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Division councillor will now sign  
Centennial Settler Award certificates

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County has a new policy for Centennial Settler Awards.

The county rescinded its old policy ADM-002 and adopted Policy CS-006 with an accompanying administrative procedure.

The change was introduced by Aimee Boese, manager for external relations and special projects.

“Council acknowledges the significant contribution made by settlers in Alberta and is proud to recognize the Centennial Anniversary of Settlers in Beaver County,” Boese explained at Sept. 18’s county council meeting.

She told council some minor revisions were needed, “to ensure that this policy is in alignment with other award/recognition policies that the county currently has in place.”

As well as renumbering the policy, the changes includes a new administrative procedure “to outline the steps to administer the policy,” she said.

“The application form has also been reviewed and updated to reflect amendments in the policy,” she said. “However, it is administration’s recommendation that the application form be separate from the policy as this makes it easier to update the form when required.”

A review was undertaken in August of the new policy by the Governance and Priorities Committee, and the GPC recommended it be sent on to county council for approval.

However, an amendment was added to this recommendation that would allow the councillor representing the area where the particular farm is being recognized to sign the certificate of recognition.

The receivers of this Centennial Settlers Award will also receive a gift of recognition worth up to \$250. Boese said the county usually receives one or two applications for these awards every year.

Those eligible for the award are rural residents of Beaver County whose family has continuously owned and actively farmed land in the county for a minimum of 100 years. Residents who have received the Alberta Century Farm and Ranch Awards are automatically eligible for the Centennial Settler Award.

However, deeded land that has been rented to persons outside the family and rental property are ineligible for the award.

Beaver County policy change for operating and capital reserves

Patricia Harcourt

Ryan Arndt, general manager of corporate services, introduced a policy change for operating and capital reserves, as well as for a policy on Tax Payments Deemed Received.

Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) made the motion to rescind the Operating and Capital Expenses Policy ADM-105, followed by a motion from Councillor Lionel Williams (Division 2) to adopt the new policy CORP-018. Both motions were passed by Beaver County Council at the Sept. 18 regular meeting.

This policy “provides guidelines for the establishment of minimum and maximum balances,” stated Arndt.

This change in the policy is part of a four-year policy review project that started in 2022. With the review of operating and capital reserves policy, some minor changes were recommended, as well as some changes to the Schedules in the policy, he explained.

Schedules A-C updates adjustments to the minimum and maximum amounts in the reserve balances as reflected by inflationary costs and increases in reserve amounts, he said.

Schedule D updates the value of the county’s reserves on a cash basis as determined by policy and updated to the 2023 audited financial statements.

Along with the updates on reserve schedule minimum and maximums, Arndt said: “There are 17 recommendations from administration to bring this policy up to current reserve amounts and to tie into council’s long-term Strategic Plan.”

The review of the policy was done as is the usual practice through the Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC), which recommended council adopt it.

Arndt also introduced a revised policy for tax payments deemed received. Council rescinded the earlier Policy ADM-010 and adopted Policy CORP-026.

“Since Beaver County accepts payments in different forms, this policy defines when a tax payment shall be deemed received as some methods result in a delay in the actual payment date,” he explained.

This was done in light of the county’s bylaw that imposes a penalty on taxes that are unpaid after the due date for payment passes.

The tax payments deemed received policy now reads: “The county will determine the date of payment of property taxes dependent on the method by which payment is received.”

Six guidelines are outlined on various situations regarding the payment of property taxes including cash during office hours (considered that day payment), after hours drop box (considered next day payment), and post dated cheques (considered paid on the date on the cheque).

“It is the taxpayer’s responsibility to be aware of postal delivery timelines and procedures,” states the new policy.

Good showing for local dancer



Tofield School grade 12 student and Tofield Mercury student reporter Kate Priestley competed in the 14th Annual Scottish Dance Teachers' Alliance (SDTA) Elspeth Strathern & J.L. McKenzie Scholarship event in Toronto from Friday, October 11 to Sunday, October 13. Priestley was declared fifth overall in the Senior Scholarship written paper in a class of 38 dancers from all over North America. "I danced a solo to the song, Still We Run by Skipinnish, in a costume made by Erin Heard and Marion Walker. I also did a dance called The Tribute to J.L. McKenzie. I did a Master Class, which is where we learn a dance and the judges judge us based on how we learn, and finally a written exam which was 55 multiple choice questions and six written responses, a total of 75 marks," Priestley said. Below: Kate Priestley with Gregor Bowman (head of the SDTA).





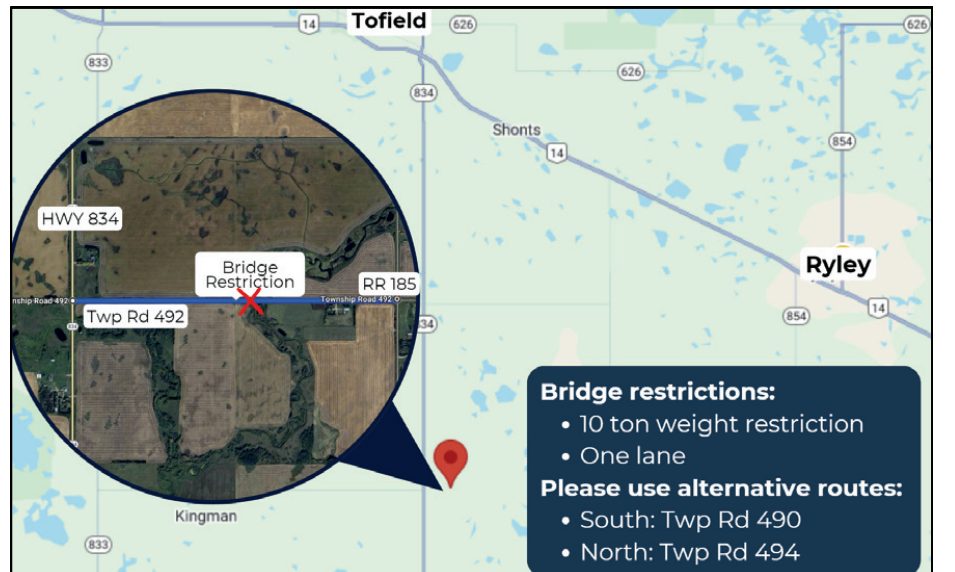


| (SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)                                                                                                | START DATE           | EST. END DATE |
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| Culvert Maintenance                                                                                                            | 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)<br>Phase 4 (Final sweep of Chips)             |                      |               |
| • Rge Rd 161A between Hwy 14 & Hwy 855<br>• <b>Phases 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4 Complete</b>                                             | Complete             |               |
| • Rge Rd 200 between Hwy 630 & Blackfoot<br>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<br>• RR 112 between HWY 619 to Camp Lake<br>Entrance<br>• TWP 470 between HWY 870 to RR 105 | Complete             |               |
| Shoulder Pulls                                                                                                                 |                      |               |
| • Shoulder pull Rge Rd 202 between Twp 502<br>& Twp 504                                                                        | Complete             |               |
| • TWP 500 between RGE RD 143 & 142                                                                                             | Complete             |               |
| • TWP 500 between RGE RD 133 & HWY 36                                                                                          | Complete             |               |
| • TWP 482 between RGE RD 122 & 123                                                                                             | Oct 15               | Oct 18        |
| Gravelling                                                                                                                     | Ongoing              | Dec 22        |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1 (Engineering)</li> <li>• Phase 2 (Special order materials &amp; install signage)</li> <li>• Phase 3: Closed for construction</li> <li>• Phase 4 : Reopened for use</li> </ul> | Phase 1: Complete<br>Phase 2: In Process<br>Phase 3:<br>Phase 4: |
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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.



## Save the date!



**780-663-2038**



# 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](http://www.beaver.ab.ca/government/meeting-schedule)



BEAVER COUNTY



## IMPORTANT DATES

### 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

### November 11

- Office Closed in observance of Remembrance Day

## 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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## Bruce: Community Hall Gym

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**October 11, 25, 2024**

**November 8, 22, 2024**

For more information, please call VBFCSS at 780-336-4024.

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### Website

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# Holden construction work making headway

Kari Janzen

Construction work in Holden was nearing completion, with the Village projects expected to wrap up by the middle of October, but ATCO Energy Systems has informed the Village and its residents that integrity digs need to be conducted on the Viking #4 Transmission line, and that the project may take up to four weeks to complete.

“The project is targeting severe corrosion which spans approximately 60 metres of pipeline. The corroded sections of pipeline will be cut out and replaced. To complete this work, ground disturbance will be completed parallel to 48 Ave. in order to replace the section of pipe beneath the 50 St. road crossing,” the letter from ATCO reads.

The main entrance into the village on 50 St. will be blocked off from 47 Ave. up to and including 48 Ave. for the duration of the project.

ATCO says residents should not experience any disruption to their natural gas service.

“The project and road closure will last approximately four weeks once commenced, with various construction equipment and personnel on site for the project’s duration. The completion of this project prior to the winter heating season is critical to uphold our commitment to safe and reliable service to our customers and the citizens of Alberta,” the letter says.

Other work that has been happening

in the village includes a section of the sewer main on 51 Ave. that is currently being replaced and 49 St. underwent a curb and gutter project.

“The sewer replacement project commenced on September 16, and consisted of replacing the sewer main on 51 Ave. from 50 St. east intersection to 48 St., relining a section of the sewer main on 51 Ave. west of 50 St., replacing four manholes, and replacing the sewer force main,” said Holden Chief Administrative Officer Rosemary Offrey.

Offrey said the majority of the sewer project was finished by the beginning of October and that she expects it to be done by mid-October.

“Ninety-five per cent of the sewer project was completed on October 3. The project should be 100 per cent complete as soon as the subcontractor completes road repairs on 51 Ave., which should be completed by the middle of October,” she said.

Offrey said the Village occasionally received concerns from residents due to the construction work.

“Residents were inconvenienced during this project since they could not park on the street or access front driveways due to the construction being in the street. We did occasionally receive concerns at the office from the residents, which we dealt with,” she said.

Offrey also said the curb and gutter project on 49 St. began on September 17 and was completed on October 10.



# Holden kids enjoy Western Dance

Kelsey Witham

Teenage students of Holden and the surrounding areas got together for a western themed dance night at the Holden Community Hall on Friday, October 4. Last year a box was set out at the Holden Rural Academy to provide the students with an opportunity to suggest themes for the dances, and a western theme was one of the suggestions. The dances are put on as a fundraiser and the proceeds from entrance tickets and the concession go

towards hall upgrades.

“We had a good turnout! We had a total of 44 kids attend the dance. We knew there was a lot of volleyball tournaments going on at the same time, so we were happy with the turnout that we got and that everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves,” said Amber Kostyk, a member of the Holden Community Hall Association and the Village of Holden’s administrative assistant.

“Our first dance was held in February of 2023, when we had a

Valentine’s Day theme. It was our first and best turn out. A few students at the western dance suggested we do another Valentine’s Day event,” Kostyk went on to say.

“Our next fundraising event is our Fall Turkey Supper on Sunday, October 27 here at the hall. Advance tickets are for sale now, and if you purchase an advance ticket, the eating time will be between 5 and 6 p.m. but if you come to the door without an advance ticket, eating time may be between 6 and 7:30 p.m.,” she said.



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**As of October 1st delivery of victim services will no longer be community based.**

BCVS will no longer be assisting victims. Those responsibilities will now be provided by Eastern Alberta Regional Victim Service Society. **This decision was made by the provincial government despite our opposition.**

*Again we can not thank you enough for all your support.*