

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
BEAVER COUNTY SEED CLEANING CO-OP
Held @ 7 p.m. on Monday, November 25th
@ the Holden Complex
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Snooker table made over courtesy community support program

County covers half the cost of snooker table repairs at Viking Seniors Centre

Patricia Harcourt

The snooker table at the Viking Seniors' Centre got a new cover last Friday, Nov. 1. The work was done by Mike Wasyliw of Mike's Billiard Service, who travelled from Sherwood Park for the day-long job.

Wasyliw said the replacement of the cloth on top of the billiard table was "just routine maintenance," adding: "It just gets worn out over time."

He estimated the last time the table itself got an overhaul was 10 to 15 years previously but it was still in very good condition.

"The county funded half the cost," said Garry Wolosinka, past-President of the Seniors Centre, who was on hand watching the delicate process of taking off the old layer and replacing it with a new cloth.

The total cost was \$1,600 with 10 per cent taken off for seniors, he said.

"Normally, it would be about \$1,800 with travel," said Wasyliw. And Wolosinka said the quality of the work was important in recovering a snooker table.

"We have to have the proper person to do the job," he said, adding Mike was that person. The work of ensuring the cover is on properly also involves ensuring the snooker table is level when it is being applied.

"The floor shifts sometimes," said Wasyliw. "We'll fine tune (the levelling) if we need to."

Wolosinka credited the help of Beaver County and Division

5 Councillor Dale Pederson for getting the prompt approval for the repair after applying to the county's September intake of its Community Support Program.

The county gave the seniors centre an \$880 operational grant for installation of a new pool table cover for the 6X12 snooker table "as the cloth has been ripped in a couple places, plus it is probably 30 plus years old," stated the application.

There are currently 10 regular members that use the snooker table. Also it is used when families rent the facility.

"That would probably bring the user numbers up to 165 or more," stated the application.

Wolosinka is hoping to get more people interested in using the table on a regular basis. "It was just time to get something done," he said, adding his gratitude to the county for helping to make it happen.

"We're trying to get more people into the game," said Wolosinka, a player himself.

The table itself is about 2,000 lb. in weight due to the shale topping underneath the cloth. Wasyliw was being helped by Brian Sharp who has a pool room in Wainwright and wanted to pick up some tips on repair and upkeep of these tables, of which there are two in the Viking centre.

Sharp said that, because the pockets are smaller and the distance is larger," on a snooker table, people seem to prefer the smaller billiard table.

"There is very little room for error," with snooker, he said.



Snooker table repairman Mike Wasoyliw cleans and levels off the shale which makes the 2,000 lb. table so heavy. PATRICIA HARCOURT PHOTOS





OPEN RFQ'S / RFP'S

Beaver County is currently accepting submissions for the following:

Request for Proposal:

- RFP2024-21INFR: Engineering Services
 - Closes: December 2, 2024 @ 10 AM Local time

Request for Quotation:

- RFQ2024-22INF: New 2024/2025 ¾ ton Crew Trucks
 - Closes: December 3, 2024 @ 10 AM Local time

Please find complete information for all requests on our website > Business > Requests for Proposals & Quotes



Music Jam / Open Mic

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16, 1 PM**

HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL
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THE 2024 FALL INTAKE OF THE COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30

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You may be eligible for a grant from Claystone Waste for your upcoming project, event, or program that supports the community.

Visit claystonewaste.com/grants for more information on the Community and Partnership Grant program and submit your online application today!



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 | |
| Cementing | | |
| 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 | | Complete |
| • TWP 482 between RGE RD 122 & 123 | | Complete |
| 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: Complete |
| • Phase 3: Closed for construction | | Phase 3: Complete |
| • Phase 4: Reopened for use | | Phase 4: Complete |



LIVING WITH BEARS IN THE BIOSPHERE

Did you know that black bears are among the many mammals that can be found throughout the Biosphere?



Featuring Ramona Maraj
Parks Canada Ecologist Team Lead,

Join us November 26, 2024, 7:00PM-8:30PM at Astotin Theatre, Elk Island National Park in our final fall workshop where you'll hear from keynote speaker, Ramona Maraj, Ecologist Team Lead with Parks Canada / Elk Island National Park speak to the prevalence of bears in the Biosphere.



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- **Executive Assistant - Legislative Services**



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



UPCOMING WEBINAR...

Winter Tree Care & FireSmart for Rural Residents

November 21 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Register online to make the most of your trees this season, go to: www.beaver.ab.ca then under the **Community** menu find **County News**. Or Scan the QR code...



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The Great Twine Round-Up

From November 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025, bring all the used plastic baler twine you can round-up to a participating Alberta collection site (Claystone) for a chance to win a cash prize!

www.cleanfarms.ca/great-twine-round-up



LOCAL REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Monday, November 11, at 10:30 AM
Tofield Community Hall
5309-50 Street
Tofield, AB T0B 4J0
Hosted By the Tofield Legion Branch



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.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 11

- Office Closed in observance of Remembrance Day

November 13

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

November 20

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

WHAT'S 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 NOVEMBER 28, 2024

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Appeal Body | SDAB |
| Application No. | 020020-24-D0070 |
| Applicant | BRANDON MILLER |
| Landowner | SAME |
| Location | LOT 8, BLOCK 2, PLAN 792 0020 IN SW 17-51-19-W4 |
| Development | Discretionary Use – Home Occupation Type II (Mobile Security Unit Rentals) |

APPEAL DEADLINE NOVEMBER 28, 2024

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Appeal Body | SDAB |
| Application No. | 020020-24-D0071 |
| Applicant | STUART & ELISHA WHITBREAD |
| Landowner | SAME |
| Location | LOT 1 PLAN 002 4091 LOCATED IN SW 13-50-21-W4 |
| Development | Discretionary Use – Buildings and Uses Accessory to Discretionary Uses (Hay Shelter) |

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.



You can also find recent permitted use development permits on our website by navigating to **Services > Planning & Development > Permits**.

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

NOVEMBER 11

Social media

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



Op-ed: Victim Services redesign - all victims of crime deserve support

Mike Ellis
Minister of Public Safety
and Emergency Services
Province of Alberta

Dealing with the aftermath of a crime can be challenging for victims, and everyone's journey to recovery is different.

Alberta's government is committed to making sure victims get the support they need, which is why we are changing how victim services currently operates to ensure every Albertan in every corner of

the province will have access to the help they need when they need it.

Alberta's government decision to overhaul the Victim Services Unit (VSU) model, with its 60 detachment-based and locally governed units, was made with careful consideration of the current challenges facing the system. A comprehensive review of the current system – one that included discussions with 150 stakeholder groups – identified inconsistencies and gaps in services that

had been developing over a long period of time and needed to be addressed.

Under the old model, 14 areas had no local victim services unit, which is why the new model being implemented by Alberta's government ensures every RCMP detachment in the province will have access to consistent victim services.

That means if you were a victim of crime in a certain part of Alberta, you had no service. This was unacceptable.

Also, under the old model, each unit was operated by an independent society, which resulted in a lack of integration and resource-sharing. Under the new model, regional governance will ensure each community can draw on resources to keep their public services stable and consistent.

To address these issues, we're moving towards a regional governance model with four integrated Regional Victim Serving Societies. Classification: Protected A. These regional societies will help victims by increasing the reliability, of support across the province. This means that victims will have access to stable and consistent levels of care and assistance, regardless of their location. It's a new approach that will allow for greater flexibility to deliver services at the community level where they are needed most.

With a renewed focus on the needs of victims, this approach will streamline operations, foster collaboration both within and

across regions, and ensure all Albertans have fair access to critical victim services. As well, the changes mean that the total number of frontline employees will increase from 130 to 153, and both frontline employees and local volunteer advocates will have the resources and training necessary to better serve victims in their communities.

The regional societies are independent, and they make their own staffing decisions for the units in their regions.

The primary goal of these changes is to ensure that victims and survivors have access to the supports they need to recover and rebuild their lives in the aftermath of a crime or tragedy.

I have met with many municipalities and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and we have incorporated feedback into the redesign.

Airdrie Mayor Peter Brown supported the redesign and said, "We look forward to working with the new team, provid-

ing the same efficient, caring & compassionate service that supports our community at their most vulnerable times."

Mayor Megan Hanson, from the Town of Sylvan Lake told me the redesign is a "Much-needed change."

She said, "Under the previous Victims Services model, staff and volunteers in Sylvan Lake tried valiantly to provide and maintain supports for victims of crime but lacked adequate supports. This shift to a new model is a positive and much-needed change for our community. A regional model helps to pool resources and gives us confidence that victims in Sylvan Lake and across Alberta will receive the help they truly deserve."

Alberta's government is taking action so every community across our province will have access to the services and support.

To those who are victims of crime or tragedy, Alberta's government will be there regardless of where you live.

Fall intake of support requests approved

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County's fall intake of community support requests were all approved except for one at the regular meeting of council in October.

There were five requests approved for \$2,500 each, including the Blackfoot Grazing Association for clearing and replacing fence line; the Happy Wanderers to help with transportation costs for seniors; the Borschiw Social Guild for upgrades to the hall; the Beaverhill Bird Observatory Society for mileage and expense costs for school presentations; and, the Association for Life-Wide Living of Alberta to support the upcoming BRAIN (Battle River Arts Innovation and Neuroscience) conference.

Also awarded was \$3,500 as an operating grant to the Katchemut Creek Family Horse Club for insurance, equipment and building a storage shed.

The Holden Municipal Library received \$1,200 towards the upgrading of two computer stations.

The Viking Senior Citizens Centre was granted \$880 for a pool table cover.

And the Cloverlodge Stampede Association received an operating grant of \$8,150.27 to build back pens for their annual rodeo.

And two organizations were granted funding over and above the \$2,500 limit, he noted, citing Katchemut and Cloverlodge.

In all the amount given out for the fall intake was \$26,230.27.

Ryan Arndt, general manager of corporate services, explained that all the requests meet the policy

criteria except the Bruce Hotel's request regarding its annual car show.

As the hotel is a for-profit organization, it is not eligible for the community support funding, he said. The hotel had requested \$1,695 to cover expenses to host their Show and Shine event.

"Administration has reviewed this request and it does not meet the policy eligibility criteria as the Bruce Hotel is not a community organization but a private for-profit company," stated Arndt.

"I understand it doesn't

fit the criteria," said Councillor Lionel Williams (Division 2), "but I wonder if the county could somehow support that event."

And Councillor Dale Pederson (Division 5) said he "wondered if the hotel could partner with a community organization like 4-H," that would be eligible for a support request.

Reeve Kevin Smook (Division 1) agreed that with that kind of scenario and partnering with a non-profit, the car show could re-apply in time for the spring intake for next year's car show.

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