



AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
 TO BE HELD MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 10 ST BEAVERLODGE, AB

1.0	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	
2.0	<u>LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</u>	PP 2
3.0	<u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u>	
4.0	<u>DELEGATION</u> 4.1 Mark Walker – Security Proposal	PP 3
5.0	<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>	
6.0	<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> 6.1 Mark Walker – Security Proposal 6.2 Physician Welcoming Lunch – January 13, 2023 6.3 New Medical Clinic Funding Support Request 6.4 Coffee with Council - February	PP 4
7.0	<u>TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA:</u>	
8.0	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	



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As long as the sun shines, grass grows and the rivers flow – we acknowledge the homeland of the many diverse First Nation & Métis people whose ancestors have walked this land.

We are grateful to live, learn and work on the traditional territory of Treaty 8 and we make this acknowledgement as an act of reconciliation and gratitude.

Town Council Proposal

As a resident and a business owner in the Town I think I see an opportunity that would hopefully help us all when it comes to theft and vandalism in the community. In my business theft is a constant pain, as we deal with daily, I have trained me key staff to look for a license plate, description of the suspects and direction they left the property in order to help the RCMP track down thieves.

The world of high definition cameras has helped me at certain times provide the identities and the necessary details for the RCMP that otherwise we wouldn't be able to provide. Every time I see a facebook post of things being stolen or vandalised within the community I think of how having good cameras at strategic locations within our community could possibly help identify and deter these acts from occurring.

As the thefts have continued, I decided to try and find out if this is a feasible idea. I recently teamed up with Ross Hansen from Commnet and Ryan Korzenowski from ATCO to find locations to place High-definition cameras within the town that could provide us with the knowledge as to what vehicles enter and exit the town limits in the event of series of thefts or vandalism. In our meeting we all agreed that this is possible with a bit of work to make happen given the Towns approval.

If the town council agrees to pursue this proposal, I would happily volunteer on a committee to bring forth a package with proposed costs from Commnet, Atco and any other subtrades that would be involved in such a project in the new year.

Please let me know if you require further information or would like me to present some of our preliminary findings.

Yours truly,

Mark Walker

Jan 3, 2023

To: The Town Council of Beaverlodge,

I am writing to request the town's support in bringing new physicians to our community. Several of us (50% physicians, 50% non-physicians) are actively working to purchase and reopen the old medical clinic attached to Rexall. Opening this clinic will allow us to house several new physicians who will be active in clinic, inpatient care, and in our hospital's emergency department. In Hythe, we have maxed out our space with 3 physicians and 1 nurse practitioners. By shifting to Beaverlodge, we can create space for 2-3 additional physicians as well as some eventual additional services in our community.

We currently only have 2 physicians between the communities of Hythe and Beaverlodge who provide services in Beaverlodge's ER department. There are 4 of 6 physicians who currently provide inpatient care (3 in Hythe, and 1 in Beaverlodge) The strain is evident as we struggle to keep the emergency department open due to this severe shortage of local physicians. We have 2 new physicians who are in the process of getting registered and licensed through the CPSA, one of which will be starting in the next month. Both physicians will provide care in the emergency department- doubling our number of local physicians within the next 6 months. We, however, need to provide them with space and a supportive environment in which to work.

It is my belief that this community needs a functioning Emergency Department and access to inpatient beds in order to care for our community. We need more family physicians who carry a patient panel and provide timely and conscientious care to their patients. We also need physicians who can provide care to an aging population in the supportive living environments both in Beaverlodge and in Hythe. While it is less than ideal to leave the long term care and assisted living facilities in Hythe without a local physician; it would be even worse to leave both communities without a functional hospital. We are actively advocating for our community to receive the care it deserves with the new hospital build; but in order to be able to run an emergency department- we need physicians engaged and active in both inpatient and emergency care.

Taking on this endeavor is a large commitment to the community of Beaverlodge to improve access to local healthcare. I would very much appreciate the town's support in this commitment by helping absorb the annual taxes on the building as well as coverage of basic water and septic charges. I believe together, we can make Beaverlodge a vibrant medical community to support the current needs of both the local and outlying communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Camellia Presley, MD