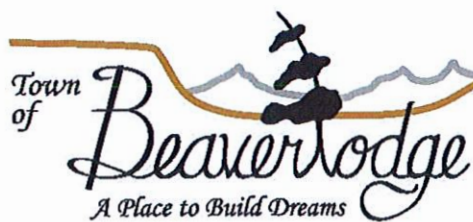


AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
 TO BE HELD MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 10 ST BEAVERLODGE, AB
 Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 212 017 911 456 Passcode: sCVYpQ

1.0	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> <i>Town of Beaverlodge's Legislative Meetings are being live streamed effective June 12, 2023 via Council resolution #145-2023-05-23</i>	
2.0	<u>LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</u>	PP 2
3.0	<u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u>	
4.0	<u>DELEGATION</u> 4.1 Maskwa Medical Center Presentation – Ken Drysdale	PP 3-32
5.0	<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>	
6.0	<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> 6.1 Library Board Re-appointment Approval 6.2 NuVista Recreation Centre Rate Review 6.3 Deer Management Brochure 6.4 Mountview Health Complex Committee Update – Mayor Rycroft 6.5 Community Enhancement Committee Update – Councillor Moulds 6.6 Economic Development Committee Update – Councillor Corbett	PP 33, 34 PP 35-37 PP 38, 39
7.0	<u>TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA:</u>	
8.0	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	



Box 30, Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0

Phone: 780.354.2201

Fax: 780.354.2207

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.



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DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Name of Delegates(s): Ken Drysdale

Representing: Maskwa Medical Center

Phone Number: 780-831-0796

Email: jurness@maskwamedical.ca

Topic: Presentation on the Maskwa Medical Center a new facility scheduled to open in Grande Prairie in 2026. We wish to inform council about the project and how it will help to improve healthcare for residents in NW Alberta including Beaverlodge. A request for support may be included

Staff Familiar with topic: _____

Attached Information: A presentation will be provided in advance of the delegation once scheduled

Notes: Limit presentation to 15 minutes

Delegate Signature: Jessie Urness

Date: Sept 4, 2024

All notifications and documentations must be sent to nyoung@beaverlodge.ca
If you have materials/documentation to be included in the Agenda, they must be received by 1:00pm the Tuesday before the meeting you are scheduled to appear before Council.

Any documentation submitted (including this Delegate Application) is considered "Public Information" and will appear in a Council Agenda.

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Date and Time of Council Meeting to attend: Sept 23/24 - 30 mins 6pm

Approved to Present by: Jeff Johnston Date: Sept 4/24

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September 4, 2024

Town of Beaverlodge
Box 30, 400 10 street
Beaverlodge, AB, T0H 0C0

Dear Town of Beaverlodge Council,

I am writing to formally request an opportunity to address the council regarding the Maskwa Medical Center a community-driven transformative initiative aimed at enhancing healthcare accessibility and outcomes across Northwestern Alberta. Operating as a publicly funded, not-for-profit medical facility in Grande Prairie starting in 2026 under an innovative arrangement with the Government of Alberta the Maskwa Medical Center will see the development of a cutting-edge medical facility in Grande Prairie, Alberta designed to educate future medical professionals, provide team based diagnostic services to individuals in need of urgent medical assessments and offer comprehensive medical services.

The Maskwa Medical Clinic will be a leading medical clinic in Alberta, Canada for the diagnosis of medical conditions that are complex and difficult to diagnose. Bringing together top specialists and subspecialists from across the province the clinic will shorten the time to get a correct diagnosis contributing to improved health outcomes and quality of life for patients and their families while providing cost savings for both patients and Alberta's healthcare system.

The Maskwa Medical Center's Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Alberta's Faculty of Family Medicine will train more family physicians for rural Albertans in NW Alberta, thus improving access to family physicians. The objective is to elevate educational prospects significantly by fostering an environment where medical professionals can learn, practice, and immerse themselves in the community.

I would appreciate the opportunity to present to your council details on the Maskwa Medical Center. Please contact Maskwa Executive Assistant, Jessie Urness at jurness@maskwamedical.ca to share the procedure for securing a slot on the agenda for an upcoming council meeting.

Thank you for your consideration as I am confident an open dialogue on this issue will benefit all Peace Country residents and contribute to the health and well-being of our communities.

Yours truly,

Ken Drysdale
Chairman of the Board
Maskwa Medical Clinic (Canada) Inc.



Town of Beaverlodge
September 23, 2024

Presented By:



www.maskwamedical.ca

Who We Are

Improving the quality of life and health outcomes for Northwestern Alberta.

Maskwa is an **innovative, Alberta-based, not-for-profit registered charity** committed to accelerating the process and improving access to medical specialists and family physicians.

Any surplus funds from the tenancy of the building will be reinvested into research and education.



Why Maskwa?

Maskwa is a Cree word, meaning **bear**.

In Cree culture, the **bear** is an important symbol representing **good medicine** and a powerful spirit used in traditional ceremony.



A “Made in Alberta” Solution

The Peace Region is one of the **best places in the world** to live, work and raise a family...

Yet our residents have **poor health outcomes**, our healthcare system is **bogged down**, and our valued health care professionals are **tired and frustrated... And that’s just plain wrong.**

Led by residents of the Peace Region, Maskwa is brought together by a shared common goal of **improving health outcomes for northern communities.**



Maskwa Board Members

- Ken Drysdale – Chair
- Rhonda Side – Vice Chair
- Brent Hoyseth – Treasurer
- Sherry Drysdale – Secretary
- Charles Longmate – President
- Alison Gustafson
- Wayne Drysdale
- Tab Pollock
- Donna Koch
- Nan Swanston
- Mark Malekoff
- Rob Neil
- Todd Strang
- Desiree Mearon
- Megan Stone
- Dr. Hugo Bertozzi
- Dan Steinke



Fully Funded Services

There are NO fees charged to patients.

Maskwa Clinic will be funded through an innovative ARP arrangement with the Government of Alberta and philanthropic initiatives. Specialists will be salaried based on 5 DAYS a week, 8 AM to 5 PM.

The financial & operational performance of Maskwa is overseen by its Board of Directors and is **accountable to the Government of Alberta** for its billing to the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) for the services of physicians and specialists in the diagnosis of diseases and its use of other public funds to provide services.



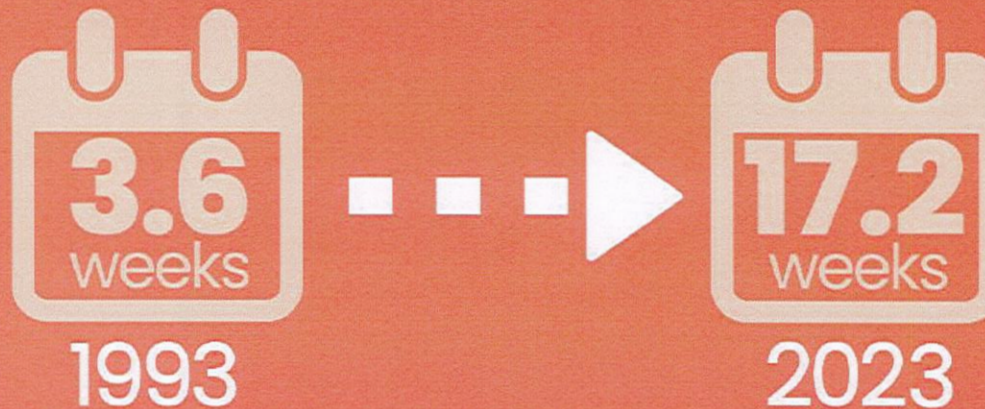
Changing Health Outcomes for Northwestern Alberta



Changing Health Outcomes

DO YOU KNOW?

The time frame to see a specialist



Patients requiring a specialist visit for a new illness or condition between 2009 and 2013 had to wait longer than 3 months*. The average time Alberta patients wait for a referral by a general practitioner to seeing a specialist has grown from 3.6 weeks in 1993 to 13.3 weeks in 2020**.

Did you know?



80%

less internal medicine specialists in NW Alberta when compared to the rest of Alberta

NW Alberta



1,000 people

= 1.06

Internal Medical Specialist

Central Alberta



1,000 people

= 1.29

Internal Medical Specialist



Benefits to the Peace Region

The new, innovative, not-for-profit model will **help the Peace Region** in 3 key ways:

1

Improve access to specialists and quality of care for patients in the region

2

Not only help retain, but also attract Doctors to the area

3

No overall increase in health care costs for the healthcare system – will reduce long term health care costs



Changing Health Outcomes

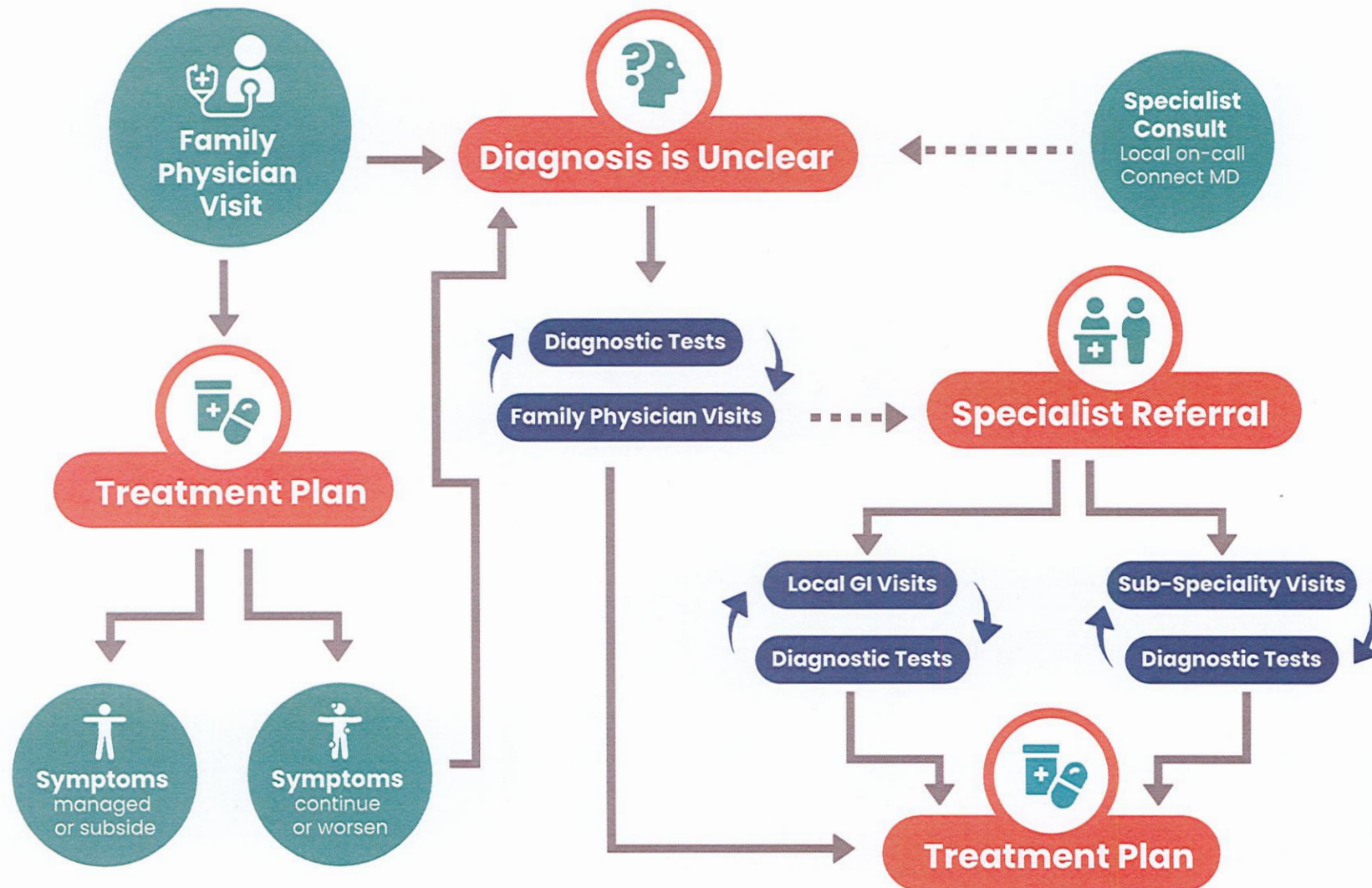
Our goal is to get patients set up with a treatment plan within 10 days of walking through the Center's doors.

Maskwa vows to ensure patients **do not get stuck in the referral cycle** by using virtual conferencing technology.

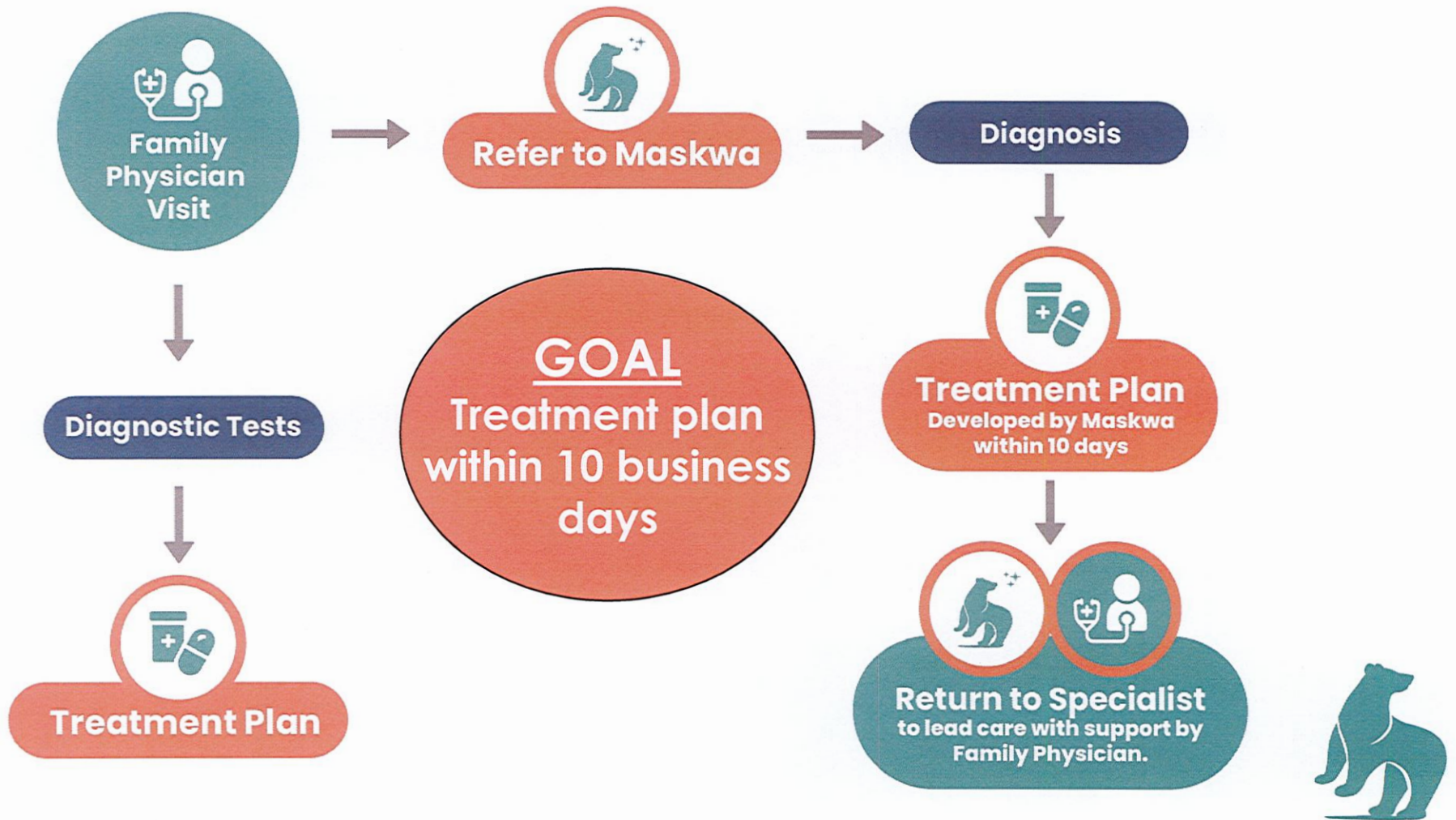
This process philosophy will **save time and money for patients and caregivers** related to taking time away from work, travel and accommodation expenses.



Current Model – Specialist Access



Maskwa Model – Specialist Access



Diagnosis & Referring Partners

University of Alberta & Family Physicians

- Through innovative technology and virtual conferencing technology, the Maskwa Clinic Specialists will collaborate with **panels of specialists** from across the Province or Western Canada for complicated conditions or concerning symptoms.
- Through referrals and a **collaborative team approach**, Physicians will work closely with the Maskwa Center to refer their challenging cases and get timely access to diagnosis.
- Working together with Physicians, the Maskwa Center will be finding ways to improve the case workload and hours worked for medical staff to **improve their quality of life in the region.**



Maskwa Medical Center Overview & Key Partnerships





MASKWA
Medical Center

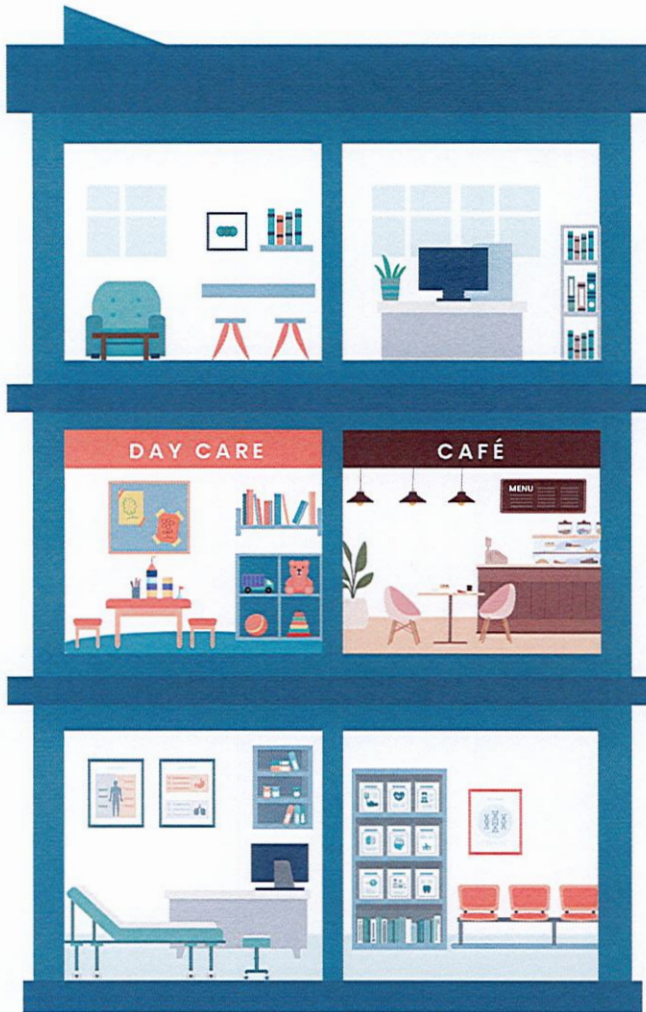
OPENING 2026



**GRANDE PRAIRIE
REGIONAL HOSPITAL**



Maskwa Medical Center Overview



THIRD FLOOR

Maskwa Medical Specialist Clinic

Provide Treatment plan in 10 days from referrals

SECOND FLOOR

Retail

Pharmacy, medical supply business, daycare, restaurant, etc.

FIRST FLOOR

Academic Teaching Clinic

- Reduce ER visits by 50%
- 20 Family Physicians - 2 year program
- 10 Graduates per Year



Education Partner

University of Alberta – Academic Teaching Clinic

First Floor – University of Alberta Academic Teaching Clinic

- 22,000 sq ft of teaching space within the Maskwa Medical Center
- 20 RESIDENCY STUDENTS onsite, 10 first-year and 10 in the second-year residency program, graduating 10 second-year students as Physicians into NW Alberta communities per year.
- Each Graduated Family Physician will have the training to see between 900 – 1100 patients per year in the community in which they work.



Future Medical School Opportunities

Recruit rural + Train rural = Retain rural

- **Maskwa Medical Center** is a key partner in training for medical program and will house the teaching clinic for medical students and Family medicine residents.
- Clinic will have extended hours of practice including evenings and weekends to reduce pressures on Emergency Departments by 50%.
- **Focus of Northern Alberta Medical Program (NAMP)** is to recruit students from rural AB & BC, train them in Grande Prairie & Northern communities, and then they will stay in practice in the Northern communities. We know this works based on Prince George BC model where 75% of graduates are practicing in rural and regional communities.



Medical School & Residency Program

Two components of training to become a Doctor

1. Undergraduate Medical Education at NWP (medical school)

- Basic training to obtain a Medical Degree (MD) – 4 years
- Enrolling up to 30 medical students per year at NWP, starting Sept 2025.
- All 4 years of medical program delivered in GP & northern communities.

2. Residency Training at Maskwa Medical Center (U of A)

- Specialized training, after completing 4 years of Undergraduate Medical Education.
- Family medicine – 2 years
- Other specialties such as Surgery, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics require 4 -5 + years



Northwestern Polytechnic

** Formerly
known as GPRC*

- **Tremendous opportunity for NWP medical students** to work closely with the University of Alberta Faculty of Family Medicine.
- Collaboration with the Maskwa Medical Center and its partners on training and employment opportunities for NWP graduates will **keep our talent in the region.**
- Having NWP, the University of Alberta and the Maskwa Specialist Clinic in northern, rural communities will **truly benefit us all.**



Funding & Community Partners



City of Grande Prairie

\$50,000 in grant money to date
\$500,000 grant for design & engineering – fall 2023
Capital funding fall 2024 – \$3.5M



County of Grande Prairie No. 1

\$25,000 in grant money to date
\$500,000 grant for design & engineering – fall 2023
Capital funding fall 2024 – \$3.5M



Municipal District of Greenview

\$25,000 in grant money to date
\$500,000 grant for design & engineering – fall 2023
Capital funding fall 2024 – \$3.5M



Northwestern Alberta Foundation

Partner in Community Engagement
and Funding Programming



Funding & Community Partners

Cenovus

\$20,000 in donated money to date

Support the Girls

\$50,000 in donated money to date

Maskwa Board Members

\$500,000 in donated money to date

Over 27,000 volunteer hours to date by board members

Over 65,000km of travel for government and municipality presentations throughout Alberta



Where We Are At Today

- Design – 99% completed
- University of Alberta Long Term tenant agreement – In progress
- 60-year Land Agreement with NWP – Near completion
(40-year plus 2 x 10-year renewals)
- Building Contractor tender documents – Sept 2024
- EOI's for facility tenants – Released & Ongoing
- Groundbreaking ceremony – Oct 2024
- Building construction to begin – Oct – Dec 2024
- Capital Fundraising – In progress
- Indigenous Consultations – Ongoing



Costs per Resident

The purpose of this section is to demonstrate how the capital cost, when broken down by a “per resident basis” is very small

$$\begin{array}{r} \$35\text{M} \\ \text{PROJECT CAPITAL COST} \\ \text{(Current Estimate with Contingency)} \\ \div \\ 207,716 \\ \text{NW ALBERTA RESIDENTS} \\ \text{(2023 Population)} \\ = \\ \$168 / \text{resident} \\ \text{CAPITAL COST PER} \\ \text{NW ALBERTA RESIDENTS} \end{array}$$



How You Can Help



Benefit the Peace Region in 5 key ways:

- Not only help retain, but also attract Doctors to the area
- Improve quality of care for patients in the region
- Employee retention for employers in the region due to improved access to healthcare
- No overall increase in healthcare costs for the health system
- Investment in research, education and healthcare in NW Alberta

$$2251 \times \$170 = \$382,670$$

Town of Beaverlodge
2021 Census Population

per resident

Investment





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Medical Center

OPENING 2026





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September 23, 2024

RE: Requesting Reappointment to the Town of Beaverlodge Library Board

Current library board member Iris Arberry, is requesting approval for reappointment to the Town of Beaverlodge Library Board for another 3-year term.

See attached letter.

26 August 2024

Beaverlodge Library

Box 119

Beaverlodge, AB

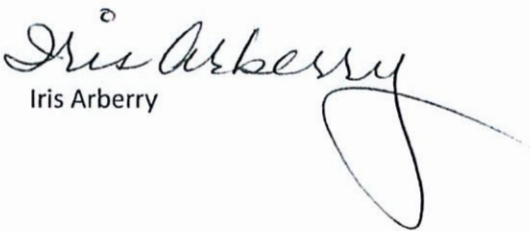
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Attention: Tracy Deets, Library Manager

If it pleases Council, I would like to stay on the library board for a 2nd term commencing September 2024.

The library and their staff provide so much to our town and should be commended for all that they do.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Iris Arberry". The signature is written in black ink and includes a large, stylized loop at the end of the last name.

Iris Arberry



Box 30, 400 - 10th Street
Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0

Date: September 23, 2024

From: Administration

Department: Recreation

RE: Changes to the Recreation Membership Fee Schedule

Administration will be doing an overall amendment to the Fees & Charges Policy to bring back to Council by the end of November 2024 for a January 1, 2025 implementation.

Administration is recommending the proposed changes to Recreation Membership fees to align with market rates and structure comparable to other facilities in Northern Alberta.

The recreation membership and drop-in rates will include all-day access to all Town of Beaverlodge drop-in recreation activities. One rate will cover drop-in access to the fitness center, drop-in aquatics programs, in-water and dryland fitness classes, public skating, and stick and puck programs at the arena.

Other changes include increasing the age of free children, adding 'Super Seniors', and improving access to the Recreation Fee Assistance program. The Recreation Fee Assistance program will expand to include recipients of Government of Alberta Income Support, recipients of Federal or Provincial disability benefits, and children under government care.

Fees for the Recreation Center were set initially when the facility opened in 2012 and amended for January 2020. To mitigate the challenges of a one-time significant increase fees will be increased over 2 years.

Included are the current and proposed rates.

Recommendation:

1. That Council accepts this information as is to be included in the upcoming Fees & Charges Policy amendment.
2. That Council accepts this information with noted changes to be included in the upcoming Fees & Charges Policy amendment.
3. As Council directs.



Address: 1016 - 4th Avenue
 Beaverlodge, Alberta
 Phone: (780) 354 - 2203
www.beaverlodge.ca

Recreation Centre - Membership Fee

Fitness Center OR Pool Admission

	Drop In	10 Punch Pass	1 Month	6 Month	1 Year
Infants:	0 - 2 FREE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT				
Child: 3-12	\$ 4.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 280.00
Youth: 13-17	\$ 5.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00
Student	\$ 5.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00
Adult: 18-59	\$ 5.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
Senior: 60+	\$ 5.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00
Couples	\$ 9.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00
AISH	\$ 3.50	\$ 31.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 268.00
Family:	\$ 13.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 820.00

Recreation Combination: Access to Pool AND Fitness Center

	Drop In	10 Punch Pass	1 Month	6 Month	1 Year
Infants:	0 - 2 FREE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT				
Child: 3-12	\$ 5.50	\$ 49.50	\$ 55.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 387.00
Youth: 13-17	\$ 7.25	\$ 65.25	\$ 72.50	\$ 360.00	\$ 497.00
Adult: 18-59	\$ 8.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 545.00
Student	\$ 7.25	\$ 65.25	\$ 72.50	\$ 360.00	\$ 497.00
Senior: 60+	\$ 7.25	\$ 65.25	\$ 72.50	\$ 360.00	\$ 497.00
Couples	\$ 14.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 867.00
AISH	\$ 5.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 365.00
Family:	\$ 17.50	\$ 157.50	\$ 175.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 1,200.00

Aqua Fitness

	Drop In	10 Punch Pass	1 Month	6 Month	1 Year
Youth: 13-17	\$ 6.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
Adult: 18-59	\$ 6.50	\$ 58.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 430.00
Student	\$ 6.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
Senior: 60+	\$ 6.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
AISH	\$ 5.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 264.00	\$ 364.00

*Children aged eight (8) to ten (10) must successfully swim the length of the lane pool before being allowed to swim in the deep end of the lane pool by themselves.

*Children seven (7) years of age and under must be actively supervised and within arms reach of a caregiver 15 years of age or older.

*Family membership means up to 2 adults and all children living at home under the age of 18 or attending College full time.

*Monthly Pre-Authorized payment options are available with the purchase of any one (1) year membership.

*AISH must have FCSS approval

Current - 2020	Drop-in	Drop In Combo	2025	2026
Infants:	Under 2 are free			
Child: 3-12	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.50	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.00
Youth: 13-17	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.25	\$ 5.75	\$ 6.50
Adult: 18-59	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.00
Senior: 60+	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.25	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50
Couples	\$ 9.00	\$ 14.00		
AISH (R.F.A.)	\$ 3.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.25
Family:	\$ 13.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 16.50	\$ 20.00

2025	Drop-In	10 Punch	Month	Annual
Infants & Toddlers: 0-4	Free			
Child: 5-12	\$ 4.50	\$ 40.50	\$ 24.75	\$ 272.25
Youth/Student: 13-17+	\$ 5.75	\$ 51.75	\$ 31.63	\$ 347.88
Adult: 18-59	\$ 7.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 38.50	\$ 423.50
Senior: 60-69	\$ 5.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.50	\$ 302.50
Super Seniors: 70+	Free			
Recreation Fee Assistance Single	\$ 3.50	\$ 31.50	\$ 19.25	\$ 211.75
Recreation Fee Assistance Family	\$ 13.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 71.50	\$ 786.50
Family:	\$ 16.50	\$ 148.50	\$ 90.75	\$ 998.25

2026	Drop-In	10 Punch	Month	Annual
Infants & Toddlers: 0-4	Free			
Child: 5-12	\$ 5.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 27.50	\$ 302.50
Youth/Student 13-17+	\$ 6.50	\$ 58.50	\$ 35.75	\$ 393.25
Adult: 18-59	\$ 9.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 49.50	\$ 544.50
Senior: 60-69	\$ 5.50	\$ 49.50	\$ 30.25	\$ 332.75
Super Seniors: 70+	Free			
Recreation Fee Assistance Single	\$ 4.25	\$ 38.25	\$ 23.38	\$ 257.13
Recreation Fee Assistance Family	\$ 15.50	\$ 139.50	\$ 85.25	\$ 937.75
Family:	\$ 20.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,210.00

DEER MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

- **Home remedies:** hanging out bars of heavily scented soap or nylon bags of human hair may work until the deer become used to the scent.
- **Commercial repellents:** products can be purchased that are applied directly to the plants which repel the deer by either adding a foul smell or taste. Always follow the manufacturer's directions. Be aware that when there is an increase in deer numbers or a decrease in alternative food sources, deer will continue to eat treated plants.
- **Fencing:** a deer-proof fence should stand at least 2.4 m (8 feet) high, be ground tight and made of durable wire mesh. Electric fencing is also an option. Install tall fencing or protective cages around prized plants to safeguard them from curious deer.
- **Deer-resistant landscaping:** though hungry deer will feed on nearly any type of vegetation, planting ornamental trees, shrubs and flowers that are not as attractive to deer is one way to preserve your landscaping efforts. Check with your local gardening centre to find out which deer-resistant plants will grow best in your area. Utilize Gravel as a Natural Deterrent: Deer dislike walking on gravel, making it an effective barrier around garden beds. Create a protective perimeter to discourage their presence.

- **Commercial scaring devices:** devices that produce a siren-like sound can be found in hardware or garden supply stores. These devices can successfully deter deer and other wildlife from damaging plants and trees, provided you begin using them before the wildlife becomes used to the food source.

Wildlife Enforcement falls under Provincial Jurisdiction. If you have an issue with wildlife in town, please contact:

Alberta Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Services

780-538-5265

VISIT: ALBERTA.CA/DEER



Town of Beaverlodge

Deer Management

Managing wildlife in urban areas can be challenging, but there are effective strategies to help minimize conflicts between humans and wildlife. One key approach is community education. Residents should be informed on how to safely manage wildlife encounters and, ideally, how to avoid them.

Education, habitat management, and non-lethal methods of deterrence are all important tools in managing urban wildlife. By working together, we can ensure that wildlife populations can thrive while also keeping humans and pets safe.

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ZONE 3/4 DEER-RESISTANT PLANTS INCLUDE:

- Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
- Siberian Iris (*Iris sibirica*)
- Bee Balm (*Monarda* spp.)
- Lambs Ear (*Stachys byzantina*)
- Russian Sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*)
- Daffodils (*Narcissus* spp.)
- Liatris (*Liatris spicata*)
- Sedum (*Sedum* spp.)
- Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra spectabilis*)
- Hellebore (*Helleborus* spp.)
- Columbine (*Aquilegia* spp.)
- Lavender (*Lavandula* spp.)
- Yucca (*Yucca* spp.)
- Barrenwort (*Epimedium* spp.)
- Astilbe (*Astilbe* spp.)
- Oriental Poppy (*Papaver orientale*)
- Bergenia (*Bergenia* spp.)
- Japanese Anemone (*Anemone hupehensis*)

Vegetables which are more deer-resistant:

- Onions (*Allium* spp.)
- Garlic (*Allium sativum*)
- Leeks (*Allium ampeloprasum*)
- Peppers (*Capsicum* spp.)
- Eggplant (*Solanum melongena*)
- Tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*)
- Radishes (*Raphanus sativus*)
- Potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*)
- Asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*)
- Winter Squash (*Cucurbita maxima*)
- Summer Squash (*Cucurbita pepo*)
- Zucchini (*Cucurbita pepo* var. *cylindrica*)
- Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*)

BYLAW #1021

PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF WILDLIFE IN THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE

The Wildlife Feeding Bylaw (#1021) of the Town of Beaverlodge prohibits feeding wildlife within town limits.

It is illegal to store, handle, or dispose of wildlife attractants in a way that makes them accessible to wildlife, and individuals are forbidden from feeding or attempting to feed wildlife, either directly or indirectly.

Exceptions to this rule include activities by wildlife officers, farm operations (unless negligent), fruit and vegetable gardening, and ornamental plants.

Residents are allowed to use bird feeders, but they must ensure they are not accessible to other wildlife.

If a device or feed attracts wildlife, property owners must remove or modify it within 24 hours of notice. Failure to comply may result in penalties, and enforcement officers are authorized to take action to address violations.

For more information, please visit beaverlodge.ca and search Bylaws.

It can be frustrating to find that deer have devoured the plants, flowers, and shrubs you've worked so hard to cultivate. In our community, where deer are plentiful, developing a solid plan to make your yard and garden less appealing to them is essential.

As the pressure on these animals to find food sources increases, it's important to adopt a comprehensive approach to protect your outdoor spaces. Consider these tips to help safeguard your garden from deer intrusion:

- If a deer has found its way into your backyard, it can find its way out. Bring your children and pets into the house to minimize the stress on the visiting deer and wait for it to leave.
- Do not let your dog bark at or antagonize the deer. This can further stress the deer and lead to aggressive, self-defensive behaviours.
- Never feed deer. Deer can feed themselves, and leaving out salt blocks to attract deer may also attract the larger carnivores that prey on deer.
- Remove all food sources that may attract a deer, such as fallen apples and bird seed spilled from bird feeders.