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## Claystone Waste makes top 80 employers list once again

Kelsey Witham

For the seventh time, Claystone Waste Ltd. has made the Top 80 employers list and has been recognized for providing an exceptional workplace environment.

Alberta's Top Employers is an annual competition that evaluates eight different categories.

These include workplace culture, benefits, training, community involvement, career development opportunities, and commitment to sustainability.

Claystone Waste is responsible for providing 62 full-time jobs, ultimately having a significant role in the local economy.

The company was recognized specif-

ically for the health benefits, pension plans and the option to apply for a paid education leave of absence (to 30 weeks) along with full tuition subsidies for job-related courses.

"We're one of the largest employers in the county," says Jeanie DeGrande, human resources and payroll manager.

"As part of the community, we do things a little differently to benefit our rural employees. We cover 100 per cent of health and dental for employees and their families. Beyond insurable benefits, the company provides \$500 per year for wellness pursuits, from a gym membership to fees for a child's skating lessons," DeGrande said.

The company has plans to celebrate this achievement with the staff at an upcoming general meeting.



## Beaver County accepts water report

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County Council accepted the county Water Assessment Report at its January 15 regular meeting.

The report had been vetted that morning at the Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) meeting by committee members, who are the same persons to sit on county council in a different capacity.

After a discussion held in closed session with no accompanying public documents included, GPC made a recommendation that council accept the report. With that done, Chief Administrative Officer Kayleena Spiess said she would be "moving the report down the line," to the local municipalities for information adding that "the group needs to be involved."

Four motions were then passed, including Councillor Lionel Williams' (Division 2) motion to release the water assessment report,"to the towns and villages for their councils to review."

A motion by Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) to provide an updated summary report was passed.

The third motion by Councillor Barry Bruce (Division 4) was passed for Beaver County to provide an updated

summary of the water report as discussed to the meeting of joint council on February 13.

A fourth motion by Williams was also passed for the Beaver Regional Partnership to be contacted about the attendance of the Beaver Emergency Services Commission and the Highway 14 Regional Water Commission at the April 17 BRP meeting to discuss the water study report.

Beaver County Council held a special virtual meeting on Monday, December 23, that was also held in closed session regarding the water report.

At that time council passed a motion in open session by Hrabec "that council release the November 2024 Water Assessment Report prepared by Bearisto and Associates in confidence to the Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission."

The motion also directed administration to invite commission representatives to a closed session meeting to discuss the report with them.

Although it has now been released to the urban municipalities in the county region, the report has not been made available to the public for viewing at this time.

## Councillors at Ag Societies convention



There was local representation at the 78th annual convention of the Alberta Association of Agriculture societies. Camrose MLA Jackie Lovely was there along with Beaver County Councillors (from left) Barry Bruce (Division 4), and Lionel Williams (Division 2), and Deputy Reeve Eugene Hrabec (Division 3). Over 100 agriculture societies participated from all over Alberta. Lovely explained that "the objective is to keep communities vibrant through agriculture societies. Networking, education sessions and shared ideas of best practices and opportunities are freely given at this annual gathering." PHOTO COURTESY MLA LOVELY



## FARMERS PESTICIDE CERTIFICATE COURSE

Attention Farmers: Are you certified? Join the Farmer Pesticide Certification Course!

When: March 12, 2025 - 9:00 AM  
Where: Daysland Community Hall, 5029 51 Ave, Daysland

Why attend:

- Minimize risks and enhance safety.
- Access restricted pesticides
- Recertify for 5 years - no exam required!



This one-day course led by certified experts Dr. Bill Hamman and Erin McIlwrath, covers essential topics like pesticide safety, legislation, and pest management to keep you compliant and up-to-date with industry standards.



Early bird fee: \$150  
Seats are limited - book today!

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## 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 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](http://www.landstewardship.org) or scan the QR code!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### February 17

- Office Closed - Family Day

### February 19

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

### March 4

- 9:30 am - 4:30 pm - Governance and Priorities Committee 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!

## 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: February 28, 2025

For more details and to find the application form scan the QR code or email [communications@beaver.ab.ca](mailto:communications@beaver.ab.ca)



## RESIDENTIAL SNOW CLEARING

With winter in full swing, we want to remind residents about residential snow clearing as per the County's Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy. If you are a county resident needing your driveway plowed this winter, here's what you need to know:

- ✓ **Signed Agreement Required** - A signed agreement with the County must be in place before any snow removal can be done.
- ✓ **Prepayment Required** - Dependent on service type, prepayment may be required as per county policy.
- ✓ **Request Service** - Driveways are only plowed when requested.
- 🕒 **Timing and Availability** - Snow removal varies based on a number of factors - we cannot guarantee a set timeframe.



To learn more about the County's snow removal process, or to fill out an agreement, scan the QR code.



# 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](mailto:info@claystonewaste.com).





**Claystone**  
Waste Ltd

[claystonewaste.com](http://claystonewaste.com)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Altering wetlands or natural streams without permission from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (AEPA) is actually illegal. It's all about keeping our ecosystems thriving and preventing those pesky flooding issues. Apart from environmental love, illegal drainage can wreak havoc on our roads. Pooling water weakens road integrity, turning a minor puddle problem into a full-blown road repair headache. That's why if drainage do-overs affect our roads, we're on it - reporting to AEPA and giving a friendly heads -up to landowners to fix the flow.

Let's work together to preserve these natural areas and keep our roads safe. After all, good neighbours and land stewards make Beaver County shine brighter!



For more information, scan the QR code!



**STEAK NIGHT**

Saturday 15th February  
5-7.30pm at  
The Holden Complex

\$30 Steak - Perogy Special  
(Children's meals available)

Free Public Skating

For further information text or call

Lucy 780-781-6014



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**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 16, 1 PM**

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Musicians/Participants - No Charge  
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Dave 780-720-5839  
or beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com

*Musicians and spectators welcome!*

**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.



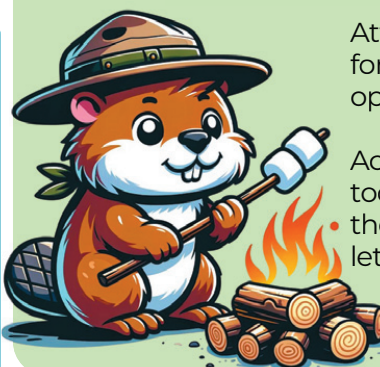
**NO TRESPASSING**

Riders are reminded to respect landowners by avoiding private fields, as operating snowmobiles and other off-highway vehicles without permission is considered trespassing. As per Bylaw No.05-893, off-highway vehicles must travel single file on the far right side of the road, following traffic flow. Riding in ditches is not permitted.



**CAMPGROUND BOOKINGS OPEN MARCH 1ST!**

Attention outdoor enthusiasts! Bookings for Black Nugget and Camp Lake Park open on Saturday, March 1st at 9:00 am!



Access the online booking tool on our website under the **Explore menu** or visit [letscomp.ca](https://letscomp.ca).



**OPEN RFQ**

Beaver County is currently accepting submissions for the following:

- **RFQ2025-08INFR Septic Services**
  - Closes: February 24, 2025 @ 9 a.m. Local time

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



**NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Municipal Election. Thinking of running for Council?



Visit our website under: Government > Municipal Election 2025 or scan the QR code to view all Election information including key dates, the candidate information package, and nomination forms.

**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

We're looking for dynamic, motivated superheroes to join our team! What's your superpower?!



- **Seasonal Crew Members - Agricultural Services**

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



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**Website**

Information on County programs and services can be found on our website, along with the latest news.

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



# Beaver County congratulates the Beaver Hills Biosphere Region on recent award

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County officially recognized the Beaver Hills Biosphere Region Association's Alberta Heritage Awareness Award at the county's recent meeting of council.

The county has been a member of the Beaver Hills organization since its inception, and Reeve Kevin Smook (Division 1) a strong supporter of its evolving nature up to being proclaimed a Biosphere site of the United Nations.

Council passed a motion by Councillor Lionel Williams (Division 2) recognizing the Beaver Hills Biosphere Region Association's selection for the Alberta Heritage Award.

This means sending a letter of congratulations signed by Reeve Smook.

The county will also establish a virtual "recognition of the Biosphere and its award on the county's website," which will include social media posts.

Plus, the county will proclaim this award officially at a future council meeting.

Margaret Jones, the county's Manager of Legislative Services, explained the role of the Biosphere organization, of which part of the county lies within its borders. A sign on Highway 14 near Range Road 200 marks the entry into the Biosphere.

"With Alberta Transportation's approval the sign would be enlarged to recognize the Biosphere as the recipient of this latest award," said Jones, as one of the county's options.

In 2016, the county proclaimed September 9 as "Beaver Hills Biosphere Day" in Beaver County.

This was prompted by UNESCO's proclaiming the Beaver Hills as a Biosphere, giving it world-wide status as an international heritage site.

The county's website already recognizes the Beaver Hills Biosphere at [www.beaver.ab.ca/tourism/nature-hot-spots](http://www.beaver.ab.ca/tourism/nature-hot-spots) and will be updated with this latest award.

The county is encouraging the public to find out more about the Biosphere, which Jones described as "an association that stewards the Biosphere and supports partners working together for a sustainable region through shared initiatives and collaborative action."

"Their work is founded on the guiding principles open collaboration, inclusive engagement and shared knowledge," she said.

Brian Illnicki, executive director of the Beaver Hills Biosphere Region Association, will be invited to participate in the proclamation ceremony that the county plans to initiate at an upcoming meeting.

# Claystone Waste offers volunteer opportunity to interested locals

Kelsey Witham

Claystone Waste is searching for a dedicated volunteers to join their team on the Public Advisory Committee (PAC).

The PAC is a committee of the Claystone Board of Directors, and their mandate is to bring issues and concerns from residents to the Claystone Board of Directors.

"This is an excellent opportunity for an individual to learn more about Claystone operations, learn about waste management and the environment, and share the perspective of the community to our Board of Directors," Communications and Public Relations

Advisor Jackie Sargent said.

When taking on this volunteer position, individuals can expect to meet four to five times per year, usually a couple of weeks before the regular Board Meetings. The meetings take place in the Ryley Office at 5 p.m. Dinner is provided, along with a reimbursement of vehicle mileage to get to the office.

The position is flexible; if a volunteer is unable to attend in person, they can attend remotely via online, whichever is most convenient. Opportunities to represent Claystone at events, such as the annual open house, are also an option as a volunteer.

# County considers industrial park near Tofield

Patricia Harcourt

A third industrial park for the western end of the county is under preliminary study.

Beaver County Council put an emergent item on the agenda of their January 15 meeting. Listed under the Inter-Municipal Development Plan, the issue has been discussed in closed session by the Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) last year.

It was brought forward from the GPC meeting that morning of January 15 after GPC recommended it for council to make a decision regarding establishing another industrial park.

The county already has two industrial parks including Equity Industrial Park (EIP) near Ryley and Viking/Beaver industrial park at

Viking.

Now an industrial park for the west end is under consideration.

"We're looking at the possibility of a third industrial park (with Tofield)," said Chief Administrative Officer Kayleena Spiess.

A motion by Reeve Kevin Smook, who represents Division 1 where the development would be located, was passed for council to pursue the idea of establishing a business park with the Town of Tofield. As this is a preliminary stage in the pursuit of a development, there would still be opportunities to settle questions such as how far from the town the industrial park should be located.

Following the motion, council immediately went into closed session for further discussion.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Executive Director

Flagstaff Waste is currently seeking a motivated individual to lead staff and oversee all company activities including waste bin rentals/collections operations, curbside waste collection, multi-stream recycle collection, processing, sorting and marketing, transfer site operations and all activities related to operating a Class II landfill for 10 municipalities within Flagstaff County.

### Duties:

- Business planning, budgeting and financial controls with a view to long-term strategic goals.
- Develop, maintain and ensure compliance with internal Human Resources, Audit & Finance, and Health & Safety Policies with focus on staff retention in a safe workplace culture.
- Coordinate direct reporting and feedback with a Board of Directors representing 10 partner municipalities making up this not-for-profit Society.
- Ensure legislative compliance for all regulated matters related to environment, WCB, Solid Waste Association regulated requirements, maintain registrations and Code of practices related to Landfill operations, trucking, OH&S and Alberta Employment standards.
- Lead a multi-disciplinary team employing HR goal setting and performance review processes that ensure high productivity and safety with end goal of optimized efficiency. Negotiate high-value health benefits, pension plans and insurance products for staff and the company.
- Manage heavy equipment and trucking fleets with maintenance programs, and right-sized replacement plans. Enable GPS systems to manage routes and for driver safety.
- Continually grow customer base through marketing, relationships and service.
- Annual reporting as required to Alberta Environmental Protection, Canada Composting Council, WCB, CRA, GST, Annual Financial Audit, Federal Green House Gas, etc.

### Qualifications:

- Progression in employment history, demonstrating leadership and management skills.
- Strong social skills with track record demonstrating positive work relationships with staff, vendors and customers. Demonstrate ability to develop long term solutions that work favorably for all parties.
- Proven understanding of business principles and communicating progress using standard business reporting.
- Organized, computer literate and ability to make highly productive use of time.
- Applicants with work history within the waste industry and/or previous landfill operations experience are preferred. Applicants willing to relocate to Flagstaff County preferred.
- Manager of Landfill Operations (MOLO) certification required within 1 year of hire.

Flagstaff Waste offers a dynamic workplace with a culture of strong customer service. We provide a competitive salary and a full benefit package including enrollment in a 'defined benefits' pension plan. If you wish to join our exciting team, submit resume to Murray Hampshire at [murray@flagwaste.ca](mailto:murray@flagwaste.ca) or mail to Box 309, Sedgewick, AB, T0B 4C0.

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