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COUNCIL'S CORNER



Councillor Cal Mosher, Hugh Graw, Gena Jones, Deputy Mayor Dueck

Councillor Cyndi Corbett, Mayor Rycroft, Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

Next Council Meetings: May 13 & May 27 at 7pm in the Walker Room @ Towne Square

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A LOOK at the BUDGET

At the April 29, 2019 Council meeting, Council approved the 2019 Operating & Capital Budget. 2018 proved to be an eye opener for the Town, when the famous

ADMIN ALCOVE: DO YOU WANT TO WORK FOR THE TOWN?

The Town of Beaverlodge is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- Utility Operator I
- Temporary Administrative Clerk

The Utility Operator is responsible for performing a variety of construction, repair, installation and maintenance activities in support of water and wastewater systems, operating a variety of equipment and tools related to maintenance and repair activities and performing related duties as assigned.

The Temporary Administrative Clerk is responsible for performing clerical duties for the Town including records management, inventory of contracts and agreements, emergency management planning, and other duties as assigned.

To read a more detailed job description, please visit Beaverlodge.ca for more information.

FIRE/RCMP STATS

The Beaverlodge Fire Department responded to 12 calls for service in March. 6 were in the Town of Beaverlodge, 5 were in the County, and 1 was in Wembley. There were 5 monitored alarms, 5 were medical Co-Response, 1 structure fire, and 1 dispatch error.

The Beaverlodge RCMP Detachment responded to 77 calls for service within the Town of Beaverlodge for March. There were:

- 29 calls for Traffic Offenses; (23 were cleared by Charge)
- 2 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property;
- 1 False Alarms;
- 3 Thefts (All theft related offences, vehicles & property);
- 4 Motor Vehicle Collisions (Non-injury, injury, animal collision)

The Beaverlodge Municipal Enforcement department responded to the following:

- 16 Traffic Offenses;
- 9 warnings for Vehicle Equipment Regulations;
- 3 dog complaints;
- 1 Unsightly Premises

August 1 flood happened. Staff were hit with the reality of our depleting infrastructure — making it work is no longer an option. Upgrading and replacement in order to ensure infrastructure stability for the future has become top priority. Because of this reality, the 2019 operating and capital budgets proved to be a balancing act between cost saving and the need to provide the same range of services to our residents.

Council recognized the need for a tax increase in order to ensure community services and programs are maintained. Careful financial planning to meet future requirements must be managed in the best possible way. Administration will continue to ensure efficient and effective operations to maximize the benefits from the tax dollars contributed by our residents and businesses. Council and Administration realize that a 5% tax increase for residents may seem high, but the recommended increase and budget will address some of the aging infrastructure needs of the community and plans for the future.

On a property that is assessed at \$250,000.00 at a 5% tax increase for 2019 would be approximately \$106.88 annually for the municipal portion, which works out to be \$8.91 per month. On a property that is assessed at \$300,000.00 the increase would be approximately \$128.26 annually for the municipal portion, which is \$10.69 per month.



Did you know that it is illegal to park any vehicle or trailer in an alley or access road for an extended period of time? Bylaw 976 addresses this, along with other traffic rules!

The Town will be going through the process of removing these units this spring. Please ensure they are parked on your property or property that you have legal access too.

PUBLIC WORKS... WHAT'S UP?

The sweeper will be out soon, please be careful around the equipment and leave lots of room. If you see the sweeper, please consider not parking on the street in order for all of the road to be cleaned. It will only be operated 8:30 am-5 pm Monday-Friday.

Crews will be out with the loader filling potholes within the town shortly, please be mindful of them.

UPCOMING RECREATION CLASSES:

Call 780-354-2203 for more information.

Bronze Medallion Course May 3-5 9am-4pm \$170

Bronze Cross Course May 10-12 8am-4pm \$150

National Lifeguard Course June 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 Fridays 4pm-9pm Saturdays & Sundays 9am-5pm \$395

Water Safety Instructor Re-Certification Course July 3 12pm-4pm \$90

Moveball H20 Mondays May 6-June 17 Pre-register \$57 Drop in \$12 7pm-8pm

> Wibit Weekend May 18-19 June 15-16

Barracuda's Swim Meet
June 1
Pool CLOSED

School Fun Swim June 26 9am-3pm Pool CLOSED

May 20 Long Weekend Pool and Fitness Center Open 12-4

Spin Class
Fridays May 3- June 14
\$60
5:45- 6:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN:

Library Storytime (0-5): every Monday at 10:30 am (except stat holidays) Little Tykes Playgroup (0-5): every Wednesday at 9:30 am – 11:30 am @ Neighbourhood Resource Center (NRC)

Library Knit & Chat: every Monday from 1:30 pm – 3 pm

Library Scrabble: every Tuesday from 1 pm – 3pm

Odyssey House Support Worker: every second Tuesday April 14 & 28 @ NRC. Call for appointment 780-354-4180

Loud at the Library (Adult Game Night): April 5 7:30 pm - 11 pm

Claude Bourbon Concert @ the Library: May 3, \$25 at the door. Cash Bar. Doors open

at 7, concert starts at 7:30pm

Roadside Cleanup with the Library: May 11. Call 780-354-2569 for more information. Annual Summer Fair: Friday August 16- Saturday August 17. More information to come soon!