



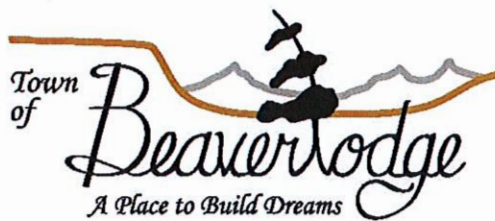
**AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2025, AT 6:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS #400-10 STREET BEAVERLODGE**  
*Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 229 850 889 855 0 Passcode: 6w2FT9EC*

<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER:</u></b> <i>Town of Beaverlodge's Legislative Meetings are being live streamed effective June 12, 2023, via Council resolution #145-2023-05-23.</i>	
<b>2.0</b>	<b><u>LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:</u></b>	PP 3
<b>3.0</b>	<b><u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA:</u></b>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b><u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES:</u></b>  4.1 October 27, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes	PP 4 - 7
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>DELEGATIONS:</u></b>  5.1 Western Alberta Regional Victims Serving Society – Riki Neilson & Jesse O'Connell	PP 8
<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>OLD BUSINESS:</u></b>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></b>  7.1 Emergency Management Training for Elected Officials Dec 16, 2025  7.2 Facility & Fee Waiver – Beaverlodge & District Chamber of Commerce  7.3 Beaverlodge & District Chamber of Commerce Dinner – Nov 20, 2025  7.4 Signing Authority Changes	PP 9  PP 10 - 13  PP 14
<b>8.0</b>	<b><u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u></b>  8.1 October 27, 2025 Special Council Organizational Meeting Minutes  8.2 Response regarding our Electricity Distribution Rates Advocacy Letter  8.3 Letter to Complaints Department at K Division  8.4 Letter of Support for the MD of Smoky River	PP 15 - 17  PP 18 ,19  PP 20, 21  PP 22, 23



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9.0	<b><u>COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:</u></b>  9.1 Action List  9.2 Council Reports	PP 24
10.0	<b><u>CLOSED SESSION:</u></b>	



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**Phone: 780.354.2201**

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## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 27, 2025 @ 7:00 PM**

**IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS #400 – 10 ST. BEAVERLODGE, ALBERTA**

**COUNCIL** Mayor Gary Rycroft Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus  
Councillor Trevor Bartsch Councillor Hugh Graw  
Councillor Richard Lappenbush Councillor Tyke Longmore  
Councillor Jen Wolan

**STAFF** Jeff Johnston, CAO Tina Letendre, Deputy CAO  
Nichole Young, Legislative Services

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gary Rycroft called the meeting to order. **7:00 PM**

**2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

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**3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**#271-2025-10-27** Councillor Jen Wolan

**CARRIED:** That Council adopts the agenda with the following additions:

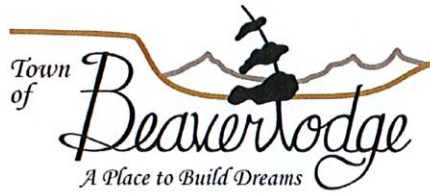
- New Business 7.6 Your Region, Your Voice November 7, 2025
- Correspondence 8.1 Sandy Isaac Award Recipient

**4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

4.1 October 14, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**#272-2025-10-27** Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

**CARRIED:** That Council adopts the Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Council meeting as presented.



5.0 **DELEGATIONS:**

6.0 **OLD BUSINESS:**

7.0 **NEW BUSINESS:**

7.1 Indigenous Veterans Day Invitation – Nov 8, 2025

**#273-2025-10-27** Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

**CARRIED:** That Council accepts this for information and acknowledges that Mayor Rycroft and Councillor Wolan will attend.

7.2 Facility & Fee Waiver Request – Dec 13, 2025

**#274-2025-10-27** Councillor Hugh Graw

**CARRIED:** That Council approves the requested fee reduction of 50% of \$180.00 as requested by the Beaverlodge Hospital for their event.

7.3 South Peace Centennial Museum Events Sponsorship Request

**#275-2025-10-27** Councillor Richard Lappenbush

**CARRIED:** That Council accepts for information the Halloween Event request as it is too late to action and approves the request for a raffle item for the upcoming Christmas Event.

7.4 Assessment 101 for Elected Officials Training

**#276-2025-10-27** Councillor Hugh Graw

**CARRIED:** That Council directs Administration to register for the January 14, 2026, session and host it in Council Chambers.



7.5 Wembley Clinic Grand Re-Opening November 7, 2025

**#277-2025-10-27** Councillor Jen Wolan

**CARRIED:** That Council accepts this for information.

7.6 Your Region, Your Voice

**#278-2025-10-27** Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

**CARRIED:** That Council accepts this for information.

## **8.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

8.1 Sandy Isaac Award Recipient

**#279-2025-10-27** Councillor Tyke Longmore

**CARRIED:** That Council accepts this report for information.

## **9.0 COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS:**

9.1 Action List

**#280-2025-10-27** Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

**CARRIED:** That Council accepts the Action Item List for information.

9.2 Staff Reports

**#281-2025-10-14** Councillor Jen Wolan

**CARRIED:** That Council accepts the Staff Reports for information as presented.



10.0 CLOSED SESSION:

11.0 ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gary Rycroft adjourned the meeting.

7:26 PM

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Mayor Gary Rycroft

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Jeff Johnston, CAO



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

#### DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Name of Delegates(s):

Western Alberta Victim Serving Society

Representing:

Riki Neilson and Jesse O'Connell

Phone Number:

780-354-2349

Email:

grandeprairie@westanvss.ca

Topic:

Reminding the community that victim services still exists and informing Council and community members of the services we provide

Staff Familiar with topic:

Attached Information:

Notes:

Limit presentation to 15 minutes

Delegate Signature:

J O'Connell

Date:

Sept 22/25

All notifications and documentations must be sent to [nyoung@beaverlodge.ca](mailto: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:

Nov 10 125 6pm

Approved to Present by:

JJ

Date:

Sept 22/25

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780-354-2201



**Website**  
[beaverlodge.ca](http://beaverlodge.ca)

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**[Draft] Confirmation of Elected Officials' Attendance – Emergency Management Training**

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**From:** Jamie Hannaford <[jhannaford@cityofgp.com](mailto:jhannaford@cityofgp.com)>

**Subject:** Confirmation of Elected Officials' Attendance – Emergency Management Training

Hi DEMs and DDEMs,

I'm reaching out to ask for your assistance in confirming the attendance of your elected officials at the upcoming legislated Emergency Management training session. We have now arranged a date and time with AEMA, and are pleased to share the details:

**Emergency Management Training for Elected Officials**

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Pomeroy Hotel, Grande Prairie

This session will include a dinner sponsored by GPREP followed by a training workshop delivered by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA).

As this training is a **provincially legislated requirement**, it will provide elected officials with the knowledge and tools they need to effectively support emergency management within our municipalities.

Please let us know once you have confirmed attendance for your elected officials.

Thank you for your support in making this important session a success.



**Jamie Hannaford (He/Him)**  
**Interim Director GP911/ GPREP Manager**  
GP911/Integrated Emergency Communications  
Centre/GPREP  
City of Grande Prairie  
**C 780-882-2909**

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## Facility and Fee Waiver Application

Organization: BEAVER LODGE E. DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Type of business: ☐ Government ☒ Non-Profit ☐ For-Profit ☐ Other

Charity / Non Profit Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

You must attach a copy of the 501(c)3, if Non-Profit

Address: Box 577

City: BEAVER LODGE Province: AB Postal-Code: T0H 0C0

Contact Name: SHONE SNATIK Title: EXEC DIRECTOR

Phone: 780-876-3744 Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: shone82@hotmail.com

Type of Event: ☐ Fundraiser ☒ Community Event ☐ Private Event

Date(s) of event: Nov 20, 2025

Requested Facility/Location of Event: Community Center Main Hall

Requested Equipment: Tables/chairs/Hall/kitchen/Bar/Table cloths.  
Projector/mics.

Requested Percentage of Fees to be Waived: ☐ 25% ☐ 50%

NOTE: The maximum amount of any eligible application for waiver or fee reduction is 50%.

Requested Amount of Fees to be Waived: Total Fee \$650.00


Brief Description and Purpose of Event (attach an additional page if needed):

We moved the event to the evening and are hoping to  
have more of a community all businesses/friends/family/  
spouses. Let's fill the community center network &  
celebrate our thriving community.

Include the following information with your Application:

- Organization profile (documentation may be requested confirming non-profit status);
- Membership information including the number of members residing in and around the Town of Beaverlodge;
- Funding profile and non-profit status (submission of documentation confirming non-profit status);
- An explanation of the purpose or nature of the event or activity and the perceived benefit of the event or activity to the local community;
- A budget for the event including:
  - Funding sources available and accessed by the organization; and, proposed expenses.
  - Additional sources of revenue including grant sources.
- Previous year's financial statement:
  - An Audited Financial Statement, a Balance Sheet, or an Income and Expense report are all examples of acceptable financial information from applicants. Only one type of statement is required to be submitted with an application.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Applications to waive or reduce fees and charges must be made at least four (4) weeks prior to the event

I acknowledge that this request and any subsequent approval or denial does not guarantee the availability of facilities and/or equipment. I further understand that I must have completed all applicable reservation procedures prior to submitting this application including but not limited to reserving the facility and/or equipment and paying a security deposit and booking fee. I further acknowledge that if the request is denied or a reduction of fees is granted the organization I represent must pay all remaining fees by the due date and that all established regulations and policies will be followed during and after the event.

Signature:  Date: Oct 23, 2025

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Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount of Permit: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Fees Waived: \_\_\_\_\_

Administration Approval: ☐ 0% ☐ 25%

Council Approval: ☐ 0% ☐ 25% ☐ 50%

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Permit Contract

**Town of Beaverlodge Recreation**  
P.O. Box 30  
1016 - 4th Ave  
Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0  
Phone: (780) 354-2203  
FAX: (780) 354-2203  
Email: recreation@beaverlodge.ca

**Permit #4760, Approved**

Oct 15, 2025 4:04 PM



**Company:** Beaverlodge & District Chamber Of Commerce  
Box 577  
Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0

Customer Type: Other Organizations

Prepared By: Olivia Horne

**Agent:** Shone Snatic  
Email: shone82@hotmail.com

Work: (780) 296-2531 Home: (780) 876-3744

Charges	Taxes	Discounts	Total Charges	Deposits	Deposit Taxes	Total Payments	Refunds	Balance
\$523.81	\$26.19	\$0	\$550.00	\$345.24	\$4.76	\$0	\$0	\$900.00

### RESERVATIONS

Event	Resource	Center	Notes		
Chamber of Commerce Christmas Luncheon #4760 Type: Community Centre Special Events Attend/Qty: 80	CC Whole	Beaverlodge/West County Pool 1016 4th Ave Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0 (780) 354-2201	--		
Days Requested		Event Begins	Duration	Event Ends	
Day	Date			Date	Time
Thursday	Nov 20, 2025	4:00 PM	5 hours	Nov 20, 2025	9:00 PM
Summary	Notes				
Total Number of Dates: 1 Total Time: 5 hours	DAMAGE DEPOSIT WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER CLEANUP OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BY THE RENTER AS FOLLOWS: PUTTING ALL TABLES AND CHAIRS AWAY, SWEEPING AND SPOT MOPPING OF THE FLOOR, PROPER CLEANUP OF THE KITCHEN, BAR & WASHROOMS, ALL GARBAGE TAKEN OUTSIDE TO THE GARBAGE BIN, AND REMOVAL OF THE RECYCLE IF DESIRED. PLEASE CONFIRM HOW TO REFUND THE DAMAGE DEPOSIT (CHEQUE OR BY CREDIT TO ACCOUNT IN THE COMPUTER)				

### CHARGES

Description	Event / Resource	Unit Fee	Units	Tax Charge
Event - Half Day Gym Only	Chamber of Commerce Christmas Luncheon #4760 CC Whole	\$250.00	1.00	GST (I): \$250.00 \$11.91
CC Set up fee	Chamber of Commerce Christmas Luncheon #4760 CC Whole	\$150.00	1.00	GST (I): \$7.14 \$150.00
Kitchen Rental	Chamber of Commerce Christmas Luncheon #4760 CC Whole	\$150.00	1.00	GST (I): \$7.14 \$150.00

### DEPOSITS

Deposit Charge	Event / Resource	Charge	Tax	Amount paid	Refunds	Balance
CC Damage Deposit	Chamber of Commerce Christmas Luncheon #4760 CC Whole	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$250.00
PA/Projector/Microphone/Cables	Chamber of Commerce Christmas Luncheon #4760 CC Whole	\$95.24	\$4.76	\$0	<del>\$0</del>	\$100.00

▼ **Payment Schedule for Original Balance of \$900.00**

Due Date	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Withdrawal Adjustment	Balance
Nov 13, 2025	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
			<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>

▼ **CUSTOM QUESTIONS**

Question	Answer
What is the purpose of your function?	Lunch
Do you require use of the PA System?	Yes (Fill out Equipment Checklist)
Do you require a tutorial of the equipment?	No
Do you require the projector?	Yes (Charge rental fee)
Do you require a tutorial of the equipment?	No
How will you be providing Facility User Group Insurance.	Will provide own insurance
Will your event be serving or selling alcohol?	No. I will not be serving or selling alcohol.
Do you require use of the stage?	No
Would you like to purchase the set-up?	No
Would you like to purchase the set-up?	No
Do you need tables or chairs?	Yes
Do you require wireless internet access?	No
Do you require a telephone for telephone conference?	No
Do you wish to purchases janitorial services?	No

**Terms & Conditions:** This agreement, when signed by the applicant and a representative of the Organization, constitutes a contractual agreement binding both parties to certain obligations. The applicant agrees to observe and obey all Organization rules and regulations. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to pay the required fee at the time of reservation. Balance due must be paid before the scheduled event. Deposits will be returned only in the case of conditions which force the cancellation of the event. The Organization agrees to maintain the facility, to assure that the facility is prepared properly for the agreed-upon event, and to provide adequate sanitation facilities, subject to available equipment, resources, weather conditions and time of year.

**Special Events:** a. Special Events include, but are not limited to, private pool rentals, rentals of the multi-purpose rooms, community centre, arena, or sports fields. b. 50% of the total booking fee is payable at the time of booking, including the refundable damage. c. Cancellation notice for Special Events must be at least seven (7) days prior to the event. Some events may require notice of more than seven (7) days and that notice period will be indicated on contracts. d. In case of a no-show, the booking fee will not be refunded.

BEAVER LODGE & DISTRICT  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# CHRISTMAS *Dinner* & SILENT AUCTION

20 NOVEMBER | DOORS OPEN 6PM

TICKETS \$40 EACH | \$300 TABLE OF 8

NUVISTA ENERGY CENTRE | 1024 4<sup>TH</sup> AVE | BEAVER LODGE

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS AWARDS CEREMONY

A fundraiser for  
the SPLASH PARK  
Committee

MEAL BY  
SUNRISE DINNER  
CASH BAR





## **SPECIAL COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**

**HELD MONDAY OCTOBER 27, 2025 @ 6:15 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400-10 ST, BEAVERLODGE**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	Mayor Gary Rycroft Councillor Trevor Bartsch Councillor Richard Lappenbush Councillor Jen Wolan	Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Councillor Hugh Graw Councillor Tyke Longmore
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<b>STAFF</b>	CAO Jeff Johnston Nichole Young, Legislative Services	Deputy CAO Tina Letendre, absent
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**1.0**     **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gary Rycroft called the meeting to order. **6:15 PM**

**2.0**     **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

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**3.0**     **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**#015-2025-10-27**                      Councillor Hugh Graw  
**CARRIED:** That the agenda be adopted as presented.

**4.0**     **DELEGATION:**

**5.0**     **OLD BUSINESS:**

**6.0**     **NEW BUSINESS:**

6.1 Deputy Mayor Appointment

**#016-2025-10-27**                      Mayor Gary Rycroft

**CARRIED:** That Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus be appointed as Deputy Mayor for a 1-year term.



6.2 Schedule of Council Meetings for 2026

**#017-2025-10-27** Councillor Jen Wolan

**CARRIED:** That Council accepts the schedule as presented.

6.3 Schedule Meeting to Establish Council Committees

**#018-2025-10-27** Councillor Trevor Bartsch

**CARRIED:** That Council schedules a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday November 26, 2025 at 6pm to discuss and establish the Committees of Council.

6.4 Council Appointments to Boards & Organizations

**#019-2025-10-27** Councillor Tyke Longmore

**CARRIED:** That Council accepts the appointments to the Boards & Organizations for a 1-year term.

**9.0** **CLOSED SESSION:**

**10.0** **ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Gary Rycroft adjourned the Special Organizational Meeting **6:37 PM**

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Mayor Gary Rycroft

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Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

<b>ORG/GROUP APPOINTMENTS</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MEETINGS</b>
<b>Beaverlodge &amp; District Chamber of Commerce</b>	Council: CAO Staff: Deputy CAO	Local Chamber Organization	Monthly
<b>Community Rail Advocacy Alliance</b>	Council: Gary Rycroft Alternate: Hugh Graw	Provincial	Monthly
<b>Community Futures</b>	Council: Gary Rycroft	Business & Development	Monthly
<b>FCSS Advisory Committee</b>	Council: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Alternate: Jen Wolan	Social Planning	Quarterly
<b>Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership</b>	Council: Richard Lappenbush Alternate: Jen Wolan Staff: CAO	Emergency Response Planning	Semi-annually
<b>Grande Prairie Regional Tourism</b>	Council: Tyke Longmore	Tourism	Monthly
<b>Grande Spirit Foundation</b>	Council: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus	Seniors Housing	Monthly
<b>ICF – Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework</b>	Council: Gary Rycroft, Hugh Graw, Tyke Longmore	Intermunicipal Collaboration	As needed
<b>Inter-Municipal Group</b>	Council: All Staff: CAO	Regional Emerging Items	2 times per year
<b>Peace Library System</b>	Council: Jen Wolan	Regional Representation	Quarterly
<b>Regional Landfill</b>	Council: CAO Alternate: Hugh Graw	Regional Municipal Group	4 Annual – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed
<b>South Peace Physician Attraction &amp; Retention Committee</b>	Council: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Alternate: Tyke Longmore Public: Member-at-large	Regional – recruit/retain physician/health professionals	Quarterly
<b>WASP (Wapiti Area Synergy Partnership)</b>	Council: Trevor Bartsch	Regional	
<b>Water North Coalition</b>	Council: Trevor Bartsch	Regional	
<b>Other Council Committee</b>	Council appointees and ex officio		As needed



ALBERTA

AFFORDABILITY AND UTILITIES

*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Lethbridge-East*

AR10780

October 24, 2025

His Worship Gary Rycroft  
Mayor  
Town of Beaverlodge  
Box 30, 400 - 10 Street  
Beaverlodge AB T0H 0C0  
[town@beaverlodge.ca](mailto:town@beaverlodge.ca)

Dear Mayor Rycroft:

Thank you for your September 15, 2025, letter sharing the Town of Beaverlodge's perspective regarding electricity distribution rates. I appreciate your leadership in raising this important issue on behalf of your community. As the Minister of Affordability and Utilities, I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

Our government continues to work closely with industry stakeholders, consumer advocates, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), and other agencies to identify ways to reduce utility costs for Albertans. A key focus is managing system costs more effectively, including those tied to electricity distribution.

As outlined in your letter, distribution charges vary across service areas. In ATCO Electric's case, its territory covers vast and sparsely populated regions, requiring more kilometres of line per customer. The need to maintain extensive infrastructure across sparsely populated areas drives up both capital and maintenance costs, which leads to higher distribution rates when divided among fewer customers—placing a heavier financial burden on rural communities like Beaverlodge. Consequently, our government is considering how we can help improve distribution affordability for customers located in rural Alberta.

The AUC regulates rates through public hearings to ensure services remain safe, reliable, and reasonably priced. Under current regulatory principles, each utility can only recover costs from customers within its designated service area. As you note, the electric distribution utilities in Calgary and Edmonton—ENMAX and EPCOR—operate under Performance-Based Regulation (PBR) for the purposes of rate-setting; however, ATCO Electric and FortisAlberta have also operated under PBR since 2013.

On May 28, 2025, using the regulatory mechanisms of PBR, the AUC directed ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric to refund its distribution customers a total of \$71 million due to over-earnings by both utilities in 2021 and 2022. The AUC decision requires ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric to

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return \$36 million and \$35 million respectively to their customers over a six-month period beginning September 1, 2025. This will provide some rate relief for ATCO distribution customers through the winter.

In addition, we are taking action to address electricity fees by requiring the efficient use of existing transmission infrastructure. Our government passed the *Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, to meet growing demand, prioritizing reliability and affordability in the modernization of the utility system. Through the recently updated *Transmission Regulation*, these changes will see new costs assigned on a cost-causation basis, ensuring Albertans are not burdened with the full cost of operating the transmission system and future transmission lines that need to be built. By maximizing the use of infrastructure already in place and encouraging new power projects to build in practical locations, we can protect ratepayers from rising fees.

We are actively exploring new policy options to address distribution costs across the province and promote efficient use of existing infrastructure. In doing so, we can help protect investments in Alberta's rural communities, which we agree are vital to their economic well-being. We recognize the urgency of this issue, especially as many Albertans continue to face rising living costs, and we remain committed to making affordability a top priority.

Thank you again for your thoughtful recommendations and steadfast advocacy for Beaverlodge. Your input is invaluable as we work toward a more equitable and affordable utility framework for all Albertans

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Neudorf', is positioned above the printed name of the Minister.

Nathan Neudorf  
Minister

cc: Honourable Danielle Smith  
Premier of Alberta

Ron Wiebe  
MLA, Grande Prairie-Wapiti

November 4, 2025

Complaints Department  
RCMP K Division Headquarters  
11140 - 109 Street NW  
Edmonton, AB T5G 2T4

**RE: Request for Enhanced Community Policing and Highway Enforcement in the Town of Beaverlodge**

On behalf of the Council for the Town of Beaverlodge, I am writing to express our concern regarding the current level of policing presence within our community and the need for increased community policing and highway patrol enforcement within our municipal boundaries.

The Town of Beaverlodge is proud to host an RCMP Detachment within our community and has long valued the professionalism, dedication, and commitment demonstrated by the officers who serve our residents. Council wishes to make it clear that this correspondence is not a criticism of the local detachment members, whose efforts are sincerely appreciated. Rather, our concern lies with the broader allocation of resources and the apparent reduction in visible patrols within the community and along Highway 43.

In recent months, Council and administration have received numerous complaints from residents regarding limited police visibility, ongoing traffic violations, and excessive speeding along Highway 43 and within residential areas. The lack of consistent patrol presence has led to a growing perception that enforcement is insufficient to deter unsafe driving and other concerning behaviors.

Beaverlodge's location along a major transportation corridor presents unique policing challenges and requires ongoing highway enforcement to maintain the safety of both residents and travelers. Regular community patrols also play an essential role in fostering public confidence, deterring crime, and promoting positive engagement between law enforcement and the public.

Accordingly, the Town of Beaverlodge respectfully requests that RCMP K Division consider the following:

1. **Increasing community policing patrols** within the Town of Beaverlodge to enhance visibility and engagement with residents.
2. **Strengthening highway patrol enforcement** along Highway 43 through town limits to address persistent speeding and unsafe driving.
3. **Reviewing resource allocation** to ensure that our local detachment is adequately supported to meet the needs of our growing community.

The Town of Beaverlodge Council is committed to supporting law enforcement efforts and fostering a collaborative relationship with the RCMP. However, our community's concerns are now at a level that requires urgent and measurable action.

We respectfully request a formal response outlining how RCMP K Division intends to address these issues and improve service delivery in our municipality. Alternatively, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with representatives of K Division and our local detachment leadership to discuss these concerns and identify practical solutions to improve safety and public confidence.

Sincerely



Gary Rycroft  
Mayor, Town of Beaverlodge



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

October 27, 2025

Honourable Danielle Smith  
Premier  
307 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

**RE: Support for the MD of Smoky River – Urgent Action on Unpaid Oil and Gas Property Taxes**

Dear Premier Smith,

On behalf of the Town of Beaverlodge, I am writing to express our support for the Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130 and to urge the Government of Alberta to take immediate action to address the ongoing crisis of unpaid oil and gas property taxes that continues to threaten the financial stability of many rural municipalities across the province.

The Town of Beaverlodge stands in support of the MD of Smoky River and other affected municipalities that are facing serious fiscal challenges due to uncollected property taxes. These unpaid amounts have had a direct and compounding impact on municipal budgets, forcing local governments to make difficult decisions regarding essential public services, infrastructure maintenance, and shared regional programs that support our communities' well-being.

As highlighted by our colleagues in the MD of Smoky River, the financial shortfalls jeopardize critical intermunicipal services including:

- *Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)*
- *Regional Health Care Professional Attraction and Retention Initiatives*
- *Library and Transportation Programs*
- *Regional Economic Development partnerships*

These services are vital to sustaining the health, safety, and quality of life of residents throughout our region. Continued erosion of municipal revenues due to unpaid property taxes undermines these shared efforts and places undue strain on both rural and urban partners.

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While the Province has taken steps to address the issue in recent years, stronger enforcement and accountability mechanisms are urgently required to ensure that oil and gas companies meet their tax obligations. The Town of Beaverlodge respectfully urges your government to consider enhanced legislative tools, fair enforcement measures, and financial support for municipalities affected by these delinquencies.

We stand ready to work collaboratively with the Province and our municipal partners to find a sustainable, long-term solution that ensures fairness, fiscal responsibility, and stability for Alberta's communities.

Thank you for your attention and consideration on this matter of significant importance.

Sincerely,



Gary Rycroft  
Mayor, Town of Beaverlodge

Cc:  
Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Honourable Todd Loewen, MLA Central Peace-Notley  
Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130  
Northern Alberta Elected Leaders (NAEL)

Item Number	Subject	Requested On	People Responsible	Item Notes	Status	Target Date of Completion
1	Grande Prairie & District Catholic School Board	26-Oct-20	CAO/Admin	Sent Draft Joint Use Partnership Agreement to GPCSD - following up for update April 15, 2024. January 2025 Draft JUPA returned to CAO for review. Jeff and Tina met with on April 10, 2025. <b>A new agreement is being reviewed.</b>	In progress	
2	Letter to RCMP K Division	14-Oct-25	CAO/Admin	Write a letter to the Complaints Department of the RCMP K Division about increasing our detachments Community Policing and Highway Patrol (speeding).	Done	
3	Developer Tax Incentive	14-Oct-25	CAO/Admin	Process to provide tax exemption on unsold lots as well as any spec housing on them until sold or occupied. Bring back to Council for consideration.	08-Dec-25	
4	Letter of Support for Unpaid Oil & Gas Property Taxes	14-Oct-25	CAO/Admin	Write a letter of support for the MD of Smoky River	Done	
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Current: November 10, 2025