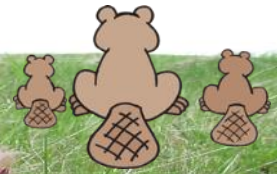


March 31, 2020



# TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE BEAVER TAILS E-NEWS

## COUNCIL CORNER

### Mayor

Gary Rycroft

### Councillors

Cal Mosher

Hugh Graw

Gena Jones

Terry Dueck

Cyndi Corbett

Judy Kokotilo - Bekkerus



### Next Council Meetings

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Monday, April 27, 2020

7:00pm

Council Chambers

### Town Office

Due to the Covid-19 Crisis we are currently closed to the public, but remain working and accessible by phone at: (780) 354-2201

## TAX & UTILITY DEFERRALS

### Tax Deferrals

If you are on the Tax Installment Payment Plan and can no longer make your monthly payments, you may call the Town office to have them stopped until such a time that you are able to pay again. Tax Notice & Assessment will still be going out as scheduled, but when Council passed the 2020 budget it provided a Tax penalty relief.

What does this mean? Penalties will not be applied to any 2020 Tax Notice & Assessment amounts until November 1, 2020 to allow additional time for residents to pay. If you have a prior year's balance, penalties will still be applied.

### Utility Deferrals

If you are on the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan and can no longer make your monthly payments, you may call the Town office to have them stopped until such a time that you are able to pay again. Monthly Utility bills will still go out as scheduled, but when Council passed the 2020 budget it provided a Utility penalty relief.

What does this mean? Penalties will not be applied to any unpaid Utility amounts until September 1, 2020 to allow additional time for residents to pay.

## PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE

We wanted to remind residents that with the recent toilet paper shortage due to Covid-19, there has been an increase in individuals purchasing wipes and paper towel products. As many are isolated at home right now, the potential for sewer backups due to "non-flushables" ending up in the pipes is a big concern. These products cannot be flushed and residents need to be aware that if they are and there is a resulting issue with your septic system, any repairs will be at your own personal cost. We kindly ask that as a community we continue to do our part in being responsible and lessening any further impacts on our infrastructure.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the  
Town of Beaverlodge Public Works.

Thank You

# TOWN INFORMATION

## THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE



The Town of Beaverlodge Council & Staff would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of the many frontline health care workers, first responders, essential service businesses, pharmacies, grocery stores and volunteers in our amazing community. **YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!** We value your ongoing commitment to our residents and the expertise and tireless efforts you put forth daily. These are challenging times and we face a variety of situational stressors, however as a community we are continuing to support one another and standing strong. We will get through this **TOGETHER.**

We send each of you our sincerest gratitude today and all of the days going forward.

The Town of Beaverlodge

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Beaverlodge FCSS is available to the public by phone as we continue to support our Community through the Covid-19 Pandemic. We can make alternate arrangements to assist you if you require help with any of the following:

- Food Bank
- Referrals to Crisis Supports
- Deliveries for those in isolation
- Seniors Supports
- Prescription Pick Up/Delivery



We can be reached Monday to Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm at the following numbers:

**Trudy Hodges (FCSS Director) -**  
**780-354-2204 or 780-830-8281**

**Amie Greene (FCSS Program Services Coordinator) -**  
**780-354-4180 or 780-512-4964**

### WINNERS

Laura Gray and her children were the winners of the Town of Beaverlodge & FCSS St. Patrick's Day Selfie Contest!  
  
Congratulations!



March 26, 2020

## NEWS RELEASE – Council Adopts 2020-2023 Operating & 2020-2025 Capital Budgets

The Town of Beaverlodge Council approved the Town's Operating and Capital Budgets at its meeting held Monday March 23, 2020. The focus of the 2020 Budget was to maintain existing services and program levels, while trying to minimize the tax increase, despite the reduction in Provincial funding. For a typical house assessed at \$250, 000 the total annual impact for Town Services would be \$67.34.

The reduction of the MSI Operating funding revenues from 2019 and the Provincial Government's decision to bill its municipal counterparts for policing costs has had a huge impact on the Town's 2020 operating budget.

Council is committed to maintaining a sustainable level of service with modest tax rate increases. Because of the Provincial reduction of the 2019 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Operating funding from \$85,159 to \$29,861 for 2020, this resulted in a tax rate increase of approximately 1.75%. As well as this increase the Province has mandated that municipalities will now have to pay for policing costs. This additional expenditure of \$48,781.00, has also resulted in an increase to the tax rate by approximately 1.63% for a total increase of 3.38%.

Because of the reduction and additional expenditures brought on by the Province, Council and Administration had to work very hard to ensure taxpayers did not see a substantial increase in their tax rate. With Council's recommendations of an increase to the Town's Bulk Water by \$1.25 per cubic metre, an increase in the Sewer Consumption rate by .17 cents, no Cost of Living Increase for Town employees and a reduction of Mayor and Council monthly honorariums by 10% as well as Administrations suggestions of an increase to the Utility Bill Processing Fee by .25 cents and reducing additional budget items, Council and Administration have managed to get the increase to the Tax Rate to 3%.

The Town will continue to ensure efficient and effective operations to maximize the benefits from the tax dollars contributed by our residents and businesses. The Town's overall financial condition is stable at this time, but in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic the future is uncertain. The budget is balanced, and surpluses have occurred in each of the past three years. The reliance on the Town's line of credit for cash flow purposes is minimal and our Reserve accounts have been replenished, which may allow for future infrastructure renewal with no major increase in our tax rates or user fees.

**For a more detailed budget description please go to our website at [www.beaverlodge.ca](http://www.beaverlodge.ca)**



# COVID-19 INFORMATION



Media Release

March 27, 2020 | 2:00 PM

Update #7: COVID-19 Pandemic

### Applications Open for Regional Non-Profits to Develop Social Support Programs

The Government of Alberta has made available funds for non-profits, municipalities, and charities who provide help to individuals, seniors, families and other vulnerable Albertans who are isolated or impacted by measures to contain COVID-19.

The provincial funds will be distributed to community groups who support a range of services such as at-home help for seniors, crisis and helplines, food security issues, emotional and mental health counselling or any other identified community issues. Community groups may use the funding for:

- Services that allow individuals, seniors, and families who are isolated to have home needs met such as the delivery of goods, housekeeping, and caregiver relief.
- Services to build capacity and strengthen volunteer work in the community.
- Alternate supports such as mentoring, mental health, and supports to address economic and food security needs.
- Expansion or supplementing efforts to provide information such as crisis/distress lines, 211 services, and information lines.

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) offices are receiving the applications on behalf of the Government of Alberta. The province will make decisions on successful applications and distribute funds.

- City of Grande Prairie FCSS  
[badams@cityofgp.com](mailto:badams@cityofgp.com)  
Cell: 780-814-5023 or Phone: 780-538-0374  
[www.cityofgp.com/covid19](http://www.cityofgp.com/covid19)
- County of Grande Prairie FCSS  
[fcss@countypg.ab.ca](mailto:fcss@countypg.ab.ca)  
780-567-5598  
[countypg.ab.ca/covid19](http://countypg.ab.ca/covid19)
- Town of Beaverlodge FCSS  
[Thodges@beaverlodge.ca](mailto:Thodges@beaverlodge.ca)  
780-354-2204



Albertans should be focused on their health, not whether they can pay their bills. Learn about immediate relief for Albertans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic at [alberta.ca/COVID19](http://alberta.ca/COVID19)

# TOWN EMPLOYMENT

## **The Town of Beaverlodge is looking for the following positions:**

### **POSITION TITLE: Arena Attendant**

**REPORTS TO:** Recreation Facility Manager

During the winter season 2020-2021, under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Manager, the Arena Attendant shall be responsible for the safe and effective day to day operations of the indoor ice arena and the outdoor ice surfaces, regular and routine maintenance of equipment and buildings.

### **POSITION TITLE: Seasonal Camp Counselor**

**REPORTS TO:** Recreation Facility Manager

**Seasonal Position:** June-August, Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm (stat holidays off)

**Position Summary:**

Our summer camp, which hosts 1-2 week day camps for children ages 4-12 is seeking an energetic, accountable Camp Counselor to provide a safe and memorable experience for our campers providing fun, engaging, inclusive activities with a purpose while supporting all campers and maintaining a positive relationship with staff, parents and campers. This individual will act as leader and assist with providing campers with a safe and fun summer camp experience.

### **POSITION TITLE: Casual/Part Time Customer Service Representative**

**REPORTS TO:** Recreation Facility Manager

To be successful as a Receptionist, you should have a pleasant personality, strong communication skills and team oriented. You should also be able to assist customers in a timely and effective manner, while streamlining office operations. Multitasking, organizational and stress management skills are essential for this position. This role requires working in shifts, so flexibility is a plus. Ultimately, a Receptionist's duties and responsibilities are to ensure the front desk welcomes guests positively, and executes all administrative tasks to the highest quality standards.

Please see our website [www.beaverlodge.ca](http://www.beaverlodge.ca) or contact [hr@beaverlodge.ca](mailto:hr@beaverlodge.ca) for a full job description.

#### **Employment Information**

**Attention:**

Human Resources  
Town of Beaverlodge  
Box 30  
Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0  
[HR@beaverlodge.ca](mailto:HR@beaverlodge.ca)