

#### AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD FRIDAY MAY 13, 2022 AT 9:15 AM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 10 ST BEAVERLODGE

1.0	CALL TO ORDER:	
2.0	ADOPTION OF AGENDA:	
3.0	ADOPTION OF MINUTES: 3.1 March 22, 2022	PP 2
4.0	OLD BUSINESS: 4.1 Yard Sale	
5.0	NEW BUSINESS:      5.1 Jen England – The Great Canadian Playwright Showcase	PP 3,4
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6.0	ROUND TABLE:	
7.0	ADJOURNMENT:	





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#### Minutes for the Town of Beaverlodge Economic Development Committee Meeting Tuesday March 22, 2022 at 9:15AM CHAIR– Cyndi Corbett

#### ATTENDANCE:

Cyndi Corbett – Chair Cody Moulds - Councillor Tracy Ferguson – Member, Absent Jeff Johnston - CAO Tracy Brekkaas – Member, absent Wael Ammar – Member, absent Recording Secretary - Nichole Young

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting commenced at 9:14 AM. It was noted that the meeting did not achieve quorum therefore no business could be conducted.
- Invited guests, Holly Sorgen from Community Futures was present to inform the attendants about their programs and what could work in Beaverlodge. Anna Nelson, Principal at Beaverlodge Regional High School attended to learn what these offerings could do for her students.

#### 2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- n/a
- **3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** 
  - n/a
- 4.0 OLD BUSINESS:

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#### 5.0 NEW BUSINESS:

n/a

#### 5 ROUND TABLE:

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Next meeting:

- April 19 live draw for easter selfie contest @ Town Office.

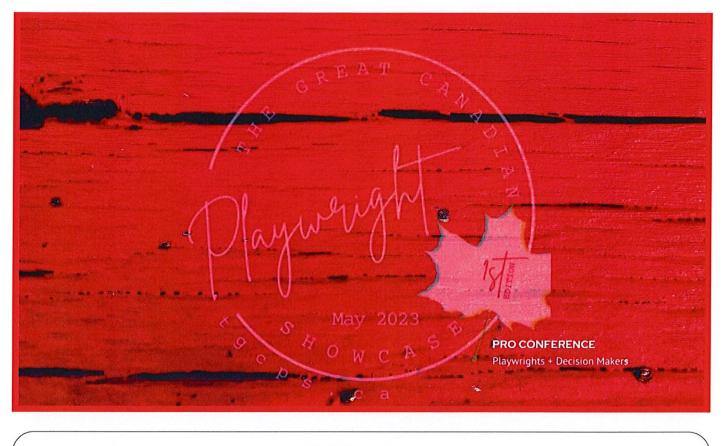
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**Councillor Cody Moulds** 

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MARKETING PLAN



With a community of over 2600 people, Beaverlodge has experienced growth over the past decade. The agricultural, forestry, and oil and gas sectors have all contributed to the town's prosperity. With a full complement of doctors, two dentists, an optometrist, a hospital and pharmacies as well as other health and wellness practitioners, Beaverlodge is considered the service and medical hub for the West County. Recreationally, the town boasts an indoor pool and fitness center, ice arena, curling rink, agricultural barns, tennis courts, ball diamonds, a bike park, several playarounds, and a wonderful scenic



campground. Located behind our town offices and town library, Beaverlodge has a Recreational Centre, complete with a main pool, leisure pool, lazy river and a whirlpool. It also has a fully equipped gym and walking track. Make sure to check out the monthly pool and fitness class schedule located on our website!

The town manages and operates the Pioneer Campground, featuring the original Lower Beaverlodge School, one of the first

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schools of the area. The building was restored and relocated to the camparound. Not only is our camparound an excellent stop on the "best" route to Alaska, but it can also be your home away from home while you visit our surrounding cultural attractions. In order to fully immerse yourself in our rich history come and stay at one of our premium sites! Online booking is offered for your convenience. We have a total of 36 sites (10 that offer full service and power hook-ups, 9 sites with 30 amp power, 10 sites with 15 amp power) and an additional 7 sites reserved for tenting. It also features a washroom and shower facility located in a beautiful log camp shelter which also boasts a picnic area. A sanitary dumping station is located in the northeast corner of the campground. Free Wi-Fi is also offered

throughout. The Pioneer Campground opens mid-May after the risk of freezing passes, and closes for the season mid-October (weather pending).

While staying in our campground, come and visit our Beaverlodge Cultural Centre which features local artists on a rotating basis. It also doubles as our Tourist Information Centre, While there, sit down in their Tea Room and have lunch. Opposite the building, visitors can view the magnificent roadside attraction: The World's Largest Beaver. The sculpture stands 17 feet tall by 28 feet long and weighs

#### 3000 pounds. Just west of

A place to build dreams nestled in a picturesque valley

Beaverlodge is the South Peace Centennial Museum. Drop by and check out the largest - and only working - steam powered farm equipment museum in Alberta, which is a must see! Plan your trip around "Pioneer Days" which falls on the third Sunday in July. This special event is the only weekend where the equipment comes alive to demonstrate the days of old, along with an antique car and truck show.

To the east of Beaverlodge is Saskatoon Island Provincial Park. While boasting amazing views, accessible by their many walking trails, it's home to a variety of plants and animals. It's also a wildlife refuge for Trumpeter Swans! The Park is also home to a variety of forest, grassland and lakeside birds. It is a popular place for bird watching.

Don't forget to visit our local farmers market for fresh produce, and a unique shopping experience. In the core of our downtown area, we have a variety of eating establishments and general stores that will suit any need. Anything from snacks, to extension cords, to trailer accessories, we've got you covered.

### ATTRACTIONS

- AAFC Beaverlodge Research
  Farm Tours by appointment only
- Beaverlodge Cultural Centre
- Beaverlodge Farmers' Market
- Broken Tine Orchard & Winery Wine tours available
- Euphemia McNaught Homestead
- Giant Beaver Statue

- Pioneer Campground
- Red Willow Falls
- Riverbend Golf & Country Club
- Saskatoon Island Provincial Park
- South Peace Centennial Farmers' Market
- South Peace Centennial Museum



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A Message From the Mayor

Beaverlodge Town Council. From Left to Right: Cody Moulds, Gena Jones, Hugh Graw, Gary Rycroft, Cyndi Corbett, Cal Mosher, Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus.

On behalf of the citizens and Council, allow me to welcome you to the Town of Beaverlodge.

We are very proud of our family-oriented community that offers residents and businesses a complete array of services to support their needs. In a community that has so much to offer, we hope that you will find Beaverlodge a wonderful place to call home and become an active part of the great community spirit we have come to enjoy.

Beaverlodge has outdoor activities, business opportunities, schools, parks, and a thriving social community with activities for people of all ages.

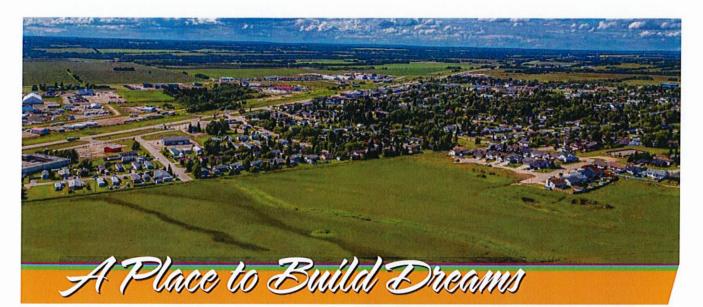
We are pleased that you've taken the time to explore Beaverlodge and hope that you find it is a place to build your dreams.

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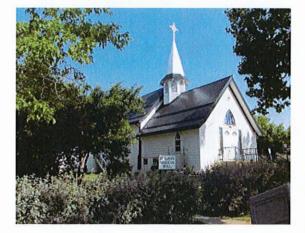


The Town of Beaverlodge is located along Highway 43, approximately 40 km west of Grande Prairie. With a population growing to over 2465 (2016 stats) in 953 dwellings, it provides services to over 12,000 people, making it the hub of the West County.

Beaverlodge has a diverse economy featuring many industries, including retail, oil and gas, agriculture, and construction. The town is a thriving community attracting businesses and families alike. With opportunities in residential and industrial growth, the town is an appealing "Place to build dreams."

Supports to our community are abundant!

- Indoor Pool and Fitness Center & Community Center
- Thriving business community including grocery stores, retail stores, hotels, restaurants, pharmacies, veterinary clinic, and other services
- Post office, banks, churches, a public library, and Senior Center
- Public Elementary School (K-6), Catholic School (K-9), and Regional High School (Grades 10-12)



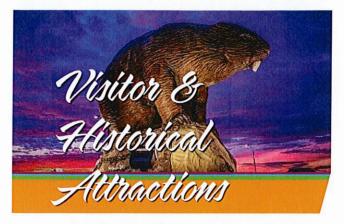


- Recreation facilities including an arena, curling rink, ball diamonds, riding stables, several parks and nearby green space for outdoor enthusiasts.
- Campground
- Hospital and Community Health Center, Eye Care, Physiotherapists and Dental clinics
- Emergency services including R.C.M.P., Volunteer Fire Department, EMS, Community Policing, and Bylaw Enforcement
- Curb-side garbage and recycling collection
- Farmers Markets
- Many service clubs, cultural organizations, and attractions for all types of interests and for all ages





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The Beaverlodge Cultural Centre

The Beaverlodge Cultural Centre is one of the town's major attractions. Come and discover the transformation of this historical building into a vibrant community asset. It began in 1937 as the town's hospital and was relocated in 1991 to serve as home for the Beaverlodge Area Cultural Society.

The **Pink Tea Room** has a charm all its own. Tea, coffee, and sweets are available every day of the week except Mondays. While enjoying your coffee you can admire our **Stained Glass Wall** by artist Eric Bask. The subjects of the wall are adapted from Euphemia McNaught's pictures to commemorate and honour her life and the artistic knowledge that she has contributed to the visual art world.

The **Gallery** has ongoing exhibits featuring local and area artists. Annual shows including a Miniature Show, Quilt Show, and our local High School highlight specific areas of talent and skill.

The **Gift Shop** features quality crafts by potters, weavers, and artists, as well as art cards and historical books.

The **Art Room** is used to teach young people and adults all facets of art. Children learn the basics of drawing, batiks, clay modeling, and stained glass. The room is also used by the Beaverlodge Art Society for their membership meetings and workshops.

Potters, Fused Glass Crafters and Weavers have spacious studios in the basement. Beginner classes are offered throughout the year and the opportunity to be part of the Beaverlodge Craft Club allows for complete access to these rooms with a membership.

Classes run September through April, usually on a month-to-month basis. Over the years we have enjoyed students from the ages of 6 – 96! We are the hosts for the **Beaverlodge Visitor** and **Information Centre**. Information on local points of interest, events and accommodations in the area are available here.

We are located at 512-5th Avenue (just across from the iconic beaver statue). Please visit our website <u>beaverlodge.ca</u> for more information.

#### **Giant Beaver Statue**

Opposite the Cultural Centre, visitors can view the magnificent cultural roadside attraction in the form of Canada's national animal – the beaver. The sculpture stands 17 feet tall by 28 feet long and weighs 3000 pounds.

Alex Lojczyc, a local entrepreneur, came up with the idea for the "Beaver Project" to raise town spirits and encourage tourists to stop in our little town.

While Lojczyc may have been the man that came up with the idea, it took several companies and countless volunteers to make the vision a reality. On July 16th, 2004, the World's Largest Beaver Sculpture was hauled from its birthplace in Calgary to Beaverlodge.

#### South Peace Centennial Museum

Beaverlodge is a little town with a lot to offer. One of its most popular attractions is the South



Peace Centennial Museum, the largest and only working steam powered farm equipment museum in Alberta. The South Peace Centennial Museum is also home to a grain elevator built in 1929 that was located in Albright, along Highway 43 near the Town of Beaverlodge.

Buildings such as Circle Bank Hall and the Two Rivers School are historic structures that have been moved to the site for display. The museum is open daily through the summer months with overnight un-serviced camping for tents and RV's for \$10 per night.

The museum hosts their annual **Pioneer Days** the weekend of the third Sunday in July featuring all the working steam-powered equipment, antique cars and trucks, and musical entertainment in keeping with the agricultural theme.

For information visit the South Peace Centennial Museum website: <u>www.spcm.ca</u>.

### Busíness ín Beaverlodge

Beaverlodge has a thriving business community including grocery, retail, pharmacies, hotels, restaurants, and other services. Main Street includes a wide variety of businesses. Whether you are shopping for gifts, hardware supplies, clothing, or hunting accessories, Beaverlodge has something for everyone. Local services range from accountants, lawyers, doctor, and dental practices, financial, and registry services, to hair salons, massage therapists, florists and more. In the industrial park, auto and mechanical, construction, and oil and gas related businesses are present.

Business growth, economic development, and environmental considerations remain high priorities to Council and Community Members alike. We're proud to hear people reference Beaverlodge with words like "forward thinking," "innovative," "proactive," "community spirit," and "you can feel the energy in the community." We believe this speaks to the people of Beaverlodge and the reason we're building dreams together.

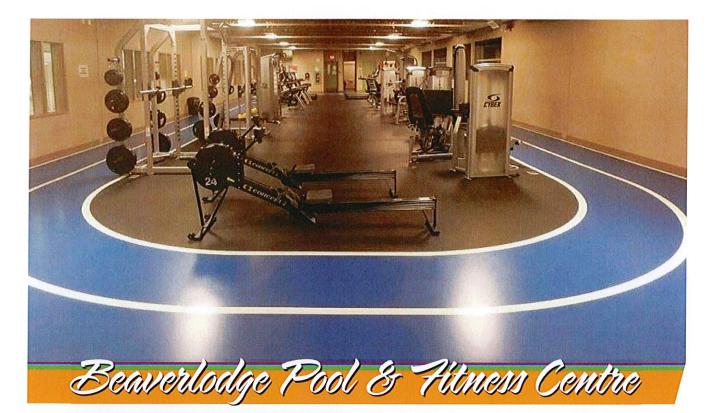


Accommodations area available at a variety of hotels and motels, as well as camping at the Pioneer Campground during summer months.

Food establishments offer a taste of home-style cooking, Asian and Italian cuisine, and fast-food options.

Beaverlodge experiences solid growth, with millions in construction projects on an annual basis. Across residential, commercial, and industrial, Beaverlodge has a balanced, diverse, and thriving economy.







The new indoor pool and fitness centre opened in June 2011 and includes a five-lane swimming pool, leisure pool with therapeutic uses, lazy river, and whirlpool hot tub.

The main pools' shallow depth measures 1.1m progressing to 3.8m at the deep end. The pool also features a 1m diving board. The kiddie pool is 0m entry heading into the lazy river which measures 1.1m at its deepest.

The facility offers a variety of classes, lessons, and programs to interest all users: Swimming Lessons – Aqua Fit -Yoga – Zumba – Seniors Fitness – Boot Camp – Youth Camp – Kayak Lessons - & More The second floor includes a fitness center and indoor walking track with plenty of fitness equipment.

Cardio equipment includes:

- Treadmills
- Arc Machines
- Upright Stationary Bicycles
- Recumbent Stationary Bicycles

#### Weight Machines:

- Chest Press 245lbs
- FT-325 Cable Cage 170lbs per side
- Smith Press
- Bar Bell Cage
- Abdominal Press 245lbs
- Leg Press 405lbs
- Seated Leg Curl 165lbs
- Leg Extension 245lbs
- Overhead Press 165lbs
- Lat Pull 245lbs

A variety of free-weights and bars, medicine balls, kettle balls, and yoga equipment are also available.



The Town of Beaverlodge



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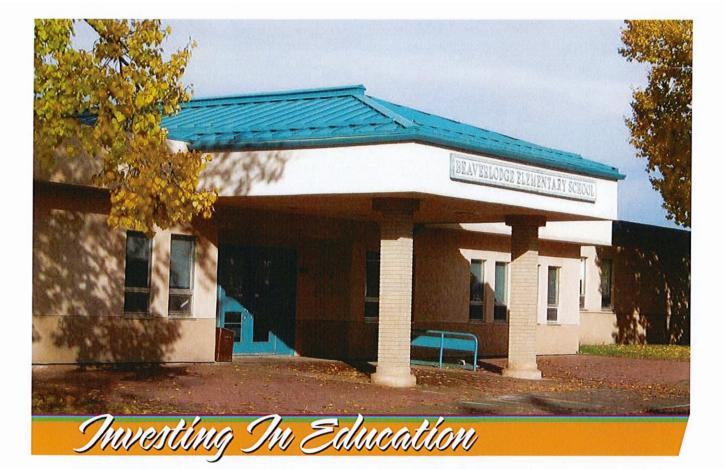
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Beaverlodge schools provide education for Grades K-12 with access to both public and Catholic school systems.

The new St Mary's Catholic School opened in 2016. This development includes a shared use partnership agreement with the Grande Prairie Catholic School District that will afford our community increased capacity for hall, recreational, and cultural activities.

#### **Beaverlodge Elementary School**

Kindergarten to Grade 6 1009-5th Avenue 780-354-2446

#### **Beaverlodge Regional High School**

Grades 10 -12 1034-2nd Avenue 780-354-2189

780-354-2944

#### **St. Mary's Catholic School** Kindergarten to Grade 9 100-13th Street



#### Northern Agricultural Research Station & Pacific Regeneration Technologies

As dedicated stewards of the environment, Beaverlodge has created partnerships in innovative programs.

#### Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) Beaverlodge Research Farm

Beaverlodge is home to the Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) Beaverlodge Research Farm. Founded by W.D. Albright, experimental testing started at this location as early as 1915. The facility employs full-time and part-time staff year-round, in addition to many students and seasonal assistants during the growing season. Beaverlodge Research Farm carries out agricultural research in the areas of agronomy, forage seed production, insect pest management, soil microbiology, as well as canola and cereal breeding.

The Beaverlodge Research Farm is also the site of the National Bee Diagnostic Centre. It is home to the only federal program for honey bee research and is the most northernly research site operated by AAFC. It is available to the public for tours, through appointment only (780-354-2212)

The Town of Beaverlodge



Town of Beaverlodge Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is in the Town Office building (400-10th Street).

FCSS is a partnership between the Alberta Government and the Town of Beaverlodge. Our goal is to help build a safe, supported, and connected community that encourages the well-being of children, youth, adults, older adults, and families.

We believe in building strong communities through positive, caring interaction and mutual

respect. Our goal is to provide services that enrich and strengthen individual/family life by developing skills so people can function more effectively within their own environment.

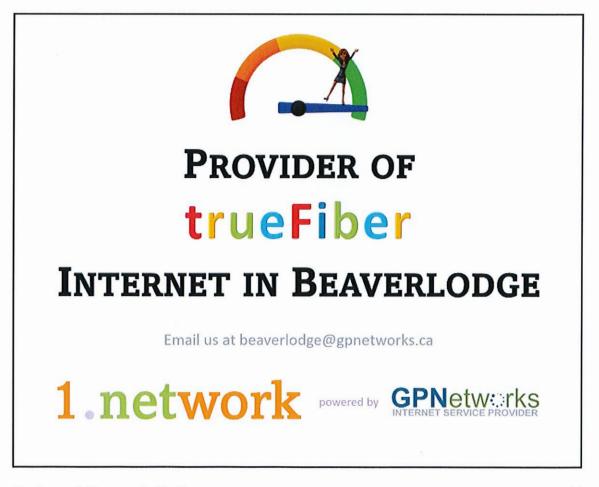
We provide a range of supportive and preventative programs and services for residents of Beaverlodge and surrounding area. We value the ongoing partnerships we have, and we strive to work together to meet the existing and emerging needs in our community.

For more information call 780-354-4058

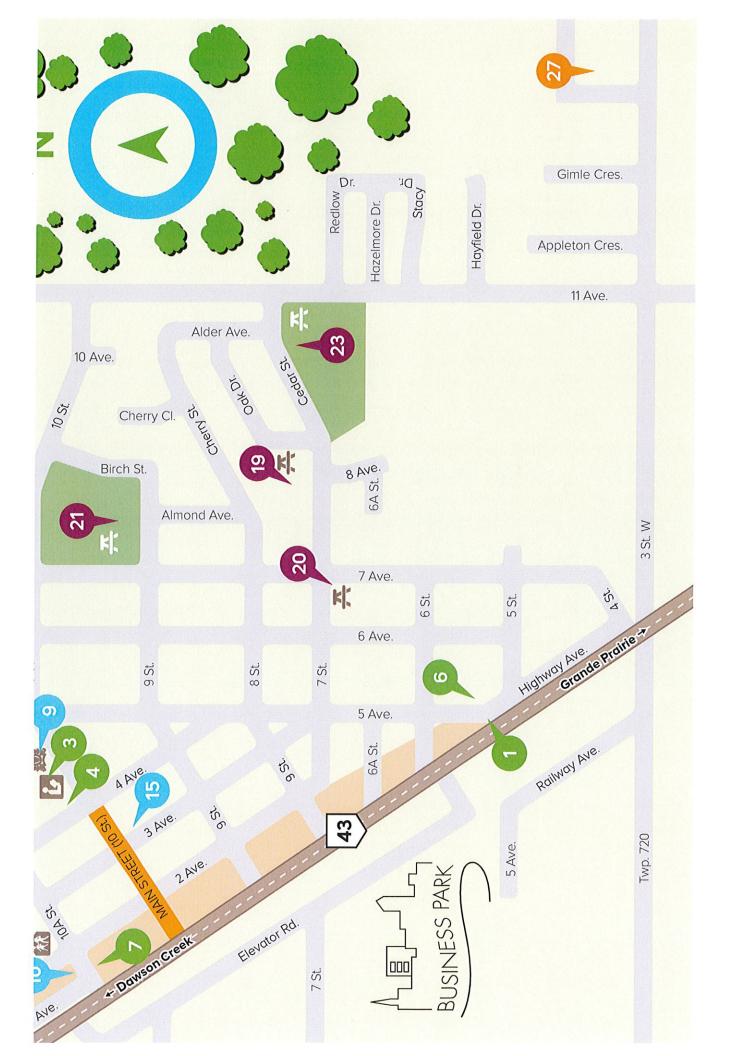


#### Curbside Garbage and Recycling Services

The Town of Beaverlodge has weekly garbage collection service, as well as curbside recycling program. For further information, please contact the Town of Beaverlodge at 780-354-2201 or visit beaverlodge.ca.









#### RCMP

#### In case of emergency dial 9-1-1

The Beaverlodge RCMP detachment is located at 402 - 10th Street. The detachment serves an area of 3000 sq. miles, including Beaverlodge, Hythe, Valhalla, and Elmworth. The population served is approximately 18,000 people. Special programs include Victims Assistance, D.A.R.E. and Rural Crime Watch.

Regular office hours are Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm.

For non-emergency complaints, contact 780-354-2485 or the Administration line at 780-354-2955.

#### **Ambulance Services**

Emergency Medical Services are provided to the Town of Beaverlodge by Alberta Health Services Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Services (GPREMS) and can be accessed through 9-1-1.

GPREMS maintains a station in Beaverlodge and provides Advanced Life Support to the residents of those communities and surrounding area.

#### **Medical Services**

The medical service in this district consists of an active treatment, 16 bed acute care hospital with emergency outpatient services, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

The Beaverlodge Health and Wellness Clinic provides basic medical services with referral to secondary services including radiology, CT scans, MRI scans, ultrasound and barium studies, full internal medicine, orthopedic, surgical, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatric and ophthalmological specialty services available. There is also Physiotherapy Clinic and Optical Care.

The local Public Health Centre operated by Alberta Health Services is located at 412-10A Street.

Services provided include immunizations, maternity, communicable disease, and referrals.

The health Center is open Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm.

#### Beaverlodge Volunteer Fire Department

The Beaverlodge Fire Department is a volunteer organization, boasting 25 firefighters. We have two fire engines (one town and one county), a fire rescue truck and the jaws of life. The department serves the town and the surrounding county.

Volunteer fire fighters are provided with internationally recognized Fire Service training and medical co-response training. Services to the community include:

- Fire prevention
- Community Education
- Fire Protection
- Rescue Services
- Medical Co-response

The Beaverlodge Fire Service also hosts the very popular Lobsterfest. The event was started in 1999 at the Beaverlodge Firehall as a fun event for firefighters and local emergency services staff and provided a small fundraiser for non-operational expenses for the department through donations. Today the event is held at the Community Center to accommodate the large interest from the public and is a featured celebration every fall.

Many of our volunteer firefighters also participate in a variety of other events including the Fire Truck Food Bank Drive, Christmas Craze, New Year's Celebrations, and the Firehall Easter Egg Hunt.





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The Town of Beaverlodge is still young and just recently celebrated 100 years of settlement. In 1909, the original pioneers settled on the big hill to the east of the Beaverlodge River valley, now know as "The Old Town Hill" out looking the beautiful land all the way to the Rocky Mountains. Within a few months, a general store, post office, restaurant, livery stable, church, and school were built on the hilltop. Then, in 1928, the N.A. Railway finally arrived down the hill, so Beaverlodge had to move down the hill alongside the railway. The town site was reorganized in typical fashion, around the train station and the six grain elevators that sprang up beside the rails. For many years Beaverlodge remained a guite little village, acting as an agricultural service center. Then in the 50's, drilling rigs began to appear throughout the countryside. The oil and gas industry had arrived, and with it, development, growth, and opportunity.

People are choosing Beaverlodge as a place to live, raise children, to work, and to enjoy the high quality of life. The town is adding to the quality of life by upgrading the town's infrastructure. The town square has recently been completely redeveloped. There is a new indoor pool and fitness centre, expansion of the community centre, a new town office, and more.

#### **Beaverlodge Public Library**

The Beaverlodge Public Library is located at 406-10th Street between the Town Office and RCMP Building. It is bright, spacious, and completely wheelchair accessible.

The library offers a book club, story time for children 2-5 years of age, an after-school program for ages 9-12, a summer reading program, Partners in Reading, and a meeting room for rent. You can relax or research, browse through the books or surf the net on one of the four internet stations, or bring your laptop and take advantage of the library's wireless connection. You can also learn a second language through the library or attend NAIT or Northwestern Polytechnic through Distance Learning. For more information call Tracy at 780-354-2569. To learn more about the library, visit <u>www.beaverlodgelibrary.ab.ca</u>

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

#### Churches

The spiritual needs of the Beaverlodge Community are well served through seven active congregations. There is also a Ministerial Association, with clergy from these churches planning special events involving all churches, contributing to an ongoing ecumenical focus in the community.

Alliance, Anglican, Catholic, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Pentecostal, and United.

#### **Beaverlodge Alliance Church**

409-10th Street 780-354-2036

#### Praise and Worship Assembly

803-11th Street 780-354-8168

#### Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

822-2nd Avenue 780-354-2068

St. John's Lutheran Church -L.C.C. Huallen 780-766-2794

#### St. Luke's Anglican Church

314-10th Street 780-354-3683 or 780-354-2033

#### St. Mary's Catholic Church

1107-1st Avenue West 780-354-2415

#### **United Church**

403-10th Street 780-354-2016



April

Volunteer Appreciation and Civic Awards Dinner

May

High School Graduation

#### June

Seniors Week June to August: Friday Ethnic Lunches at South Peace Centennial Museum 11:30am – 1:30pm

#### July

July 1: Canada Day South Peace Centennial Museum Pioneer Days

August

Agricultural Fair, Trade Show and Parade

#### September

Fireman's Steak and Lobsterfest Autumn Festival & Tractor Rodeo

#### October

McNaught Preservation Society Ghost Walk

#### November

Christmas Festival, Christmas Craze

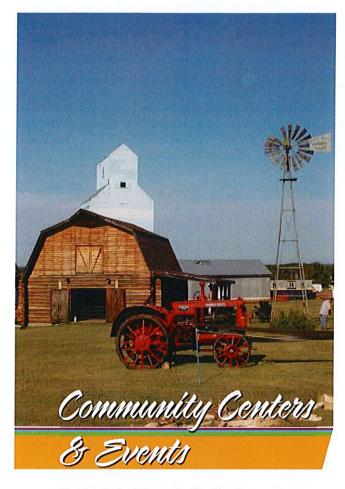
#### December

December 31: New Years Eve

Check out our website for additional information about these events and others as they come available at <u>beaverlodge.ca</u>



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#### **Beaverlodge Community Center**

Owned and operated by the municipality, the main floor features a large hall, with kitchen and bar facilities for up to 220 people. The Community Centre is available for weddings, anniversaries, breakfasts, dances, and events. Contact the Recreation Centre at 780-354-2203 for information.

The lower level of the Community Centre also houses the Elks Club and Satin Slippers Dance Studio. The Dance club offers recreational and competitive dance programs for boys and girls of all ages from preschool to teen. Dancers participate annually in local and regional dance competitions and festivals.

#### The Lossing Center

The Seniors drop-in center and social club is a busy place all year long with regularly scheduled activities (Bingo, Floor Curling, Card Playing, Pool Tables, and Shuffle Board) and a gathering place to visit.

#### Amisk Court

Amisk Court is a residential seniors lodge with self-contained rooms for independent living with an "active" community feel.



Other services for seniors include Community Outreach, grocery delivery, Lifeline, Community Bus, wellness clinics, home care, Alberta Aids for Daily Living and Seniors Independent Living.

#### **Groups and Events**

#### Agri-Plex

The Agri-Plex, owned and operated by the Beaverlodge Agricultural Society, is a year round facility used for Livestock sales, the Agricultural Fair every August, horse clubs, 4-H, and other events. The facility features 2 outdoor riding arenas, and an indoor heated arena with bleachers. Recent upgrades include washroom facilities, meeting rooms, and an observation area of the indoor ring.

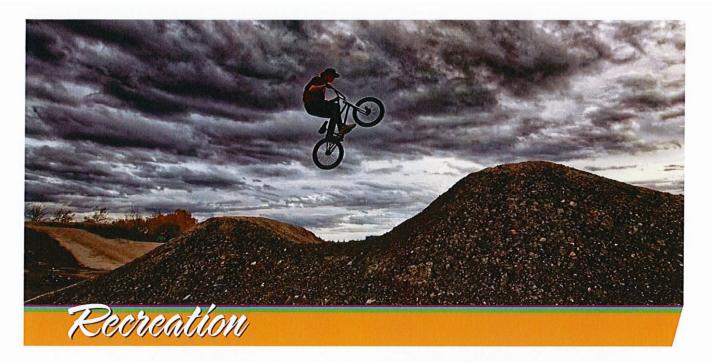
Agri-Plex contact: 780-354-8785

#### Farmers Markets

The Beaverlodge Farmers Market is hosted at the Agri-Plex every Tuesday evening from 4pm-7pm and Wednesdays 11am-2pm. Local crafts, food and more! Contact 780-354-8462 for more information.

The South Peace Centennial Farmers Market is hosted at the South Peace Centennial Museum from June to August on Thursday's from 4pm-7pm. Contact 403-608-8269 for more information.





#### Camping

#### **Pioneer Campground**

The Town of Beaverlodge manages and operates the Pioneer Campground. It is open from the beginning of May to mid-October, weather permitting. There are 19 sites, including 10 fully services sites with 30-amp service, picnic tables, fire pits, washrooms, showers and an RV dumping station.

The campground is also the site of a unique building. Originally the Lower Beaverlodge School, one of the first schools in the area, the building was relocated and restored.

#### Gateway to the Monkman Pass

Beaverlodge is known regionally as the "Gateway to the Monkman Pass."

The historical trail was originally built in the 1930's as a trade route for farmers to transport their products to the west coast via a low pass through the Rocky Mountains south of what is now the town of Tumbler Ridge, B.C. Alex Monkman was a visionary that created a movement that led to the building of a road from Rio Grande to Kinuseo Falls and blazed a trail through the Monkman Pass.

The original Monkman Pass route began at Rio Grande, southwest of Beaverlodge. The scenic driving tour is popular for adventurers, and is comprised of three sections:

- 1. Grande Prairie Beaverlodge (59 kms)
- 2. Beaverlodge Tumble Ridge (157 kms)
- 3. Tumbler Ridge Kinuseo Falls (65 kms)

#### **Riverbend Golf and Country Club**

9 Holes located 2 km off Highway 43, west of Beaverlodge, nestled among the trees and bordered by the Beaverlodge River.

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#### Sports

#### Hockey and Skating

The Beaverlodge Arena is home to Minor Hockey, Figure Skating, Girls Hockey, a Junior B Hockey Club and Men's recreation teams. The facility consists of an artificial ice pad (185'x80'), six dressing rooms, lobby, concession, and seating for 500 spectators.

#### Curling

The Beaverlodge Curling Rink is owned and operated by the Beaverlodge Curling Club. They offer leagues for men, women, and mixed teams. They also offer youth instructional programming. The Town of Beaverlodge and the Curling Rink are the proud hometown of Olympian and multiple Briar winner, Geoff Walker.

#### Baseball

The Town of Beaverlodge maintains four ball diamonds which are used by Little League Baseball, Minor Fastball, and Adult Mixed Slow-Pitch.



#### **Basketball/Tennis**

Basketball courts can be found around town, including in the Lions Park. The tennis courts are located next to the Arena.

#### Motocross

The Beaverlodge Motocross Club has developed an excellent competition track in the northwest corner of town. The club competes in a racing circuit of Peace Country Communities during the summer.

#### **Bike Park**

Located behind St. Mary's Catholic School and maintained by the Town of Beaverlodge and is open to the public for use.

#### **Skate Park**

During the summer months, the outdoor rink is transformed into a skate park with moveable ramps and rails set up for community use.

#### **Enjoying Nature**

#### Saskatoon Mountain

Saskatoon Mountain Natural Area, accessed north of the Huallen turn-off of Highway 43, offers one of the most spectacular views of the south and the west portions of the County. Recent history saw the United States Air



Force establish a radar base in 1952 on top of Saskatoon Mountain. The base was turned over to the Canadian Government in 1963, becoming Canadian Forces Station Beaverlodge. The base was closed permanently in August of 1988. There is a picnic area at the top of the mountain. Easily visible are the mountains, foothills, rivers, forests, and cultivated lands typical of the Peace Country. Visitors can explore over 2,200 acres of land bird watching, hiking, picnicking, and crosscountry skiing.



#### **Elmworth Basin**

To view the Elmworth gas basin area, turn south onto Secondary Highway 722 from Beaverlodge and then Highway 667 to take in some spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains. At Red Willow River crossing, be sure to visit the lovely Red Willow Market Gardens with its excellent produce, local craft sales, and tearoom. Nearby Red Willow Park is a day use picnic site with washrooms and kitchen shelter.

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The airport was transferred to the Town of Beaverlodge in 1981 from the Province of Alberta and is home to the active flying club 'West Peace Aviation Association'. The airport includes hangers and has a 2,000 foot asphalt landing strip. The airport is also home to North Peace Bracket Racing Association (NPBRA) which has events over the summer from June to September. Check out their website for details <u>www.npbra.ca</u>.

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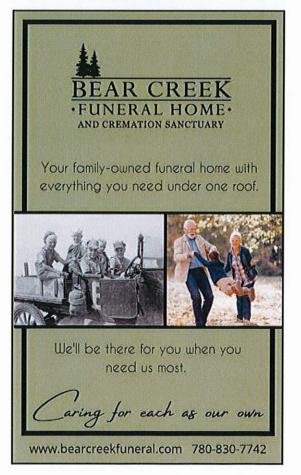


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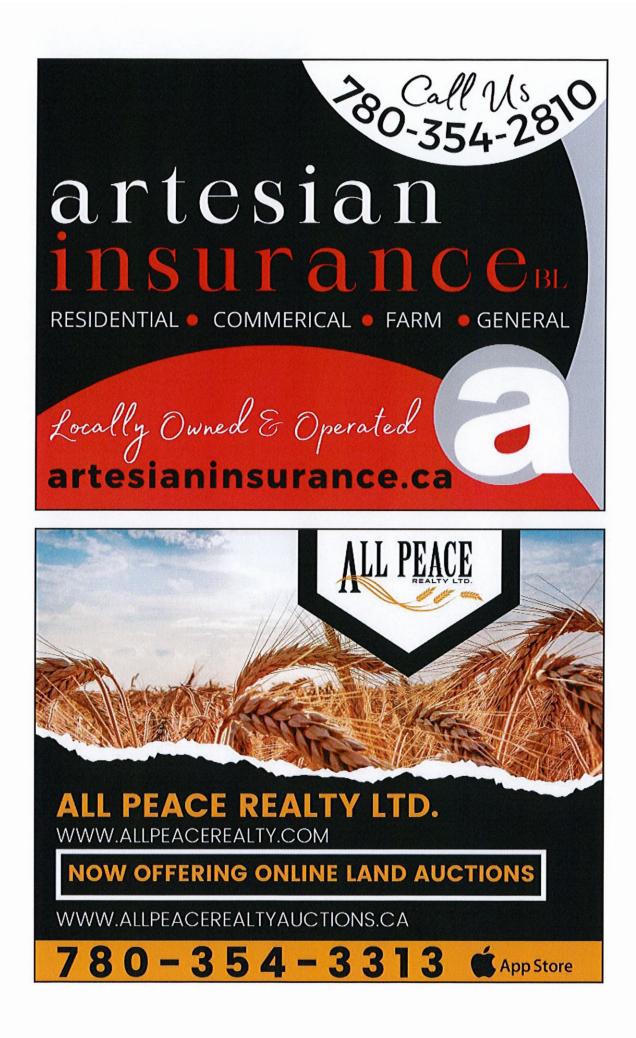
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