NOVEMBER 29, 2021

#### **TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE**

Beaver Tails E-News





#### **Council Corner**

<u>Mayor</u> Gary Rycroft

<u>Councillors</u> Cal Mosher Hugh Graw Gena Jones Cody Moulds Cyndi Corbett Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

<u>Next Council Meeting:</u> December 13, 2021 7pm Council Chambers

## **Council Highlights**

THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE

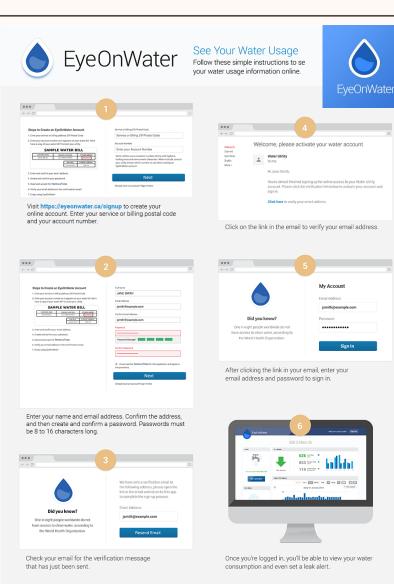
With the installation of our new meter reading software, and EyeOnWater program, Town residents have the ability to access their water accounts and monitor their water usage.

EyeOnWater (EOW) services give consumers direct access to their water consumption data and provide tools to help them manage their water use.

EOW enables customer outreach and delivers information to them on the web and through mobile apps.

EyeOnWater also delivers leak alerts and usage trends to customers through email, text messages or onsmart device notifications.

For more information, visit https://beaverlodge.ca/ Utilities



**Upcoming Meetings** 

**MEETINGS START AT 7PM** 

DECEMBER 13

**Getting In Touch** 

Concerns? Comments? Questions? If you would like to speak to the Mayor of Beaverlodge or any of the Town Councillors, all contact information can be found on the website beaverlodge.ca.



### **Council Highlights**

Town Council attended the 2021 Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Convention & Trade Show in Edmonton last week. We took part in some great education sessions to learn about our Associations' efforts over the past year, and different opportunities to grow our communities. We also had presentations from Premier Jason Kenney and MLA Rachel Notley who talked about the Provincial Policing that has been brought up in the media as of late. The Town Council had the privilege of meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs Ric McIver. The Council expressed their concern with the reduced funding of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative.

Here were the Education Sessions that were offered to over six hundred Municipal leaders that attended.

**1.ADVOCATING FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES IN A BIG WORLD** – This session provided intelligence on political decision makers and how to build relationships with them. It also helped with developing strategies to conduct power analysis and networking.

**2.BUILDING INDIGENEOUS RELATIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY** – Chief Randy Ermineskin from Ermineskin Cree Nation discussed how to effectively build relationships with our local indigenous partners.

**3.NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN HYDROGEN AND IMPACTS TO MUNICIPALITIES** – Opportunities with carbon capture and facilities in the area. Discussed the energy that will be saved going this route in the future compared to hydro and fossil fuels only.

**4.CYBERSECURITY FOR MUNICIPALITIES** – Awareness of Cyber-attacks and how to help prevent it in our community. Why there is importance to protect our community. Recognizing threats and understanding the risk.

**5.SETTING THE TABLE FOR SUCCESS** – This session provided ideas and tools to help develop effective working relationships with fellow councilors.

**6.CLIMATE CHANGE AND MUNICIPALITIES** – Exploring what municipalities can do to mitigate the issues with climate change, best practices for action and programs that are available to help.

**7. HOW TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY FOCUSED STRATEGIC PLAN** – Strategic planning within our community. Presentation from Town of Westlock as they shared stories of a new path of strategic planning.

**8.THE ROLE THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS PLAY IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Highlighting key roles that elected officials play in supporting their communities in economic development, and how proper asset management can help.

•Town Council sent a letter to Alberta Health Services asking to have the access road to the hospital repaired and maintained. AHS responded right away and hired a contractor come to Beaverlodge and patch up all the holes. They also committed to maintain the access road over the course of the winter. They will review any repairs or upgrades requiring to be done in the spring.

Huge thank you to Bev Walker, Judy Olsen, Myrna Sideroff, Gena and Doug Jones for all their hard work on the Festive Christmas Planters downtown.

#### **RECREATION CENTER**

December Pool and Fitness Center Schedule



# **AROUND TOWN**

#### HALLOWEEN WITH THE TOWN BEAVER

Thanks to the Beaverlodge Community Economic Development Committee for sponsoring and organizing a Halloween Trick or Treat event and Pumpkin Carving Contest. The Town Beaver and friends were on hand to pass out candy to kids on Halloween night from 3-5pm outside of the Community Center. Lots of wonderful families came for a treat and some even posed for a photo with the "Superbeaver." The Pumpkin Carving Contest was a hit with a winner from each age division winning a \$50 gift card. The winners were randomly drawn from all participants and are as follows: 7 and Under: Beth Gray 8-12 years: Mya Skaksen 13-17 years: Davyn Mizzi Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all who participated.

#### SNOW REMOVAL

It's that time of year again! Snow removal is ongoing around the town. If able, please remove vehicles from the street to help Public Works get the roads cleared as best as possible.

#### 'TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE

The Beaverlodge Food Bank was presented with a large donation from the Beaverlodge New Horizon Co-Operative from their 3% Thursday's in October. Thank you to everyone who shops on 3% Thursday as 3% of the stores sales go towards local non-profits that feed our communities.

The Beaverlodge Food Bank would like to express a heartfelt THANK YOU for all the support the local businesses and community members gives them. The Beaverlodge Boogie Run/Walk Club also generously donated \$1000 to FCSS Coats For Kids Campaign. THANK YOU!!



SNOW REMOVAL IS HAPPENING AROUND TOWN



ADLEY GREENE POSING WITH TREATS FROM THE BEAVER



#### BEAVERLODGE NEW HORIZON CO-OPERATIVE DONATION



BEAVERLODGE BOOGIE DONATION TO COATS FOR KIDS



# HAPPY Halidays

## The Town Office and FCSS will be closed December 24th, 2021 thru December 28th, 2021

We will re-open December 29th, 2021