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## Confirmed measles cases at Two Hills, Vegreville prompts AHS alert to potential exposures

*Locations in Tofield and Holden visited by infected individuals*

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has been notified of 13 confirmed cases of measles in the community of Two Hills. This includes seven new cases confirmed since April 4. An additional new case has been confirmed in the Vegreville area making for 14 confirmed cases within the Central Zone at this time.

At least four of the individual cases have also been in public settings while infectious. Additional locations may be released if necessary.

Individuals who were in the following locations during the specified dates and times may have been exposed to measles:

On March 31 at Two Hills Health Centre Emergency Department.

On April 1 at Two Hills Medical Clinic; Tim Horton's Drive Thru Tofield; Costco 186 St. NW Edmonton; Chic-fil-A Drive Through 186 St. NW Edmonton; Walmart Supercentre Vegreville.

On April 2 at Two Hills Medical Clinic; Two Hills Health Centre Lab; Tim Horton's Drive Thru Tofield.

On April 3 at Two Hills Health Centre Emergency Department; Two Hills Medical Clinic; Holden Post Office; Tim Horton's Drive Thru Vegreville; Fas Gas Plus Vegreville.

On April 4 at Tim Horton's Drive Thru Vegreville; St. Joseph's General Hospital Vegreville.

On April 5 at Tofield Health Centre Emergency

Department.

Anyone who attended these locations, who was born in or after 1970 and has less than two documented doses of measles-containing vaccine, is at risk for developing measles. They should self-monitor themselves of symptoms of measles and are strongly encouraged to review their immunization records.

Measles is an extremely contagious disease and is spread easily through the air. Symptoms of Measles include:

- Fever of 38.3° C or higher;
- Cough, runny nose and/or red eyes;
- A rash that appears three to seven days after fever starts, usually beginning behind the ears and on the face and spreading down to the body and then to the arms and legs. The rash appears red and blotchy on lighter skin colours. On darker skin colours, it can appear purple or darker than the skin around it, or it might be hard to see.
- Complications of measles can include ear infections, pneumonia, inflammation of the brain, premature delivery, and rarely death. Persons who are pregnant, less than one year of age, or have weakened immune systems are at greatest risk.

If symptoms of measles do develop, individuals are advised to stay home and call Health Link at 811 before visiting any healthcare facility or provider, including a family physician clinic or pharmacy.

The measles vaccine is highly effective at preventing infection and complications. At one time, the disease was declared eradicated due to decades of successful vaccination programs in children.

In Alberta, the measles vaccine is offered, free of charge, through Alberta's publicly funded immunization program.

Following a measles exposure, vaccine given within 72 hours can prevent infection. Immune globulin (antibodies) given within six days can also prevent infection in high-risk susceptible persons who cannot safely receive vaccine or in whom it may not be effective due to age or time from exposure, as is the case for persons who are pregnant or have weakened immune systems (immunocompromised), and some infants less than 12 months of age.

Contact Health Link at 811 for more information if these situations apply to you or your family.

Albertans can also text 'Measles' to 88111 to get measles health information texted to your mobile device.

## County audio-visual upgrades approved for office building

Patricia Harcourt

Following the recent renovation of Beaver County's council chambers, further audio-visual upgrades have been approved for this and other spaces in the building.

Council had passed a motion last June for \$250,000 in upgrades to council chambers for audio-visual, furniture and flooring upgrades, stated Meagan Walsh, Legislative Services Coordinator, in a March 26 report.

In November, this renovation project was completed under budget from funds out of the Claystone reserve fund. Only \$185,542 of the allocated money.

"Administration is proposing some changes to the current audio-visual setup in council chambers to allow for better camera angles and streaming video," she said.

Currently, she said the angles of the cameras show a long shot view of the council and a shot of the podium, but says this is inadequate.

"It is difficult for the public to see who is speaking and the flow of the meeting can be distracting and unprofessional," explained Walsh.

Administration wants to use the balance of the funds from that project to upgrade the county office's upper boardroom.

"This meeting room is consistently overbooked with internal and external meetings, all which require audio-visual capabilities," she states. "Unfortunately, the current video conferencing is unreliable and outdated., which places a strain on council chambers.

"Updating both rooms will enable a balance of use between the two rooms easing the burden on each system and ensuring a backup is available if neces-

sary."

Walsh said any still usable equipment in the upper board room will be taken out and put to use in the smaller reception room and throughout the office. This will allow for internal content sharing to be done when video conferencing equipment is not needed, she said.

Administration is requesting council's approval for an expenditure of \$60,000 so that the upgrades can commence quickly, she said.

Chief Administrative Officer Kayleena Spiess said the object was to have two conferencing rooms "so we have a backup room in case something happens in this room."

A motion by Councillor Barry Bruce (Division 4) was passed for \$60,000 to be taken from the Claystone Dividend Fund to be used for the proposed audio-visual project.

## VIKING, HOLDEN & BEAVER COUNTY Volunteer Appreciation Events!

National Volunteer Week 2025 - April 27th to May 3rd, 2025

As we celebrate National Volunteer Week 2025, we invite you to join us in recognizing their amazing work. This year's theme, 'Volunteers Make Waves,' highlights the powerful, impactful, and essential role that individual and collective volunteers play in creating lasting change.

**Viking Community Luncheon**  
Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, Noon-1:30 p.m.  
(doors open at 11:30)

**Viking Seniors Centre (5024 53 Ave., Viking)**  
**\*FREE of Charge!**

**Holden Community Luncheon**  
Saturday, May 3rd, Noon-1:30 p.m.  
(doors open at 11:30)

**Holden Community Hall (4919 49 Ave., Holden)**  
**\*FREE of Charge!**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please contact Viking/Beaver FCSS at 780.336.4024 for more information.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**April 16**

- 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM - Regular Council Meeting

**May 7**

- 9:30 AM - 4:00 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!

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The County currently has two upcoming Public Hearings:

**REPEALING BYLAW HEARING**

Beaver County will be holding an in-person public hearing to give residents an opportunity to provide input on the proposed Repealing Bylaw. The purpose of this Bylaw is to repeal bylaws that are either no longer relevant, the County no longer has jurisdiction over the matter, they need updating, they were not repealed when they were replaced, etc.

The proposed bylaw and the bylaws which may be repealed can be viewed below or obtained at the Beaver County Office (5120 - 50 Street, Ryley) or on the County's website under the News section at [www.beaver.ab.ca](http://www.beaver.ab.ca).

- Repealing Bylaw (2025) #25-1168
- Bylaws which may be repealed:
  - Bylaw #6 - Publication and Distribution of Meeting Minutes via Newspaper: Bylaw is no longer relevant.
  - Bylaw #83 - Appointment of Assessor: Bylaw is no longer relevant.
  - Bylaw #145 - Employee Pension Plan: County Policy replaces bylaw.
  - Bylaw #646 - Councillor Pension Plan: Section 12 of County Policy #HR-006 - County Policy replaces bylaw.

**Details of the public hearing are as follows:**

- **Date:** Wednesday, April 16, 2025
- **Time:** 10:15 a.m.
- **Location:** Beaver County Service Centre, 5120 - 50 Street, Ryley
- **Contact:** Meagan Walsh - 780-663-3730 ext. 1023 or [mwalsh@beaver.ab.ca](mailto:mwalsh@beaver.ab.ca)
- **To Speak or submit written comments:** please register/submit to Kady McKinney ([kmckinney@beaver.ab.ca](mailto:kmckinney@beaver.ab.ca)) no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2025. *Written submissions will not be accepted during the public hearing.*

**COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW HEARING**

Beaver County will be holding a public hearing to give residents an opportunity to provide input on the proposed Community Standards Bylaw. The purpose of this Bylaw is to set standards for community safety, residential property maintenance and use, protect public spaces, prevent disputes between neighbours by providing guidance on issues that affect relationships between neighbours, establish fines for contraventions of the Bylaw, and enable enforcement of contraventions of the Bylaw.

The proposed bylaw can be viewed below or obtained at the Beaver County Office (5120 - 50 Street, Ryley) or on the County's website under the News section at [www.beaver.ab.ca](http://www.beaver.ab.ca).

**Details of the public hearing are as follows:**

- **Date:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Ryley Community Centre, 5102-49 St, Ryley
- **Contact:** Meagan Walsh - 780-663-3730 ext. 1023 or [mwalsh@beaver.ab.ca](mailto:mwalsh@beaver.ab.ca)
- **To Speak or submit written comments:** please register/submit to Kady McKinney ([kmckinney@beaver.ab.ca](mailto:kmckinney@beaver.ab.ca)) no later than 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2025. *Written submissions will not be accepted during the public hearing.*

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



Look who's  
coming back  
to town ...



Claystone Waste is pleased to once again take part in the **Snow Goose Festival**, celebrating the return of our feathered friends as they migrate through the Beaver County region.

Visit our booth at the Tradeshow at the Tofield Curling Rink on April 26 and 27, and learn more about Claystone and how we support the community!



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

## 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).

<b>APPEAL DEADLINE</b>	<b>APRIL 30, 2025</b>
Appeal Body	SDAB
Application No.	020020-24-D0009
Applicant	Heather Wheeliker
Landowner	Same
Location	Lot 21, Block 2 Plan 190 TR in NE 35-51-20-W4
Development	Discretionary Use – 288 ft2 Cabin (Temporary Accommodation)

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.



## OPEN RFQ

Beaver County is currently accepting submissions for the following:

- **RFQ2025-14INFR 2025 HERBICIDE SUPPLY**
  - Closes: April 16 @ 10 a.m. Local time

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



## VILLAGE OF RYLEY - Notice of Decision of the Development Authority

This is to notify you of a decision of the Development Authority whereby a variance is being issued authorizing the following development:

Application No.	2025-0310-3356
Applicant:	Debbie Sych
Location:	4748-50 Avenue, Ryley AB
Development:	Construction of a temporary building

The applicant or any person who claims to be affected by this decision may appeal the decision to the Development Appeal Board. The appeal shall be made in writing and shall be delivered either in person or by mail to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board not later than 14 days after the date of Issue of Notice of Decision.

Appeal Deadline: April 9, 2025  
**SECRETARY**  
 SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD  
 BEAVER COUNTY  
 BOX 140  
 RYLEY, AB, T0B 4A0



## VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

From May through October 2025, Beaver County will conduct its annual roadside maintenance to enhance road safety and manage vegetation. The program includes:

- Spot Herbicide Applications: Targeting tree and brush regrowth within County road allowances across all divisions, with a focus on Division 5.
- Blanket Spraying: Comprehensive herbicide application in Divisions 1 and 2 to control widespread vegetation.
- Mechanical Brush Control: Removing trees and brush throughout the County to improve traffic safety, facilitate machinery movement, reduce snow trapping in winter, and enhance sightlines at intersections and near properties.
- Weed Inspections: Conducting county-wide inspections to identify and manage regulated weed species.

For concerns related to weed and brush control, or haying along provincial highways, please contact Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors at 310-0000, or Emcon Service Inc at 1-800-390-2242

## SPRING DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

Residents looking to reduce dust on county roads near their property can now apply for spring dust control. The deadline to submit your application is **April 15!**

How to Apply:

✓ Scan the QR code to access the application form, or visit [www.beaver.ab.ca](http://www.beaver.ab.ca) and navigate to: Services > County Roads > Dust Control.

✓ Submit your completed form by email to [infrastructure@beaver.ab.ca](mailto:infrastructure@beaver.ab.ca), mail it in, or drop it off in person at our office.

Act now to secure dust control for the upcoming season!



### 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.

### Social media

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



**Easter Ham Bingo**  
**April 16 @ 7 PM**  
 Doors Open @ 6 PM  
 Borschiw Hall 51113 RR 163  
 Kids Bingo During Break  
 Snacks, Chili, & Refreshments Available

**STEAK NIGHT**  
 FRIDAY 25th April  
 5-7:30pm at  
 The Holden Complex  
 Steak \$30 or Steak & Shrimp \$35  
 (Children's Meals Available)  
 For further information  
 Please text or call Lucy 780-281-6014  
 Last Steak Night of The Season

## JOIN OUR TEAM!

We're looking for some motivated team members to join our team! What's your superpower?!



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If you are looking for an opportunity to work in a dynamic team environment and contribute to County development, we want to hear from you!

#### Seasonal (6-8 months) Positions Available:

- **Class 1 Driver - Equipment Operator III**
  - Qualifications:
    - Valid Class 1 Licence with a good driving record
    - Gravel hauling/spreading experience is an asset
    - Ability to work independently and as part of a team
    - Ability to work in all weather conditions
    - Ability to perform physical tasks and operate heavy machinery safely

#### Interested applicants are requested to submit their resumes to:

- Human Resources, Beaver County, Box 140, Ryley, AB T0B 4A0
- Or by e-mail to: [careers@beaver.ab.ca](mailto:careers@beaver.ab.ca)

#### WE'RE ALSO LOOKING FOR...

- **Economic Development Coordinator - One Year Term**
  - This role will drive business growth, tourism, and economic initiatives to shape the County's future. A great opportunity to make a lasting impact!

For more info visit our website. The **Careers page** can be found under the **Government** menu. Or scan the QR code!



# Council considers review of community support grants

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County will review the amounts provided to community organizations from the community support program.

Every spring and fall the county receives requests from various groups and organizations in the county for a financial support.

The maximum listed in the policy is for these groups to receive \$2,500 as a maximum.

At the March 26 regular county council meeting, it was noted that several requests were for more than what the policy states is the maximum.

Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) made a motion granting a maximum \$2,500 to each request, stating he did not favour giving over what the policy allows.

“He said that “other groups wanting more can come to council,” with their request.

He added that he wanted there to be an adequate amount of funding left over for the fall intake of requests.

Hrabec then read out each request and changed the amount to a maximum of \$2,500 if the organization had asked for more than this.

However, Councillor Lionel Williams (Division 2) noted that council was “getting more requests for higher amounts,” adding that this might be an opportunity to

review the policy on this issue.

Margaret Jones, General Manager of Legislative Services, agreed to undertake a grant review and discuss it with neighbouring municipalities.

Hrabec said he was in favour of that but wanted to leave enough funds available for the fall intake requests.

This would be brought back to council for further consideration with a report to consider.

# Beaver County adopts new campground policy

Patricia Harcourt

Beaver County adopted a new campground policy at the March 26 meeting of county council.

The Campgrounds Reservations, Cancellations and Refunds policy Infr-021 was passed prior to council rescinding the previous policy.

The policy covers activities in the county’s two campgrounds, Black Nugget Lake and Camp Lake, which were described in council’s report as “highly utilized.”

The report added: “These campgrounds play a significant role in the county’s recreational offerings, attracting both residents and visitors

for camping, outdoor activities and events.”

The policy was last updated in 2020 and was reviewed again as part of a scheduled policy review.

“Administrative staff have identified areas for improvement including clarity on refund eligibility, technology upgrades and improved procedural guidance,” stated the joint report by Dan Blackie, General Manager of Infrastructure, and Kaileagh Klammer, Administrative Assistant.

“To improve accessibility and readability, the policy has been reformatted with clearer sections and paragraph structures, and redun-

dant language has been removed.”

The policy was reviewed at the last Governance and Priorities meeting on March 5, and includes listed changes.

Late arrivals at the campground must arrive by 10 p.m. now instead of the previous 11 p.m. on the date of the reservation. This is the time that the concession closes for the night.

There were also clarifications done on the definition of a long weekend, what the situations are when refunds will be provided and when a

service fee will be charged.

“The introduction of a service fee is expected to offset administrative costs associated with processing cancellations and refunds,” stated the report, under financial implications.

It added: “No other significant financial impacts are anticipated.”

Motions by Deputy Reeve Gene Hrabec (Division 3) to adopt the new campground policy and by Councillor Lionel Williams (Division 2) to rescind the old policy were both passed.



**Wild Rose**

## Wild Rose Co-op Annual General Meeting 2024

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at the Jeanne and Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre in Camrose, or Virtually!**

- Co-op Business Reports
- Election of Directors
- Other Co-op Reports

If you would like to attend the AGM virtually you must register through our website by April 11, 2025. AGM documents will be emailed on April 17, 2025.

To register to attend the AGM virtually go to [www.wildrosecop.com](http://www.wildrosecop.com) or scan this QR Code.




## The Beaver Heritage & Ag Society

# 18th Annual Spring Splash

## Dinner & Silent Auction

### Saturday, April 26th, 2025

**Doors open 5:30 pm • Dinner at 6:30 pm**  
**@ the Ryley Community Hall**  
**Tickets \$40**

*Advance ticket booking is recommended*

**Tickets available at:**  
 Ryley Swimming Pool, Nutrien Ag Solutions - Ryley, and KC Insurance - Tofield

*All proceeds support the Ryley Swimming Pool and Wellness Centre*

