



SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

## TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE

Beaver Tails News

### Service Provider Open House Brings Community Together at NuVista Energy Centre

On September 17, the NuVista Energy Centre buzzed with conversation and connection as 23 organizations gathered for the Town's Service Provider Open House. Residents moved from table to table, asking questions, swapping contact information, and discovering the many supports available close to home. Northern Lights Fiber also hosted a special presentation on Internet Safety for Kids, giving families practical tips to stay safe online.

An extra-big thank you to all the presenters for creating engaging displays and generously sharing your time, resources, and expertise. Your dedication helps keep our community informed, resilient, and welcoming.

We're also grateful to the Mayor and Town Councillors for rolling up their sleeves—serving food and helping with clean-up. Your hands-on support added a special touch to the evening.

Events like this work because of teamwork. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and participated—you made the night a success. If you couldn't make it this time, keep an eye out for the next Service Provider Open House coming next September.



### Council Corner

#### Mayor

Gary Rycroft

#### Councillors

Cal Mosher

Hugh Graw

Cody Moulds

Cyndi Corbett

Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

#### Next Council Meeting:

October 14

October 20 - Municipal  
Election

October 27

6pm - Council Meeting







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# REGISTER TO VOTE

Registered electors must be:

- Canadian Citizens
- 18 years of age or older
- Ordinarily Resident in Alberta



To vote, you must prove your identity and current **PHYSICAL** address. To do this, you may:

## IF REGISTERED

- Provide one piece of Government-issued photo ID, including your full name, current address, and photo. CAN BE YOUR POST OFFICE BOX **ONLY** IF ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE.

## IF NOT REGISTERED

- Provide two pieces of ID, both containing your full name, and with one showing your current **PHYSICAL ADDRESS.**



**SCAN HERE  
TO REGISTER**

## 2025 Beaverlodge Municipal Election Candidates

### Mayor:

Dueck, Terry  
Rycroft, Gary  
Szkopiec, Paul

### Councillor:

Bartsch, Trevor  
Berry, Stan  
Corbett, Cynthia  
Graw, Hugh  
Kokotilo-Bekkerus, Judy  
Lappenbush, Richard  
Longmore, Tyke  
Mosher, Calvin  
Wolan, Jennifer

## Did You Know You Can Manage Your Water Usage?



EyeOnWater®



Eye on Water in an app that provides detailed information on your water usage, including daily, weekly, and monthly averages, and a comparison to previous periods.

The app lets you quickly see how much water you are using, whether you have a potential leak, and provides tools to help you use water more efficiently. Sign-up is free.

# MEET THE MAYORAL CANDIDATES



***What is a good reason that a resident should vote for you?***



**Gary Rycroft** *Incumbent*

With 14 years of Council service, including 8 as Mayor, I bring proven leadership, collaboration, and steady results. I'm eager to partner with a new Council to set clear priorities, strengthen transparency, and deliver practical solutions that reflect residents' needs. Together, we can achieve our shared goals while being responsible with every tax dollar.



**Terry Dueck**

I have experience from my past time on council and my past jobs I have gained knowledge on how to be responsible and will work hard to have Beaverlodge grow into the place where people want to stay and come back to.



**Paul Szkopiec**

Residents should consider voting for me because I bring practical experience, integrity and a collaborative spirit to the table. I have spent years volunteering in community organisations (insert your own examples—e.g., youth sports coach, parent council, service club or fire department). My career (insert your profession or background) has taught me to listen, solve problems and work within budgets.



# MEET THE 2025 COUNCIL CANDIDATES



***What is a good reason that a resident should vote for you?***



**Trevor Bartsch**

I will ensure the residents of Beaverlodge have a voice at the council table. Open communication and transparency is important.



**Stan Berry**

I care deeply for this community. I believe I would be a good steward of the community resources.



**Cyndi Corbett** *Incumbent*

I have an unbiased perspective on situations as I was not fortunate enough to grow up here. I am passionate about all things Beaverlodge. I have boosted tourism here which in turn boosts our economy. I promise to do my very best to improve the quality of life for residents.



**Hugh Graw** *Incumbent*

I've served on Council for the past eight years, focusing on practical improvements and long-term sustainability for Beaverlodge. My priorities include reliable core services, responsible budgeting, and planning that protects what we value while supporting steady growth.



**Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus** *Incumbent*

I have served 4 terms with dedication and honor and championed our causes with dignity and respect. Building on my knowledge and experience I will continue to wholeheartedly serve our taxpayers.



**Richard Lappenbush**

I am a self-employed business owner in Beaverlodge, and together with my wife I raised four boys in our community. My perspective as both a councillor and businessperson gives me a solid understanding of what it takes to serve effectively.

I have also been very active in local organizations, including serving as President of Beaverlodge Minor Hockey and the Beaverlodge Petroleum Club, and as a member of the Beaverlodge Curling Club and was with Beaverlodge Elks. I have dedicated many hours volunteering and contributing to different areas of our community, and I believe this ongoing involvement demonstrates my commitment to Beaverlodge.



**Tyke Longmore**

I pride myself on great interpersonal skills including actively listening and being able to find common ground with the majority of the people I have met while displaying respect and patience to the concerns they voice and want to take these skills forward too give a broader voice of the people to the council so the best possible outcome that has the widest reaching success can be achieved. While bringing fresh perspective, youth and ambition to the council.



**Calvin Mosher** *Incumbent*

I am well known within the Town. I feel that I am approachable and will give a straight answer to issues brought forward to me.



**Jennifer Wolan**

I bring real-world experience, local insight, and a commitment to practical solutions. I am already serving the public with integrity and efficiency—and now I'm ready to bring that same dedication to Town Council.





## Annual Medical Student Tour Showcases the Peace Region

For well over a decade, the South Peace Professional Attraction and Retention Committee has proudly organized an annual bus tour for medical professional students across our region. Held on the first Saturday of September, the tour begins in Grande Prairie and travels through the County, visiting medical facilities in the Towns of Sexsmith, Wembley, Beaverlodge, and the Hamlet of Hythe.

Participants are introduced to our state-of-the-art medical clinics offering a wide range of services, continuing care facilities, and the dedicated professionals working in our aging hospital—whose resilience and

commitment truly embody the spirit of rural healthcare.

This year's tour was especially meaningful. Just four days earlier, the Northern Alberta Medical Program officially welcomed its inaugural cohort of 30 medical students to Northwestern Polytechnic in Grande Prairie, marking a new chapter in Alberta's medical education. Through a partnership between the University of Alberta and Northwestern Polytechnic, the Doctor of Medicine program is now being delivered at the Rural Medical Education Program Training Centre in Grande Prairie.



Sixteen of these students, along with a graduating nurse, joined us on the tour. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our region and inspire them to consider building their careers here after graduation. With Beaverlodge Hospital serving as a teaching hospital, many of these students will gain hands-on experience in our facility.

Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus,  
Beaverlodge Committee  
Member





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# Volunteer Group Spotlight

## Beaverlodge Elks

Each month Beaver Tails will featuring a different volunteer organization to learn more about.

For more than 90 years, the Beaverlodge Elks have been a steady, roll-up-your-sleeves force for good in our community. Formed in July 1934 by neighbours who believed service could change lives, today's Elks continue that tradition with the same heart, humility, and hometown pride.

### A Legacy Of Pitching In

From helping families through tough times to building the places where we gather, the Elks' history reads like a love letter to Beaverlodge. They've organized fundraisers for individuals in need; supported two curling rinks, a firehall, swimming pools, the arena, playgrounds, and even a BMX motocross course; and for years ran the May 24 Sports Day ball tournaments while helping coordinate the May 24 AG Fair and Parade. At the hospital, they furnished a consultation room and purchased fetal and cardiac monitors, and they've backed local youth through scholarships, Scouts, schools, figure skating, camps, and more.

They've volunteered at the South Peace Museum gate, supported Crime Stoppers, and even donated equipment to River Bend Golf Course.

That spirit is alive and well. Recently, the Elks have supported Parkinson's and Veterans associations, the Cemetery Association, Hospital Auxiliary, FCSS Beaverlodge, Beaverlodge Minor Soccer, BRHS scholarships, 4-H, the Food Bank, the United Church, and the Mural Foundation. They've built wheelchair ramps, quietly helped individuals in moments of need, and contributed a defibrillator for the Fire Department. You'll also spot them cooking and serving hot dogs and drinks at local events, and co-sponsoring and coordinating the community fireworks during Christmas Craze.

The future is wide open—and the Elks want your ideas and energy. Soap box derbies?

Support for the spray park? New projects for kids, families, and seniors? "The future is limitless... it's up to you," their call reads. If you care about building a better Beaverlodge, there's a place for you at the table.

### How to Get Involved

Membership is welcoming and down-to-earth—truly "two feet and a heartbeat." A typical volunteer attends a monthly meeting to help guide projects and funding, and there are always hands-on ways to help beyond the meeting room. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at the Lossing Centre; you can simply show up, or reach out for an application and details: **Ernie Beart (780-512-4453) or Brian Arberry (613-870-4370).**

On behalf of the Town of Beaverlodge, thank you to every Elk—past, present, and soon-to-be—for proving that when neighbours volunteer together, extraordinary things happen right here at home.



# NUVISTA

## ENERGY CENTRE

1016 - 4th Avenue  
780-354-2203  
beaverlodge.ca



**ATTENTION**

**NuVista Energy  
Centre will be  
closed on Monday,  
October 13, 2025**

## Front Desk & Fitness Center Hours

Monday: 6am - 9pm

Tuesday: 7am - 9pm

Wednesday: 6am - 9pm

Thursday: 7am - 9pm

Friday: 6am - 9pm

Saturday: 10am - 6pm

Sunday: 10am - 6pm



NuVista Energy Centre Aquatics and Facility Schedule					October 1 - 9th, 2025	
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	<div></div>	
AquaFit Leisure Pool Family Hour 9:00am-10:00am	AquaFit-Shallow Leisure Pool Family Hour 9:00am-10:00am	AquaFit-Combo Leisure Pool Family Hour 9:00am-10:00am	AquaFit-Deep Leisure Pool Family Hour 9:00am-10:00am	AquaFit Leisure Pool Family Hour 9:00am-10:00am	<div></div>	
<div></div>	School Lessons 10:00am-3:00pm				<div></div>	
Senior & Assisted Leisure Pool Family Hour 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior Lane Swim Leisure Pool Family Hour 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior & Assisted Leisure Pool Family Hour 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior Lane Swim Leisure Pool Family Hour 3:00pm-4:00pm	<div></div>	Public Swim 12:00pm-5:00pm	Public Swim 12:00pm-5:00pm
Piranhas Swim Club 4:00pm-6:30pm				Swim Lessons 3:45pm-6:00pm	Private Rental 5:00pm-6:00pm	Private Rental 5:00pm-6:00pm
Public Swim 6:30pm-9:00pm	AquaFit-Deep 7:00pm-8:00pm	Public Swim 6:30pm-9:00pm	AquaFit-Shallow 7:00pm-8:00pm	Public Swim 6:00pm-9:00pm	<div></div>	
	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
<div> IMPORTANT INFORMATION </div>						
Annual Aquatics Shut-Down October 10 - November 3. The pool will reopen on Tuesday, November 4th. The gym is open during shut-down.				The facility will be closed on Monday, October 13th.		
Monday & Friday AquaFit may be uninstructed				<div> (780) 354-2203  <a href="http://www.beaverlodge.ca">www.beaverlodge.ca</a></div>		
November and December Lessons will be released on October 16th at 9:00am.				1016-4th Avenue, Beaverlodge		

## October Fitness Classes

NuVista Energy Centre 1016 4th Ave, Beaverlodge 780-354-2203

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TRX Pilates Oct 6,20,27 6:00am-7:00am \$18/Month	Fitness Centre Bootcamp Oct 7,14,21,28 6:00am-7:00am \$24/Month		Fitness Centre Bootcamp Oct 2,9,16,23,30 6:00am-7:00am \$30/Month	*Schedule is subject to change* TRX Pilates Oct 4,11,18,25 9:00am-10:00am \$24/Month	
AquaFit-Combo 9:00am-10:00am	AquaFit-Shallow 9:00am-10:00am	AquaFit-Combo 9:00am-10:00am	AquaFit-Deep 9:00am-10:00am		
		Beginner TRX Pilates Oct 1,8,15,22,29 9:00am-10:00am \$30/Month Gentle Hatha Yoga Oct 1,8,15,22,29 with Christine 10:00am-11:00am \$30/Month			
Spin Oct 6,20,27 6:00pm-6:45pm \$18/Month	Adult Strength Oct 7,14,21,28 5:30pm-6:30pm \$24/Month	Spin Oct 1,8,15,22,29 5:30pm-6:15pm \$30/Month	Adult Strength Oct 2,9,16,23,30 5:30pm-6:30pm \$30/Month		
	AquaFit-Combo 7:00pm-8:00pm				
Hatha Yoga with Christine Oct 6,20,27 7:00pm-8:00pm \$18/Month	TRX Pilates Oct 7,14,21,28 7:00pm-8:00pm \$24/Month	Beginners TRX Pilates Oct 1,8,15,22,29 6:30pm-7:30pm \$30/Month	AquaFit-Shallow 7:00pm-8:00pm		





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ENERGY CENTRE

# SKATING LESSONS



Beaverlodge Arena  
306 10A Street



**October 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30**

Preschool	11:15am-11:45am	Tues/Thurs	#4066 (\$63)
Preschool	11:45am-12:15pm	Tues/Thurs	#4067 (\$63)
Stage 1	12:30pm-1:15pm	Tues/Thurs	#4068 (\$126)
Stage 2	12:30pm-1:15pm	Tues/Thurs	#4069 (\$126)

**November 4, 6, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, December 2 (No lessons November 11)**

Preschool	11:15am-11:45am	Tues/Thurs	#4070 (\$63)
Preschool	11:45am-12:15pm	Tues/Thurs	#4071 (\$63)
Stage 1	12:30pm-1:15pm	Tues/Thurs	#4072 (\$126)
Stage 2	12:30pm-1:15pm	Tues/Thurs	#4073 (\$126)



780-354-2203



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## Preschool

Ages 3-6

Children have little or no experience. Able to stand with little assistance and balance on 2 feet.



## Stage 1

Ages 6-13

Learning the basic skills for this age group. Must be able to skate or shuffle forwards and balance on 2 feet unassisted.



## Stage 2

Ages 6-13

Learning balance, control and agility skills while strengthening the skills learned in stage 1. Needs to be able to skate forwards properly and be able to have backward movement.



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ENERGY CENTRE

# ANNUAL AQUATICS SHUTDOWN

**OCTOBER 10 - NOVEMBER 3**

Beginning October 10<sup>th</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup> the aquatics facilities will be closed for annual maintenance and deep cleaning.

This will include all 3 pools, as well as intermittent closures of our change rooms for those Fitness Centre users who access them.



780-354-2203



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# Harvest PARADE



**A huge thank you to the Beaverlodge Chamber for organizing this year's Harvest Parade!**

**On behalf of the Town of Beaverlodge, we were proud to take part. Councillors Corbett and Mosher, along with Beverly the town mascot, had a fantastic time greeting everyone.**

**A special shout-out to Erica Chalmers, our amazing community bus driver, her little helpers handing out candy, and Travis Savard for keeping everyone safe in the town truck.**

**We hope everyone enjoyed this wonderful community event as much as we did!**

October

2025

## Upcoming Events:

**October-Monday's - Chair Yoga**

**Oct 4 - Town Clean-Up**

**Oct 10-Nov 3 -Annual Pool Shutdown**

**Oct 13 - Town Office Closed**

**Oct 15 & 18 - Advance Voting**

**Oct 18, 24 & 25 - McNaught Ghost Walk**

**Oct 20 - Municipal Election**

## Did you Know About The Town Community Calendar?

October 2022							today	<	>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
25	26	27	28	29	30	1			
Frequent Shopper Program Aug 5-Oct 7, 2022							Sept 30 - National		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
12th Frequent Shopper Program Aug 5-Oct 7, 2022							4th Grand Prize		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
Thanksgiving Day									
16	17	18	19	20	21	22			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29			
30	31	1	2	3	4	5			

Submit your Event

Submit your community events by going to [beaverlodge.ca](https://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."