



JANUARY 31, 2026

TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE

Beaver Tails News

A New Year, a New Habit: Small Acts That Keep a Rural Community Strong

January has a way of nudging us to hit “refresh.” We tidy up after the holidays, make a few goals, and hope this year feels a little lighter. If you’re looking for a resolution that actually sticks, consider one that doesn’t depend on willpower, perfect schedules, or fancy equipment:

Volunteer—just a little. Consistently.

In rural communities, volunteerism isn’t a “nice-to-have.” It’s how the rink runs, how fundraisers happen, how events come to life, and how neighbours get help when life gets hard. But across Canada, the trend is going the wrong way.

Does “a little” volunteering really matter?

Research increasingly suggests yes: volunteering is linked with benefits for wellbeing and health. It points towards positive associations between volunteering and social, mental, and physical health outcomes (while noting study quality varies).

Make it a family tradition (and let kids see it)!

If we want volunteerism to bounce back, we need young people to see it as normal—something families do, like skating on weekends or showing up for school events.

There’s evidence volunteering is associated with positive outcomes for kids, too. A large study in JAMA Network Open found that children and adolescents who volunteered had higher odds of “flourishing” and excellent/very good health, and lower odds of behavioral problems (and, for adolescents, lower anxiety).



Council Corner

Mayor

Gary Rycroft

Councillors

Trevor Bartsch

Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

Hugh Graw

Tyke Longmore

Richard Lappenbush

Jen Wolan

Next Council Meeting:

February 9

February 23

6pm - Council Meeting



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2025 PROPERTY TAXES

This is a reminder that **2025 property taxes were due and payable on July 31, 2025.**

If you purchased a property **after May 31, 2025** and have **not received your 2025 Property Tax Notice**, please contact the Town Office as soon as possible at **780-354-2201 ext. 1023** or by email at taxes@beaverlodge.ca.

Please be advised that **unpaid 2025 property taxes are subject to a monthly penalty** in accordance with Town policy.

If you have any questions or require further information, do not hesitate to contact the Town Office.



2026 PET LICENCES DUE FOR RENEWAL

This is a reminder that **pet licences are renewed annually**, and **2026 pet licences are now due**.

Licensing your pet is an important part of responsible pet ownership. If your pet ever gets out of the yard or goes missing, a licence helps the Town quickly **identify the owner and reunite pets with their families**. It also helps us maintain accurate records and support community animal services.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping your pet's licence up to date and helping to keep our community safe and pet-friendly.

If you have any questions about pet licensing or need assistance with renewal, please contact the Town Office at 780-354-2201.

2026 BUSINESS LICENCES

Business Licence Invoices for the 2026 year were issued on December 31, 2025.

If you have received an invoice and are no longer operating a business within the Town of Beaverlodge, please notify the Town Office as soon as possible so our records can be updated.

You can contact us by phone at **780-354-2201** or by email at accountsreceivable@beaverlodge.ca.



OUTDOOR RINKS

Due to the fluctuating weather we have been experiencing this winter, keeping consistent ice at the two outdoor rinks has been a challenge. Crews are keeping an eye on the weather and will get them back up and running as soon as possible. Please stay off of the surface until it can be properly frozen to prevent any injury or damage.



PUBLIC SKATE AND STICK & PUCK TIMES

Public Skating and Stick & Puck times available at the Beaverlodge Arena are posted on the Town Website (beaverlodge.ca) & Facebook Pages under Town of Beaverlodge and NuVista Energy Centre. Be sure to check it out to stay up to date.

PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT ERROR

Due to an error, a preauthorized payment for your property taxes may have been withdrawn from your bank account twice on January 8th, 2026.

This occurred because the payment file was mistakenly sent to the bank more than once.

Please be assured that we refunded the duplicate payment back into your account as quickly as possible.

If this error has resulted in any additional charges from your financial institution, please contact the Town Office at 780-354-2201 or by email at taxes@beaverlodge.ca.

Proof of any additional charges will be required so we can address them accordingly.

We sincerely apologize for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Stay Informed - Stay Connected

February 2026

Now Available Justin Beaver Car Air Fresheners



Available for purchase at the Town Office or the
NuVista Energy Centre for \$4

Available in Two Enticing Scents:
Midnight Musk or Morning Fresh

TIME FOR ADVENTURE
CSW DAY CAMPS

FOR AGES 5-12

\$35

NuVista Energy Centre
1016 4th Avenue

🕒 8am - 4pm

📅 • January 16 • April 24
• February 6 • May 1, 22, 29
• March 6 • June 12
• March 20

• Sports & Games
• Swimming
• Cooking
• Crafts & Activities
• Special Presentations

Pre-registration is required by the Wednesday before camp.

Register Now 780-354-2203 or csr@beaverlodge.ca

January/February SWIMMING LESSONS

LEVELS OFFERED

FEBRUARY 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26



REGISTER NOW

Parent & Tot 1, 2, 3

4:00pm-4:30pm

#4175 (\$50.00)

Tues / Thurs

Preschool 1 & 2

4:30pm-5:00pm

#4176 (\$50.00)

Tues / Thurs

Preschool 3 & 4

6:00pm-6:30pm

#4181 (\$50.00)

Tues / Thurs

Swimmer 1

5:15pm-6:00pm

#4177 (\$50.00)

Tues / Thurs

Swimmer 2 & 3

6:15pm-7:00pm

#4178 (\$50.00)

Tues / Thurs

Swimmer 4 & 5

4:00pm-4:45pm

#4179 (\$50.00)

Tues / Thurs

Swimmer 6 / CSP
Rookie/Ranger/Star

5:00pm-6:00pm

#4180 (\$68.60)

Tues / Thurs

LEVELS OFFERED

JANUARY 10, 17, 24, 31, FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, 28



Parent & Tot 1, 2, 3

11:00am-11:30am

#4182 (\$50.00)

Saturday

Preschool 1 & 2

11:30am-12:00pm

#4183 (\$50.00)

Saturday

Preschool 3 & 4

12:30pm-1:00pm

#4187 (\$50.00)

Saturday

Swimmer 1

11:00am-11:45am

#4185 (\$50.00)

Saturday

Swimmer 2 & 3

12:15pm-1:00pm

#4184 (\$50.00)

Saturday

Swimmer 4 & 5

11:45am-12:30pm

#4186 (\$50.00)

Saturday

780-354-2203
CSR@beaverlodge.ca

1016 - 4th Ave



THE TOWN OF
BEAVERLODGE
PRESENTS

Family FUN DAY

Join the Town of Beaverlodge
at the NuVista Energy Centre
for some **FREE** family fun this
Family Day!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026
12PM - 5PM



FREE Hot Dogs & Pop 12pm - 2pm



Board Games & Floor Hockey
12pm - 5pm



FREE Public Swim 12pm - 5pm



FREE Public Skate 1pm - 3pm
FREE Stick & Puck 3pm - 5pm





NuVista Energy Centre Aquatics and Facility Schedule February 1st-28th, 2026						
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 Leisure Pool-Family Hour 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit 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		
		School Lessons 10:00am-3:00pm				
Lane Swim 12:00pm-1:00pm						
Senior & Assisted Parent & Tot 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior Lane Swim Parent & Tot 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior & Assisted Parent & Tot 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior Lane Swim Parent & Tot 3:00pm-4:00pm			
	Swim Lessons 4:00pm-7:00pm		Swim Lessons 4:00pm-7:00pm			
Public Swim 4:00pm-9:00pm	Aquafit-Deep 7:00pm-8:00pm	Public Swim 4:00pm-9:00pm	Aquafit-Shallow 7:00pm-8:00pm			
	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						
Please take note that Public Swim time has changed on all Saturdays.				Monday, February 16th- Family Day Sponsored Swim 12:00 PM- 5:00pm Facility Hours February 16th- 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM		
February Lessons are out on facebook! Call to book!				www.beaverlodge.ca		
Monday & Friday Aquafit may be uninstructed				780-354-2203		
Monday February 9th- Public Swim 4:00PM-6:00PM				1016-4th Avenue, Beaverlodge		

Feburary Fitness Classes					
NuVista Energy Centre		1016 4th Ave, Beaverlodge		780-354-2203	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TRX Pilates Feb 2,9,23 6:00am-7:00am \$18/Month	Fitness Centre Bootcamp Feb 3,10,17,24 6:00am-7:00am \$24/Month		Fitness Centre Bootcamp Feb 5,12,19,26 6:00am-7:00am \$24/Month		
				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	TRX Pilates Feb 7,14,21,28 9:00am-10:00am \$24/Month
		Beginner TRX Pilates Feb 4,11,18,25 9:00am-10:00am \$24/Month			
Spin Feb 2,9,23 6:00pm-6:45pm \$18/Month	Adult Strength Feb 3,10,17,24 5:30pm-6:30pm \$24/Month	Ride & Strength Feb 4,11,18,25 5:30pm-6:15pm \$24/Month	Adult Strength Feb 5,12,19,26 5:30pm-6:30pm \$24/Month		
Hatha Yoga with Christine Feb 2,9,23 7:00pm-8:00pm \$18/Month	Aquafit-Combo 7:00pm-8:00pm	TRX Pilates Feb 4,11,18,25 6:30pm-7:30pm \$24/Month	Aquafit-shallow 7:00pm-8:00pm		

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





Council Message

Be Ready, Beaverlodge!

Emergencies can happen when we least expect them—whether it's a winter storm, power outage, or other unexpected event. Being prepared helps keep you and your loved ones safe.

Here are three quick tips to get started:

- 1. Make a Plan** – Know how your family will communicate and where you'll meet if you're separated.
- 2. Pack a Kit** – Include essentials like water, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, and medications.
- 3. Stay Informed** – Follow local alerts and updates from the Town of Beaverlodge.

As your councillor, I care deeply about the safety and well-being of our community. Taking a few minutes today to prepare can make all the difference tomorrow. Let's work together to keep Beaverlodge strong and ready for anything!

Jen Wolan
Town of Beaverlodge Councillor



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Just as important: kids copy what they see.

Research on family socialization and volunteering highlights the role of parental modelling and encouragement in shaping helping behaviours. So if you've been thinking, "I want my kids to grow up caring about their community," here's the simplest path: **let them watch you care—then invite them along.**

Try a "One Small Shift" volunteering goal

Instead of "I'll volunteer all the time," aim for something realistic:

- One hour a month (a single shift, a single task, a single event)
- One small seasonal tradition (spring cleanup, holiday hamper drive, helping at a tournament)
- One "yes" before you say no (and bring a friend)

In a rural town, volunteering doesn't just support organizations—it builds pride, friendships, and the feeling that we're in this together. This New Year, let's trade the pressure of big resolutions for something smaller and steadier:

Show up. Bring the kids. Do one good thing—then do it again next month.



February

2026

Upcoming Events:

Feb 8 - Council Meeting

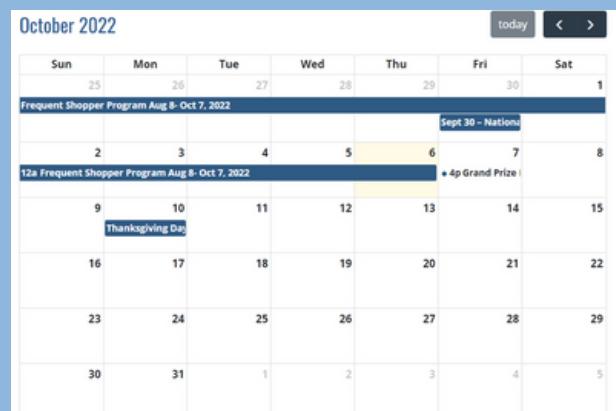
Feb 6 - Babysitting Course

Feb 13 - Passionate Hearts Celebration- Bonetts Energy Centre 11:30am - 1pm

Feb 16 - Family Day - Free Swim/Skate & Lunch 12-5pm

Feb 23 - Council Meeting

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."