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County amends Economic Development Advisory Committee

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County Council agreed to a recommendation from the Rob MacMullen, the county's economic development officer, to an amendment of the Economic Development Advisory Committee regarding its membership and remuneration policy.

"The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) has been in place for approximately two years," explained MacMullen in his Jan. 15 report to council.

He noted that "the committee meets every second month for a half day. Besides regular meetings, opportunities to attend relevant workshops, seminars, and conferences often arise."

According to policy, permission

from council is necessary to attend but "it can be difficult to obtain approval in a timely manner," due to county council only meeting once a month and EDAC only every second month.

"The amended policy will allow committee members to attend functions as long as budget funds are available and specifies that they will be remunerated the regular meeting rate to attend these functions," stated MacMullen.

Two other amendments include that committee members will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement before attending committee meetings. There will also be a deadline set to file for any remuneration claimed by a member.

The report to council also stated that the 2025 budget for committee

member remuneration and travel expenses is \$10,000.

Reimbursement will be allowed for meals, accommodation and travel expenses, but not for alcoholic beverages.

A motion by Councillor Lionel Williams (Division 2) to pass the proposed amendments was carried by council.

County Council also passed all three readings to amend the Economic Development Advisory Committee Bylaw (#24-1159) to align with decisions made last fall.

"The EDAC bylaw requires an amendment to align with council's motion at the October 16, 2024 organizational meeting to appoint three county councillors to the committee," MacMullen stated.

All three readings were passed

which meant EDAC would be comprised of three county councillors and five public-at-large members.

MacMullen pointed out that with eight committee members, there is a greater chance of a tie vote. Tie votes are automatically lost, he said.

"The committee does not often vote on matters and there have been no controversial matters to consider to date," he said, "so maintaining an eight member committee should not be challenging."

The Governance and Priorities Committee recommended the bylaw be passed during its meeting last November.

The bylaw was not considered controversial in nature, hence the recommendation to pass it in one sitting.

County agrees to regional orientation for new candidates

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County has agreed to participate in an orientation program for citizens considering running as a candidate in the general municipal elections this fall.

Margaret Jones, Manager of Legislative Services, asked county council to support the hiring of Strategic Steps.

She said the company would be used for an orientation session for municipal candidates contemplating running for office. It would be held in September 2025, prior to the municipal elections being held in October.

Costs were to be shared equally between the five municipalities including Beaver County, the towns of Tofield and Viking, and the villages of Ryley and Holden.

Jones explained why the orientation for people considering becoming a candidate would be helpful in making that decision.

"Municipal politics is often unknown and misunderstood by the general public," she said, in her report for the Jan. 15 meeting.

"And elected officials often comment that they were unaware of the scope of the position before they entered the election race."

Jones said awareness of this

could be increased as recommended by administration. "It would be beneficial to hold an information session in advance of the election to educate potential candidates of council's governance role," she said.

"An understanding of the expectations may increase the willingness of individuals to run for election."

The orientations will be held in three locations to encourage attendance - Tofield, Ryley and Viking.

Areas covered in the sessions included a legislative review, governance and administration roles,, governance expectations pitfalls for

council, workload and experience, and resources that are available for candidates.

The idea came out of a Jan. 8 meeting of the Beaver Regional Partnership, asking that each municipality support the \$6,800 cost.

"Costs would be shared equally amongst the municipalities," said Jones. The county's share would be \$1,360 plus venue rentals and refreshments.

A motion by Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) to support the orientation sessions, which are voluntary in nature, was passed by council.

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We're looking for you.

We're looking for residents of Tofield, Viking, Ryley, Holden, and Beaver County who want to get involved and make a difference by joining the Claystone Public Advisory Committee.

Join the PAC! Submit your resume and cover letter by March 31, 2025, to info@claystonewaste.com.



IMPORTANT DATES

February 5

- 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

February 19

- 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

GREEN ACREAGES WORKSHOP SERIES

Green Acreages has expanded its program to include virtual webinars to any acreage, hobby farm, or recreational property owner across Alberta!



- February 6, 2025 - Living with Bears with Provincial Wildlife Conflict Specialist from Alberta Parks
- February 19, 2025 - Planting Native Trees and Shrubs with Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society
- March 18, 2025 - Mitigating the Risk of Wildfire with FireSmart Alberta
- March 25, 2025 - Working with Beavers with Cows and Fish - Riparian Management Society

Register today by visiting www.landstewardship.org or scan the QR code!

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>

Winter Walk Day - Wednesday, February 5, 2025 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

starting at the Tofield Lions Park. Join Tofield/Beaver County West FCSS for a fun family outing around the Town of Tofield! Contact 780-662-7067 if you plan on attending!

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!



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



VIKING SINGLE SESSION WALK - IN

Alberta Recovery Walk-In Addiction and Mental Health Support

Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Viking/Beaver FCSS office (4924 - 53ave). For more information please call: (780) 336-4024

Mental Health Helpline: 1-877-303-2642

Addiction Helpline: 1-866-332-2322

HealthLink: 811 24/7 Support

OPEN RFQ

Beaver County is currently accepting submissions for the following:

- **RFQ2025-04INFR: 2023-2025 Single Drum Pad Foot Packer**
 - Closes: February 7, 2025 @ 10 a.m. Local time
- **RFQ2025-07INFR: New 2023-2025 Tandem with Gravel Box**
 - Closes: February 7, 2025 @ 10 a.m. Local time

Please find complete information for all requests on our website > Business > RFPs, Tenders, Leases & Sales



Beaver County's 4th Annual HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of our 4th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest! Your creativity and festive spirit truly brought joy and sparkle to our community this holiday season!

DIVISION 1

- 1st Place: Chris Kucheraway
- 2nd Place: Zach Kucheraway

DIVISION 2

- 1st Place: Susan & Alex Lungal
- 2nd Place: Mike Van Sickle

DIVISION 3

- 1st Place: Clayton & Marilyn Koch
- 2nd Place: Sean Suchy
- 3rd Place (tie): John & Sylvia Piowar
- 3rd Place (tie): Maple Park Farms

DIVISION 4

- 1st Place: Wanda Law

DIVISION 5

- 1st Place: Crystal Pollington

CHECK OUT THE FESTIVITIES:

Photos and video entries showcasing the stunning holiday décor have been posted on all Beaver County socials! Be sure to take a look and enjoy the amazing displays that lit up our holidays! Thank you to everyone that participated!

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 FEBRUARY 20, 2025

Appeal Body	ISDAB
Application No.	020020-25-D0001
Applicant	BROCK MASCHMEYER
Landowner	MARILYN & PETER HRITZUK
Location	NE-34-50-19-W4
Development	Discretionary Use with 121.52 ft Variance from Minimum Front Yard Setback & 26 ft2 Variance from Maximum Site - 96 ft2 Sign

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.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting highlights from the January 15, 2025 Council meeting are now available on our website. Key highlights include:

- Water Assessment Report
- Support for Tofield Golden Club's Award Nomination

Find the highlights on the website on the homepage under **County News** or scan the QR code!



WANTED: SKILLED BUILDER WITH A NOSE FOR ADVENTURE!

We are on the hunt for a skilled builder to construct new, durable outhouses for our campgrounds. These essential facilities need to be sturdy, practical, and ready for the elements—because campers deserve reliable rest stops!

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- Attention to detail—because nobody wants a wobbly throne.
- A good sense of humour—because hey, it's an outhouse project!

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Interested? Contact our Infrastructure Team for project details at infrastructure@beaver.ab.ca or 780-663-3730.



2024 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

2024 was a busy and productive year for Beaver County! Many projects started, advanced, or wrapped up, and we're excited to share the progress with you. Check out our year-in-review to see what Council and Administration have been working on in 2024! Scan the QR code to view the online version or if you prefer a physical copy - they are now available at the Beaver County Service Centre!



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Bretzky Hockey Challenge's 10th anniversary gets support of Viking council

Patricia Harcourt

The Bretzky Hockey Tournament's 10th anniversary celebrations this year will have the Town of Viking's official support.

The support came by way of a motion from Mayor James Buttner and was passed by council.

It read that the town would "support the 10th Annual 2025 Bretzky hockey Tournament and the Bretzky Conditioning Camp."

"The current planning will utilize the Carena facility for the conditioning camp, hockey tournament games surrounding Carena green spaces for onsite camping from the period of August 4 to August 10," said CAO Doug Lefsrud.

"The Viking Golf and Country Club will be hosting the Thursday night participating teams' meet and greet with a beer garden in the Multiplex facility ice surface area," he said.

"Saturday golf scramble and Saturday night Player's Award Supper will be followed by a community silent auction and entertainment in the Multiplex."

THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE ALBERTA ORDER OF EXCELLENCE

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JACKIE LOVELY
MLA Camrose

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www.alberta.ca/the-alberta-order-of-excellence

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