Enhancement Grant



PHOTO COURTESY BEAVER COUNTY

Celebrating the completion of the roof replacement funded by Beaver County through Clean Harbors funding are: holding the banner Stan Yuha (left) Facility Manager, Ryley-Clean Harbors, and Peter Albert (right) Kinsella Rec and Ag Society President. Also attending were members of the Rec and Ag Society board and Beaver County Council.

County, Clean Harbors and Kinsella Ag officials mark the completion of the Kinsella Community Centre's roof replacement project, including from left: Beaver County CAO Kay Spiess, Division 2 Councillor Lionel Williams, Division 4 Councillor Barry Bruce, Clean Harbors official Stan Yuha, Peter Albert (Kinsella Rec and Ag) Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3), Reeve Kevin Smook (Division 1) and Division 5 Councillor Dale Pederson.

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County Council recently supported “a much-needed roof replacement” for the Kinsella Community Centre by approving funding of up to \$265,000 for the project, announced a county release dated Sept. 23.

Funding for the roof replacement came from the Clean Harbors Community Enhancement Grant, which is calculated quarterly based on the volume of waste received at the

Ryley facility. The grant provides Beaver County with dedicated funds to support projects that enhance recreation, leisure, and community programs across the County.

“Having this new roof provides us more opportunity to offer a good, clean, and affordable space for people in the area to rent for functions. Heartfelt gratitude from Kinsella Rec and Ag and from the community, for Clean Harbors’ and Beaver County Council’s assistance on this project,” said Peter Albert, President of the

Kinsella Agricultural and Recreation Society.

The total cost of the roof project was estimated at \$251,000 plus GST. With the Kinsella Recreation and Agricultural Society’s eligibility for a 50% GST rebate, the county’s total contribution is expected to be \$257,275, pending final invoicing.

“The Kinsella Community Centre is more than just a building - it’s where the community comes together,” says Beaver County Reeve Kevin Smook, “Investing in its upkeep helps pre-

serve that connection for years to come. We’re proud to support this project and grateful to Clean Harbors for making it possible.”

Construction was completed in September 2025. “This investment reflects Beaver County’s Strategic Plan commitment to building strong rural communities by supporting infrastructure that connects residents and strengthens community life,” stated the county in its announcement.

Landfill Odour concerns

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adding” “It can’t be fixed overnight but it has to be addressed...The municipality needs to step up and help Claystone with solutions.”

He then spoke concerning the unfairness for the county residents living closest to the facility who may deserve more compensation than other ratepayers.

“Ratepayers (living closest) are dealing with the smell and the garbage,” he said, noting that “Those (living) near are affected more but only get the same services as other living further away.”

Hrabec said he was speaking for the county residents who wrote the letters and for those who called him to complain.

“Beaver County needs to step up

and protect the ratepayers because it’s our problem as much as anyone else’s,” he said.

Hrabec made the motion requested by administration and the motion was carried unanimously by council.

The letters referred to in county discussion came from ratepayers William and Christa Winsnes, who have a farm near the landfill, and Willis Reist, who lives in Ryley and farms on land in the county.

The letters were addressed to their division councillor. Christa Winsnes stated in her letter: “These odours have led to a tangible loss of enjoyment and use of my outdoor spaces.

“What should be peaceful rural living has turned into periods where opening windows or spending time outside is unbearable, forcing me and my family indoors and disrupting daily activities,” she said.

Earlier in the letter, she referred to “foul odours” described as “rotten or

sewage like which have plagued the community for years.”

Winses also outlined her concerns for the animals in her care, especially the horses she described as highly sensitive to respiratory problems from such gases emitted from the landfill.

Reist expressed strong concern for his family: “I and my family of four would like to express our anger towards the proposed expansion of the composter at the Ryley Landfill (Claystone),” his letter stated.

When the wind blows “in the wrong direction,” he said the “putrid” smell drives people indoors or makes them leave town.

“They say they have, or can, control the smell but we have yet to see that,” he said, referring to the upcoming municipal elections as a way for people to vote their anger over the issue..

“Please do what you can as elected

officials to make sure this does not go through or the health of our community,” said Reist.

However, in her report Juch explained that the the county is not the entity responsible for ensuring odours.

“The Alberta Environmental Protection Agency (AEPA) has jurisdiction over the monitoring and enforcement of odour and other emissions from landfills,” states Juch.

“While the county’s Community Standards Bylaw does regulate odour as one of many nuisances that the county can enforce against to reduce impact on neighbours, in the case of a landfill, Provincial jurisdiction supersedes any authority that the county has,” she said.

“The Province is wholly responsible to ensure Claystone complies with its approved odour management plan,” concluded Juch.