



MARCH 29, 2024

# TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE

Beaver Tails News



## 2024 Budget Approved

The 2024 Town of Beaverlodge Budget was passed on March 25th at the regular council meeting. Notable changes to the budget are a water rate increase of 10 cents per m3 and wastewater increase of 20 cents per m3. The increased rates are still below rates of similar sized municipalities like Sexsmith and Wembley. Residents will also see a slight increase in fixed sewer and water rates as well as garbage and recycling.

The 2024 Budget was presented to Council at a special meeting held on Tuesday, March 19. The meeting was livestreamed for residents to attend.

Budget was passed without any increase to property taxes as per the CAO, Jeff Johnston's recommendations.

Some highlights to the 2024 budget are the road rehabilitation on the first phase of 5th ave as well as new sidewalk construction along 11th street connecting St Mary's School to the Beaverlodge Regional High School.

Residents can access the complete 2024 budget on the Town of Beaverlodge website.

## Council Corner

Mayor

Gary Rycroft

Councillors

Cal Mosher

Hugh Graw

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Cody Moulds

Cyndi Corbett

Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

Next Council Meeting and

Committee of the Whole:

April 8, 2024

April 22, 2024

6pm - Committee of the

Whole

7pm - Council Meeting



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# NuVista Energy Center

March 26 - April 30, 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lane Swim 7:00am-8:30am	Lane Swim 7:00am-8:30am	Lane Swim 7:00am-8:30am	Lane Swim 7:00am-8:30am	Lane Swim 7:00am-8:30am		
Aquafit Parent & Tot 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit-Shallow Parent & Tot 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit-Combo Parent & Tot 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit-Deep Parent & Tot 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit Parent & Tot 9:00am-10:00am	Lessons 10:00am-12:00pm	
<b>Public Swim</b> 10:00am-3:00pm School Lessons - April 15-25 only (no public access)				Public Swim 12:30pm-2:30pm		Public Swim 12:00pm-5:00pm
Senior & Assisted 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior Lane Swim Parent & Tot 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior & Assisted 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior Lane Swim Parent & Tot 3:00pm-4:00pm	Lessons 3:00pm-4:00pm		
Public Swim 4:00pm-9:00pm	Lessons 4:00pm-8:00pm	Public Swim 4:00pm-9:00pm	Lessons 4:00pm-8:00pm	Public Swim 4:00pm-9:00pm	Private Rental 5:00pm-6:00pm	Private Rental 5:00pm-6:00pm
	Aquafit-Deep 7:00pm-8:00pm		Aquafit-Shallow 7:00pm-8:00pm		<b>1016-4th Avenue, Beaverlodge</b> <b>780-354-2203</b>	
	Adult Swim 8:00pm-9:00pm		Adult Swim 8:00pm-9:00pm			

## FITNESS CENTER & FRONT DESK HOURS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:00am-9:00pm	7:00am-9:00pm	6:00am-9:00pm	7:00am-9:00pm	6:00am-9:00pm	10:00am-6:00pm	10:00am-6:00pm

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Willowlodge I.O.D.E. Sponsored Swim March 30th, 12:00pm-5:00pm	<b>March 29th and April 1st</b> <b>12:00pm-5:00pm</b> <b>Public Swim &amp; Fitness Centre</b>
NuVista Energy Ltd. Sponsored Swim April 25th, 7:00pm-9:00pm	
Monday & Friday Aquafit may be uninstructed	
May/June swim lessons will be released April 18th	
***Schedule subject to change***	

## April Fitness Classes

NuVista Energy Centre 1016 4th Ave. Beaverlodge

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	6am Fitness Centre Bootcamp Apr 2,9,16,23,30 6:00am-7:00am \$30	Spin Apr 3,10,17,24 6:00am-6:45am \$24	6am Fitness Centre Bootcamp Apr 4,11,18,25 6:00am-7:00am \$24	*Schedule is subject to change*
Aquafit-Combo 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit-Shallow 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit-Combo 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit-Deep 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit-Uninstructed 9:00am-10:00am
Parents with Tots Bootcamp Apr 8,15,22 10:30am-11:30am \$18				
Spin April 8,15,22,29 5:45pm-6:30pm \$24		Adult Strength April 3,10,17,24 5:30pm-6:30pm \$24	Ride & Strength April 4,11,18 5:30pm-6:30pm \$18	
Flow Yoga April 8,15,22,29 7:30pm-8:30pm \$24	Aquafit-Deep 7:00pm-8:00pm	Ride & Strength April 3,10,17,24 7:00pm-8:00pm \$24	Aquafit-Shallow 7:00pm-8:00pm	

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Drop-Ins available for all classes when space allows.  
Adult Strength is pre-registered only.

Aquafit is drop-in only.

**FITNESS  
CENTER NOTICE**

**WEDNESDAYS  
12:30 - 1:45pm**

**FRIDAYS  
2:00 - 3:15pm**

The fitness center will  
be utilized by **local  
students at this time.**  
We will remain open but  
ask that you plan  
accordingly.

# NuVista Energy Centre –Swim Lessons

March/April 2024

Call to Register – 780-354-2203  
1016-4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Beaverlodge AB



## Parented and Preschool Lessons

Parent and Tot lessons are for children 4 months – 3 years old.  
Preschool lessons are for swimmers ages 3-5 years old.

Parent and Tot	4:00-4:30pm	#3613 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	April 9-30
Parent and Tot	11:30-12:00pm	#3628 \$43.75	Saturday	March 9-April 27 No lessons March 30th
Preschool 1/2	4:45-5:15pm	#3609 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	March 5-28 No lessons March 7th
Preschool 1/2	4:30-5:00pm	#3614 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	April 9-30
Preschool 1/2	3:00-3:30pm	#3623 \$43.75	Friday	March 8-April 26 No lessons March 29th
Preschool 1/2	11:30-12:00pm	#3630 \$43.75	Saturday	March 9-April 27 No lessons March 30th
Preschool 3/4	5:30-6:00pm	#3610 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	March 5-28 No lessons March 7th
Preschool 3/4	3:30-4:00pm	#3624 \$43.75	Friday	March 8-April 26 No lessons March 29th
Preschool 3/4	10:00-10:30am	#3626 \$43.75	Saturday	March 9-April 27 No lessons March 30th
Preschool 5	5:45-6:15pm	#3618 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	March 5-28 No lessons March 7 <sup>th</sup>
Preschool 5	4:45-5:15pm	#3620 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	April 9-30

## Lifesaving Society Swimmer Levels

The Lifesaving Society's 6-level Swimmer program makes sure your children learn how to swim before they get in too deep. Swimmer progressions accommodate children 5 years and older including absolute beginners as well as swimmers who want to build on the basics.

Swimmer 1	4:45-5:30pm	#3617 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	March 5-28 No lessons March 7 <sup>th</sup>
Swimmer 1	6:15-7:00pm	#3622 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	April 9-30
Swimmer 1	3:15-4:30pm	#3625 \$43.75	Friday	March 8-April 26 No lessons March 29th
Swimmer 2/3	6:15-7:00pm	#3611 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	March 5-28 No lessons March 7 <sup>th</sup>
Swimmer 2/3	5:15-6:00pm	#3615 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	April 9-30
Swimmer 2/3	10:45-11:30am	#3629 \$43.75	Saturday	March 9-April 27 No lessons March 30th
Swimmer 4/5	6:15-7:00pm	#3619 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	March 5-28 No lessons March 7 <sup>th</sup>
Swimmer 4/5	5:30-6:15pm	#3621 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	April 9-30
Swimmer 4/5	10:30-11:15am	#3627 \$43.75	Saturday	March 9-April 27 No lessons March 30th
Swimmer 6	4:00-4:45pm	#3608 \$43.75	Tuesday + Thursday	March 5-28 No lessons March 7 <sup>th</sup>



## NuVista Energy Centre Hours:

1016 - 4th Avenue  
Beaverlodge, AB  
780-354-2203

**Monday** - 6am to 9pm

**Tuesday** - 7am to 9pm

**Wednesday** - 6am to 9pm

**Thursday** - 7am to 9pm

**Friday** - 6am to 9pm

**Saturday** - 10am - 6pm

**Sunday** - 10am to 6pm



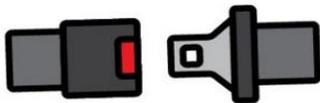
# PEACE OFFICER CORNER



## DID YOU Know...

The traffic safety focus for the month of March is “Occupant Restraints.”

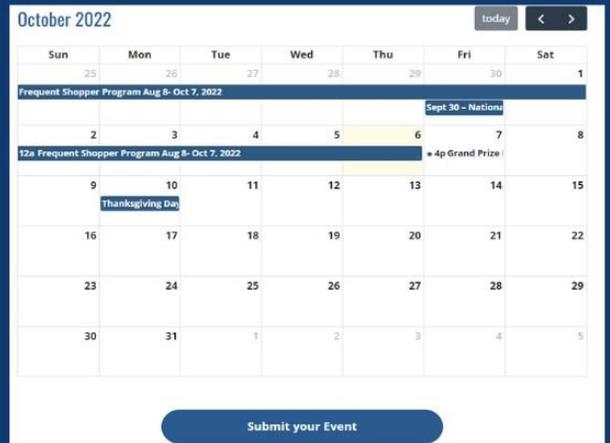
Properly worn seat belts spread the crash forces across the stronger bony parts of the body, including the shoulder, rib cage and pelvis. Seat belts also prevent occupants from being ejected from the vehicle, an event associated with high risk of injury and death. Make sure to BUCKLE-UP!



## Upcoming Events:

- March 29** – Town Office Closed
- April 1** – Town Office Closed
- April 11** – Teen Skill Night
- April 12** – Teen Chill Night
- April 17** – Volunteer Awards Dinner
- April 18** – Screenagers Viewing

## Did you Know About The Town Community Calendar?



Submit your community events by going to beaverlodge.ca website. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "view calendar". This will take you to the calendar page and at the bottom of the calendar click "submit your event."



## Council Message

Dear Engaged Community Members,

I am writing to shed light on a matter crucial to the vitality of our town: the importance of active engagement in local government. In recent times, our community has witnessed an increasing trend of negative commentary and rhetoric circulating on social media platforms regarding the decisions made by our council and town staff. While it is healthy for citizens to express their opinions and concerns, it is equally vital for us to channel these energies constructively by actively participating in the local governance process.

Local government plays a pivotal role in shaping the quality of life within our community. From infrastructure development to public safety measures, the decisions made by our elected officials and town staff directly impact our daily lives. Therefore, it is imperative that residents not only voice their opinions but also actively engage in the processes that drive decision-making.

One of the most effective ways for residents to get involved is by attending town council engagement events and public hearings. These forums provide valuable opportunities for citizens to express their viewpoints, ask questions, and offer suggestions directly to decision-makers. Additionally, participating in advisory committees or local community groups enables individuals to contribute their expertise and perspectives to specific issues of concern.

Furthermore, staying informed about local government initiatives and policies empowers residents to make informed decisions and hold elected officials accountable for their actions. Town newsletters, official websites, and social media channels are valuable resources for staying updated on relevant news and events.

By fostering a culture of active engagement in local government, we can cultivate a stronger sense of community and ensure that the decisions made reflect the collective interests and values of our residents. Together, we can work towards building a more inclusive and responsive local governance system that serves the needs of all members of our community.

In conclusion, I urge my fellow residents to take an active role in shaping the future of our town by engaging meaningfully in local government processes. Let us transform the negativity on social media into constructive dialogue and collaborative action that fosters positive change for our community.

Sincerely,  
Councillor Hommy



## TEEN SKILLS & CHILL

This monthly program was designed with a clear mission: to empower and support teens in our community by offering valuable opportunities for personal growth and connection.

Our aim is to provide teenagers with the essential tools and guidance they need to navigate life's challenges successfully. We believe that by offering positive guidance, mentorship, and a safe space for personal growth, we can help our local teens develop into confident and well-rounded individuals.

Previous nights have included: Special FX Make-up, Movies, Cards for Seniors, Gingerbread decorating, Emergency Scene Management, Karaoke, Learner's Licence Prep, Mario Kart Tournmanet, Healthy Relationships and Swimming.

There are still 3 monthly sessions left this year: Cooking Class, Laser Tag, Basic Car Maintenance, Bowling, Community Helpers and Trivia Night.

Call 780-354-4057 for more information or to pre-register.





# SCREENAGERS UNDER THE INFLUENCE:

ADDRESSING VAPING, DRUGS & ALCOHOL IN THE DIGITAL AGE

## About The Movie

ADULTS AND YOUTH 12+

**Screenagers: Under the Influence** examines the impact of our digital age on teens' decision-making in relation to substances such as vaping, drugs, and alcohol.

Exploring the latest research and learning more about the personal experiences of teens and families, the film highlights the changing landscape of the substances themselves, offering solutions for how we can best empower teens as they face decisions about what they will and will not be influenced by.

## Two FREE Showings:



18th April 2024  
6:30 pm-8:00pm

NuVista Energy  
Centre, Beaverlodge



25th April 2024  
6:30 pm-8:00pm

Clairmont  
Community School

EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Scan to  
Register



15th Annual

# Beaverlodge & Area VOLUNTEER AWARDS DINNER

*Hosted by:* Beaverlodge FCSS &  
The Town of Beaverlodge

Volunteers from Beaverlodge and  
Area are invited

WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 17TH, 2024

AT NUVISTA ENERGY CENTER

DOORS OPEN AT 06:00PM DINNER AT 6:30PM

*For Tickets:*

YOU MUST CALL TO RESERVE A TICKET BY APRIL 8

780-354-4057

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE

