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Carbon capture meeting provides update

Patricia Harcourt

The latest meeting on a carbon capture project that would see sequestration of carbon dioxide in the local region provided an update on upcoming fall and winter activity.

A supper meeting was held on Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Viking Community Hall to explain next steps that involve testing underground where rock strata could potentially store CO2, building a pipeline to transport it to the area, and ensuring the necessary infrastructure will be in place to inject it four to six kilometres into the ground.

Carbon dioxide emissions would be shipped to this part of East Central Alberta via pipeline from industrial activity in the heartland region of the province.

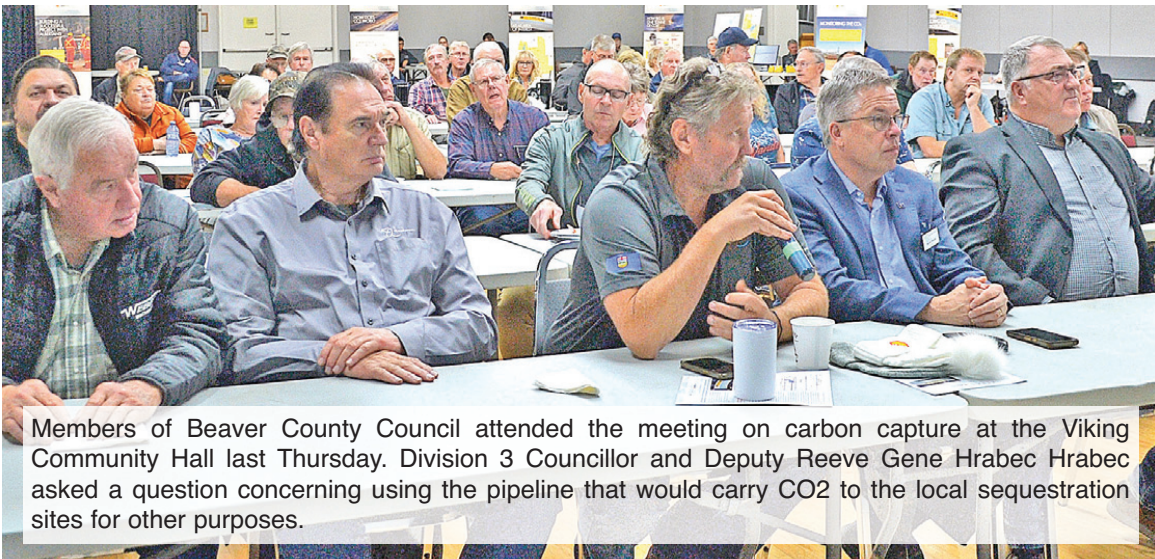
On June 26, Shell announced the final investment decision for Polaris carbon capture project and Atlas Carbon Storage Hub. The Hub is owned by Shell and Atco which is spearheading the carbon capture project for this area.

Shell has proposed a carbon capture project called Polaris with carbon dioxide emissions to be stored with the Atlas Carbon Storage Hub.

Geophysicist Alexa Tomlinson said the company plans to collect 3-D seismic data this fall to determine if the rock formations under the soil are good CO2 sequestration material.

"This is an exciting year," she said, referring to where the project is currently at in terms of progress. "We first need a well...We will drill and bring up rock to see what is there."

Once the drilling down into the well, built in August, is occurs, "we'll cut a tube of rock," which will provide "critical data for us," she said, and



will be sent to the lab for testing.

"Ultimately, (the rock samples) will be cut in half and then determined how much CO2 can be stored there," she said, in the rock cavities.

The salt water that is now in the underground rock formations will be removed to give space for the sequestration of carbon dioxide.

Other testing will be done, including bringing up water samples, "to see how it moves through the rocks."

Tomlinson said that this winter seismic activity would also be conducted. This involves company officials reaching out to landowners for permission to do these tests on their property. Employees will use snowmobiles to access the land do pre-seismic water testing. After the New Year seismic trucks will come out to send vibrations into the ground to provide pictures of what is in that ground.

"In order to bring CO2 here we are going to have to build a pipeline," she added. The pipeline aspect of this project has piqued the interest of Beaver County in terms of wanting to explore a mutual collaboration.

All five councillors on Beaver County Council attended the meeting. During the question and answer period, Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) inquired about using this yet to be built pipeline for also bringing in water for the local area along with the CO2 for the carbon capture project.

"I challenged the pipeline guy about bringing processed water in," he said, "but I got no answer back." He noted that the county already has a potable water pipeline running through to service local towns and villages, and questioned why more pipelines couldn't do the same.

Company officials agreed to meet with the county after the meeting.

In the meantime, another attendee asked where the salt water would be taken once it is removed from underground to make way for carbon sequestration. The answer included a statement that there would be a natural dissipation of much of the water, which would be put into containment areas.

Another person expressed concern about good farmland being used up in the process of carbon capture.

"We are not looking for areas where there is good farmland (to use)," said Tomlinson, adding: "The work is mainly underground."

What is being done on the surface is just a point of injection, she said, "so it is not in a concentrated area...We'll be testing deep...not on the surface."

Beaver County has been exploring other avenues of water for economic development and other purposes for the past couple of years. Earlier in the year, a 2024 Priorities Planning workshop was conducted.

"During the workshop, it was determined that the investigation into alternate water sources is a priority," manager of trans-

portation Dan Blackie stated at that time. The project is called the Water Viability Project and the purpose is to address the long term solutions for possible water shortages pertaining to human consumption, agriculture and industrial usage.

Apart from drought issues, the county wants to increase its supply of water in order to carry out an economic development plan that includes an expansion of Equity Industrial Park, among other ideas as the county's new economic development committee. sets to work.

The Alberta government has stated that it "recognizes that water is a vital resource," adding that in order to continue attracting investment and development, municipalities need modern and effective water treatment facilities, including high priority water supply projects, water and wastewater treatment plants, and disposal facilities in small communities.

Late last year Reeve Kevin Smook wrote a letter to Premier Danielle Smith concerning the county's "current challenge of a secondary water supply to attract investment and development."

But the need for more water to accomplish this is not possible through the current deliverer of potable water, the Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission. Smook said that line is "at capacity."

Smook has called a secondary supply of water "critical" to the county's efforts to diversify its agricultural base, encourage economic development and ensure public safety.

He asked the province to help the county explore opportunities for reusing processed water and said the county would advocate along with other municipal partners facing the same challenges.





End of Harvest Supper

Friday, October 25th, 2024

Adults	\$15
10 years & under	\$10
5 and Under	FREE

Kinsella Community Hall
305 King St, Kinsella, AB



5 PM-7 PM



All proceeds to God's Acre Cemetery





Large Item Pickup Program

Claystone Waste's bi-annual program helps Beaver County residents dispose of large items like furniture and appliances for free!

Hamlet of Bruce: Sept 30 – Oct 3
Village of Holden: Oct 7 – 10
Town of Viking: Oct 17
Village of Ryley: Oct 21 – 24
Town of Tofield: Oct 25 – 31

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2024 COUNTY CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

(SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

	START DATE	EST. END DATE
Culvert Maintenance	Ongoing	Nov 1
Patching oil roads throughout the season	Ongoing	
Terra-Cem Constructed in the following phases: Phase 1 (Cement), Phase 2 (Chip Seal - 1st Lift), Phase 3 (Chip Seal - 2nd lift) Phase 4 (Final sweep of Chips)		
• Rge Rd 161A between Hwy 14 & Hwy 855 ◦ Phases 1, 2, 3 & 4 Complete	Complete	
• Rge Rd 200 between Hwy 630 & Blackfoot Grazing Reserve entrance	Carried over to 2025	
• Rge Rd 202 between Twp 502 & Twp 504	Carried over to 2025	
Rechip 2 miles		
• TWP RD 502 between RR 202 to 205 • RR 112 between HWY 619 to Camp Lake Entrance • TWP 470 between HWY 870 to RR 105	Complete	
Shoulder Pulls		
• Shoulder pull Rge Rd 202 between Twp 502 & Twp 504	Complete	
• TWP 500 between RGE RD 143 & 142	Complete	
• TWP 500 between RGE RD 133 & HWY 36	Oct 7	Oct 11
• TWP 482 between RGE RD 130 & 123	Oct 15	Oct 18
Gravelling	Ongoing	Dec 22

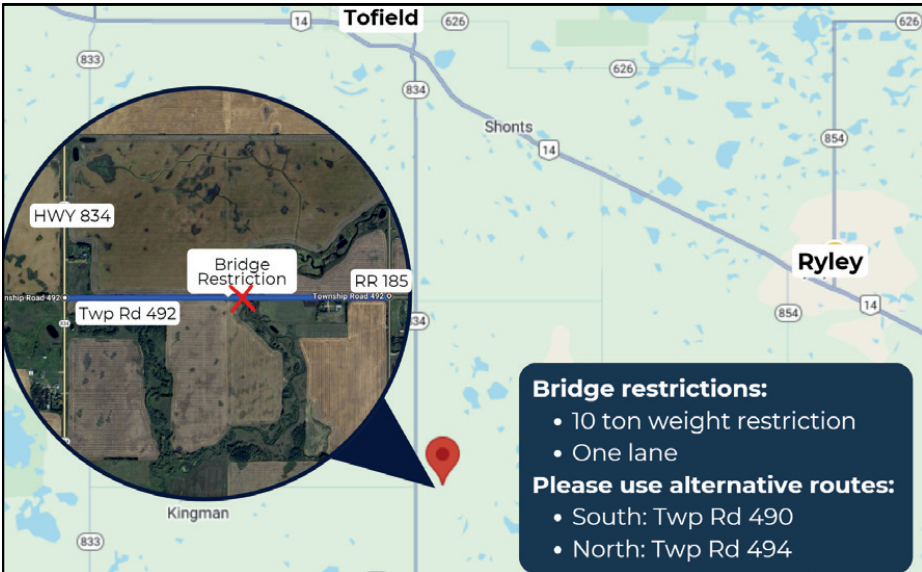
Bridge Repair - TWP 492 HWY 834 & RR 185

• Phase 1 (Engineering)	Phase 1: Complete
• Phase 2 (Special order materials & install signage)	Phase 2: In Process
• Phase 3: Closed for construction	Phase 3:
• Phase 4 : Reopened for use	Phase 4:



TWP RD 492 - PARTIAL CLOSURE

The bridge on TWP 492 between HWY 834 and RR 185 is damaged and requires a specialized bridge contractor to complete the repairs. For everyone's safety, the bridge will remain one lane, with a 10 ton weight restriction until further notice. Please use alternate routes, such as TWP RD 490 or 494, until the repairs can be completed. We're working to resolve this as quickly as possible—thank you for your patience and understanding.



Bridge restrictions:

- 10 ton weight restriction
- One lane

Please use alternative routes:

- South: Twp Rd 490
- North: Twp Rd 494

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Beaver County will be holding a public hearing to give residents an opportunity to provide input on the proposed **Municipal Development Plan** and **Land Use Bylaw**.

- Date: **Tuesday, October 29, 2024**
- Time: **3:00 PM**
- Location: **Ryley Community Centre, 5103 - 49 Street, Ryley**
- Contact: **Margaret Jones at 780-663-3730 ext. 1016**

If you wish to provide feedback at, or prior to, the Public Hearing, please see below options:

Register to Speak in Person:

- Register to speak at the Public Hearing by 4:30 PM on Thursday, October 24, 2024. Using the form found on our website.

Submit Written Comments:
Written submissions must be received by 4:30 PM on Monday, October 21, 2024. You can submit your comments in the following ways:

- Deliver them in person to the Beaver County Office, attention: Delayna Koch.
- Submit your comments online via the Public Hearing Feedback Form
- Send a message to "Public Hearings" through the website contact form.

Note: written submissions will NOT be accepted during the public hearing.

If you submit written comments regarding the proposed bylaws, the information you provide may be made public subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

All information is available at www.beaver.ab.ca/government/meeting-schedule



IMPORTANT DATES

- October 14**
 - Office Closed - Thanksgiving
- October 16**
 - 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM: Regular Council Meeting in Ryley Council Chambers
- October 23**
 - 2 - 4:30 PM: Agricultural Service Board Meeting
- October 29**
 - 3 PM: Public Hearing - MDP & LUB. Ryley Community Centre



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

None this week

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 9, 2024
- EARLY REGISTRATION APPRECIATED!

VIKING OFFICE

VikingProgram@vbfcss.ca or call 780-336-4024
Open Monday - Friday 8:30am -4:30pm
Closed 12-1pm for lunch.

HOLDEN OFFICE

HoldenProgram@vbfcss.ca or call 780-688-3928
Open Monday , Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ~
1:00pm -4:30pm
Closed 12-1pm for lunch.

If you would like to support the Christmas hamper program, financial donations, gifts, or non perishable food items can be dropped off at either one of our FCSS locations.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and generosity of the Christmas hamper program!



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Website

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Policy updates increase hall funding, promote county tourism

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County officials continue to review policies as part of an ongoing project to update the procedures and bylaws that govern the county.

The Centennial Settler Award Policy ADM-002 was rescinded before the new Policy CS-006 of the same name was adopted.

“Council acknowledges the significant contribution made by settlers in Alberta and is proud to recognize the Centennial anniversary of settlers in Beaver County,” stated Aimee Boese, manager for external relations and special projects at the Sept. 18 meeting of county council.

As part of the county’s policy review, Boese said the Settler Award needed minor revisions “to ensure that this policy is in alignment with other award/recognition policies,” the county has in place.

This meant renumbering the policy and adding administrative procedures to outline how to administer the policy.

The application form was updated to add amendments, and this form will be made separate from the policy to make it easier to change when necessary.

A new policy regarding community hall funding was also accepted by county council.

Policy REC-0003 and accompanying

administrative procedure was rescinded in favour of Policy CS-007, a new policy for community hall funding.

“The county recognizes that rural community hall organizations are challenged to meet increasing operating costs and will provide financial support to assist with current needs related to insurance, utilities, and graveling of accesses and parking lots,” stated Boese.

Amendments to the community hall funding policy added clarity to the definitions and the guidelines for applicants, se said. And the application forms were updated to reflect any changes, and are to be kept separate for easier updating when needed.

The annual amount for funding of insurance and utilities has been raised from \$1,000 to \$1,500 each, but “retain in-kind support for gravelling of accesses and parking lots.”

The hall funding increase was made following a recommendation by the Governance and Priorities Committee.

The Community Support Program was also updated with the rescinding of former policy ADM-003, and adoption of Policy CS-008.

“Council appreciates the positive contributions that community organizations make to the quality of life in the Beaver County region,” stated Boese, and financial help may be required to further the goals of these

organizations.

“Each year Beaver County establishes a budget for this program and eligible community organizations are able to apply for various supports from the county including capital/operating grants, event sponsorships, promotional items, and school requests.”

Changes have been made to some donations, grants, or scholarships provided on a regular basis, she said. The GPC recommended removing grants that were no longer applicable and bringing in some annual event scholarships instead.

“A revised list of annual community supports has been created and...will be included as Schedule ‘A’ of Policy CS-008,” said Boese.

The application form for this policy has also been updated as a separate policy to make this process easier as well.

Boese added that the new application form and policy will not go into effect until Jan. 1, 2025, “so as not to affect current fall applications.”

She added: “The application deadline for the policy will remain at February 28 and September 30 of each year.”

The budget for this year’s program was \$75,000, she said, and comes from the county’s annual budget. Additional funding of \$33,560 for the annual approved grants is a separate

budget item, said the report under financial implications.

“Since the remaining budget has been sufficient in the past to fund requests, no additional funds are needed.”

County Council agreed to also amend External Communications Policy CMM-002 “to create new social media accounts specifically dedicated to tourism,” as outlined by Communications Coordinator Tracy Popick.

“These accounts will not only promote Beaver County assets such as the county’s campgrounds, but also highlight other tourism opportunities with the Beaver Region,” said Popick.

The original policy came into being last fall but restricted the promotion of private companies on county social media sites.

“Administration is proposing an amendment to the policy to allow for exceptions if tourism or economic development focused accounts or sites are created,” Popick explained.

“The proposed accounts will be permitted to promote local businesses, events and attractions that contribute to the region’s tourism landscape,” she said. “Additionally, these policy changes will enable a greater focus on economic development initiatives through the appropriate accounts.”

Council rejects fixed salaries idea

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County Council rescinded an older councillor remuneration policy (CCL-003) and, after much discussion, replaced it with an updated policy called GOV-006.

“Over the last several months, the Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) has carefully considered changes to the method by which councillors are paid,” stated Margaret Jones, manager of legislative services.

GPC did a survey comparing other rural municipalities regarding rates and methods of remuneration.

“Although the survey suggested that most municipalities are adopting fixed rate of remuneration, i.e. fixed monthly pay, the GPC has not been comfortable with that method,” said Jones.

County Council adopted the GPC’s recommendation to keep the current method of payment at a per meeting rate for all council and committee meetings.

There were also minor changes, she said, including holding future reviews of the remuneration rates to coincide with staff compensation reviews, replacing a three-year review.

Also, councillors who are appointed as alternate committee members will only be allowed to claim for attendance at a maximum of two committee meetings in addition to the meetings they attend to replace the regular appointee when he can’t make the meeting.

The reeve and deputy reeve allowance

will compensate for time spent signing financial, contractual, and other documents and correspondence, without using the per meeting rate; and in recognition of the legislative responsibilities associated with their positions.

Councillors will be allowed to attend Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ conventions without seeking approval from council.

Council had set its remuneration rates, effective December 20, 2023, at \$275.60 per meeting, as well as \$575 per month for the Reeve’s monthly allowance; and \$345 for the Deputy Reeve’s monthly allowance.

Travel rates as set by Canada Revenue Agency, per kilometre are: \$.70 for the first 5,000 kilometres; and \$.64 after 5,000 kilometres.

For campground or private accommodation, the rate was \$90 per night.

These rates will automatically be revisited at the upcoming organizational meeting on October 16.

Council then turned to the fees, rates and charges set for county residents by passing second and third reading to Bylaw 24-1155.

The bylaw now sets a fee for removal of an unauthorized approach. “It is difficult to determine the time required to remove an approach therefore, the fee has been set at actual cost,” stated Margaret Jones, manager of legislative services.

Changes have also been made to the fees, rates and charges schedule as these have not been altered since 2010.

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