



APRIL 30, 2026

TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE

Beaver Tales News

Celebrating Good Neighbours and Beaverlodge Volunteers

What an amazing turnout for the 2026 Good Neighbour Celebration Dinner, held on April 22 at the NuVista Energy Centre.

This year's Good Neighbour theme gave us the opportunity to recognize the many people in our community who make a difference in quiet but meaningful ways. From shovelling snow and delivering meals to offering friendly check-ins and helping hands, these small acts of kindness create a lasting impact and help make Beaverlodge such a special place to live.

Nominations for the Good Neighbour recognition were open from March 2 to 30, 2026, with the celebration dinner following on April 22. While the evening highlighted those nominated as Good Neighbours, it was also a chance to celebrate all volunteers who contribute their time, energy, and care to the betterment of Beaverlodge. The event would not have been possible without the support of the FCSS Advisory Board, who helped with both the planning and execution of the evening. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all members who helped make our community's volunteers feel appreciated.

We were also grateful to have Town of Beaverlodge Councillors Hugh Graw, Jen Wolan, and Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus on hand serving food, connecting with community members, and helping clean up after the event. County of Grande Prairie Councillors Brian Lieverse and Brian Grant also joined us to bring greetings, assist with the meal, and stay until the very end to help with cleanup.

A special thank you to Councillor Jen Wolan, who generously made buttons for participants, recognizing those who were nominated as Good Neighbours as well as those who took the time to submit nominations.

Guests enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus, which was a definite highlight of the evening. We would also like to extend our appreciation to FCSS Advisory Board members Samantha Eberle, Kirsten Clarke, and Tracy Brekkaas, whose support and hard work were instrumental in making this event possible.

Most importantly, we want to say thank you to all the volunteers of Beaverlodge. Whether your contributions are big or small, seen or unseen, your kindness and dedication help our community thrive and remind us what it truly means to be a good neighbour.



Council Corner

Mayor

Gary Rycroft

Councillors

Trevor Bartsch

Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

Hugh Graw

Tyke Longmore

Richard Lappenbush

Jen Wolan

Next Council Meeting:

May 11

May 25

6pm - Council Meeting



2026 Good Neighbour Nominees



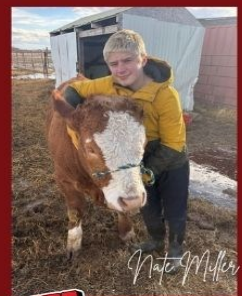
Natasha Johnston



Asher Heald



Cassie Elzer



Nate Miller



Lane Miller



Melville Forrester



Grady Palfey



Jackie Wallan



Winston Hopp



Leanne Van Wagner



Crystal Liffa



Kameron Kyle



Brianna Longson



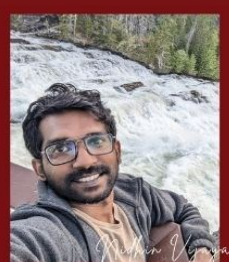
Gena Jones



Brad Teare



Ron & Marianne



Nathan Longman





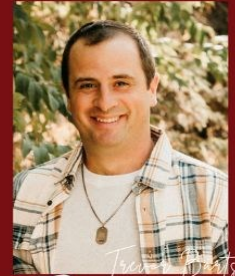
Dorothy & Jim Wankle



Hugh Gray



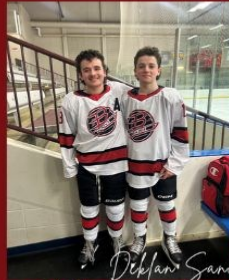
Richard Lappenbush



Timothy Ditzsch



Dayton Sandbac



Dehlan Sandbac



Wyatt Hodges



Blairly Hodges



Smoky Duck



Sterling Robinson



Rhett O'Donnell



Dylan Mulligan



Eliav Johnson



Shenda Smith



Marlene Lock



Kathy Seward



NO PHOTO: CHRIS & JULIE RENNIE, LINDA LAND, MARK WALKER, CORRIE WALKER, DERRICK & CATHY WARREN, THE MOGRIDGE FAMILY & GP VALUE DRUG MART

Congratulations to all, and a heartfelt thank you to each and every volunteer who helps make our community such a special place. Your time, kindness, and dedication mean so much and truly make a difference.



Council Message

Road maintenance is one of the most visible services the Town provides, and understandably, it is also one of the first things people notice when something is not right. When potholes appear or temporary repairs do not last as long as anyone would like, frustrations are real. Residents deserve to be heard, and Council understands why people are concerned.

At the same time, it is important for the community to understand the bigger picture. Road maintenance and infrastructure repair are not cheap, and those costs continue to rise. Everyone wants safe, reliable roads, but at the same time, no one wants their taxes to increase. Council works hard to balance those expectations while making the best decisions possible with the budget available.

The reality is that we cannot fix everything immediately or permanently the moment an issue appears. In many cases, temporary repairs are used because they are the quickest option to address an immediate concern until a more complete repair can be scheduled and funded. Aging infrastructure is unpredictable. Roads, water lines, and other systems can fail without warning, and when they do, the costs can be significant.

There are also outside factors that make these issues worse. Heavy trucks that ignore signage and park on roads not designed to carry that kind of weight cause faster deterioration and more damage. That adds strain to infrastructure that is already expensive to maintain and replace.

Council is not claiming to be perfect. We know there are areas where improvements are needed, and we take those concerns seriously. Every budget cycle, Council does its best to allocate funds to the most essential priorities while still trying to maintain the quality of life people expect in Beaverlodge.

If you have a concern, the most productive step is to contact the Town directly. Ask questions. Report the issue. Get the facts. That gives administration and Council the opportunity to respond, explain, and address concerns properly. Constructive communication is always more useful than online outrage.

Beaverlodge is an amazing community, filled with hardworking people who care deeply about where they live. There is a lot to be proud of here. Like any town, we face challenges, especially when it comes to costly infrastructure and aging roads, but tearing our community down online does not make those challenges easier to solve.

Let us do better by choosing facts over assumptions and conversation over criticism. If there is an issue, reach out directly first. Working together will always do more for Beaverlodge than spreading negativity ever will.

Hugh Graw
Town of Beaverlodge Councillor



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Stay Informed - Stay Connected

May 2026



Your Health, Your Voice: Self-Advocacy in Health Care

A Presentation, hosted by:

The Office of the Alberta Health Advocate

Join us for an engaging and informative presentation designed to help empower Albertans to be effective advocates in their own health and health care.

Key Topics:

- Roles and functions of the Office of the Alberta Health Advocates (OAHA)
- The long-term benefits of self-advocacy in health care
- The Alberta Health Charter
- Common barriers to effective self-advocacy for older adults
- Practical strategies when talking with your doctor and/or health provider
- Practical strategies and enhanced awareness regarding communication styles that support strong self-advocacy

Who Should Attend: Seniors, their families, caregivers, and anyone interested in learning more about self-advocacy and how it can support better health outcomes.

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Time: 2pm – 3pm

Location: Lossing Center 301 – 10th Street



Classification: Protected A



St. John Ambulance

Babysitting Course



FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

9AM - 4PM

students will be mailed a St John Ambulance Babysitter Training Certificate upon completion

**LOCATED AT THE NUVISTA ENERGY CENTRE
1024 - 4TH AVE**

\$40

Ages 11-14

Bring a bagged lunch and water bottle

Must be prepaid by cash, cheque, credit, debit or e-transfer by May 19, 2026 to reserve a spot E-transfer accountspayable@beaverlodge.ca

To Register or for more information please call Beaverlodge FCSS at 780-354-4057.

Space is limited so be sure to register early.

Subsidy is available. Please call to inquire.



FUTUREWORKS

Job Search Supports and Resource Centre

- ✓ Resumes
- ✓ Job Search
- ✓ Career Guidance
- ✓ Job Applications
- ✓ And more!

Drop-In Times
9:00am - 12:30pm

Location
1016 4th Avenue,
Multi-Purpose Room
Beaverlodge

Dates

May 21st 2026

June 18th 2026



In Partnership with the
Town of Beaverlodge FCSS

The Province of Alberta is working in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide employment support programs and services.



TIME FOR ADVENTURE

FOR AGES
5-12

CSW DAY CAMPS

\$35



**NuVista Energy Centre
1016 4th Avenue**

8am - 4pm

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 16 • February 6 • March 20 • April 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 1 • May 22 • May 29 • June 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports & Games • Swimming • Cooking • Crafts & Activities • Special Presentations |
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Pre-registration is required by the Wednesday before camp.

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



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP



SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 FROM 9AM - 4PM



BINS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE TRAINING YARD OF THE NEW FIREHALL



A TOWN EMPLOYEE WILL BE ON SITE TO MONITOR DROP -OFFS

BINS PROVIDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

BIN 1 - WHITE GOODS such as stoves, fridges, washers, dryers, dishwashers & deep freezers

BIN 2 - TIRES

BIN 3 - ALL METAL - small appliances, microwaves, blenders, toaster, vehicle parts, barbecue, etc...

BIN 4 - ELECTRONICS - T.V.'s, computers, monitors, DVD players

BIN 5 - OVERSIZED OR OVERWEIGHT miscellaneous garbage, large furniture, couches, mattresses & wood bundles over 5 feet and yard waste.



55+

SENIORS WEEK BINGO

FREE TO ATTEND

Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some fantastic prizes. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

JUNE 4TH, 2026

1PM -3PM

NUVISTA ENERGY CENTRE

Pre-Registration is required by May 25, 2026.

REGISTER TODAY!

rstockman@beaverlodge.ca or
780-354-4057





Bi-Annual Senior's Tea

An afternoon of tea, snacks, conversation, and community connection awaits local seniors at the Bi-Annual Seniors' Tea.

June 3, 2026

12:30pm- 3:30pm

Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie

The bi-annual tea is hosted by the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) teams from the County of Grande Prairie, City of Grande Prairie, and the towns of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, and Wembley, and is a space for seniors to unwind and spend time with friends and neighbours.

You may register by email or by phone:

☎ **Phone: 780-532-9727 ext. 2400**

✉ **Email: fcssreg@countygpr.ab.ca**



The Community Bus will be available for
the Bi-Annual Seniors Tea

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie

11:00am - Bus Leaves Amisk Court

12:30pm - 3pm - Bi-Annual Seniors Tea

3pm - Bus returns to Amisk

***You MUST pre-register for the Seniors Tea as limited spots are available. Please call 780-567-5586 to register.**



Free to Ride





NuVista Energy Centre Aquatics and Facility Schedule May 1-31st, 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 - Shallow Leisure Pool-Family Hour 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit - Deep Leisure Pool-Family Hour 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit - Combo Leisure Pool-Family Hour 9:00am-10:00am	Aquafit Leisure Pool-Family Hour 9:00am-10:00am		
	School Lessons 10:00am-3:00pm				Swim Lessons 11:00am-1:00pm	
Lane Swim 12:00pm-1:00pm					Public Swim 1:00pm-5:00pm	Public Swim 12:00pm-5:00pm
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		Private Rental 5:00pm-6:00pm	Private Rental 5:00pm-6:00pm
Barracudas Swim Club 4:30pm- 7:00pm				Public Swim 12:30pm-9:00pm		
Public Swim 7:00pm-9:00pm	AquaFit-Deep 7:15pm-8:00pm Adult Swim 8:00pm-9:00pm	Public Swim 7:00pm-9:00pm	Aquafit- Shallow 7:15pm-8:00pm 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

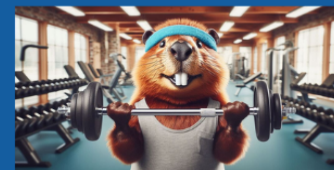
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday- May 18th- Facility Hours- 12:00pm-5:00pm			Follow us on Facebook: NuVista Energy Centre			
May and June Lessons are out! Check out facebook or call the front desk!						
Saturday, May 23rd Public Swim Time Adjustment 1:00pm-4:00pm!	Friday, May 29th Public Swim Time Adjustment 12:30pm-7:00pm!	Saturday, May 30th Barracudas Swim Meet No Public Swim				780-354-2203 1016-4th Avenue, Beaverlodge

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TRX Pilates May 4,11,25 6:00am-7:00am \$18/Month	Fitness Centre Bootcamp May 5,12,19,26 6:00am-7:00am \$24/Month		Fitness Centre Bootcamp May 7,14,21,28 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 May 2,9,23 9:00am-10:00am \$18/Month
Spin May 4,11,25 6:00pm-6:45pm \$18/Month	Adult Strength May 5,12,19,26 5:30pm-6:30pm \$24/Month	Ride & Strength May 6,13,20,27 5:30pm-6:15pm \$24/Month	Adult Strength May 7,14,21,28 5:30pm-6:30pm \$24/Month		
Hatha Yoga with Christine May 4,11,25 7:00pm-8:00pm \$18/Month	Aquafit-Combo 7:00pm-8:00pm	TRX/Mat Pilates Combo May 6,13,20,27 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



Easter Egg Selfie Contest Winners

This year our Easter Egg Selfie Contest had more participants than ever.

Our 3 winners, of some very nice Easter Baskets, were chosen by a random draw.

Congratulations to:

Josie

Hunter & Waylon

Beth, Lance & Juniper.

Thanks to everyone who took part



Upcoming Events:

May 9 - Town Clean-Up

May 17 - 23 - Public Works Week

May 27 - C.A.R.E. Program (Mock Accident)

June - Parks & Recreation Month

June 3 - Bi-Annual Seniors Tea (Evergreen Park) Registration Required

June 4 - Senior's Appreciation BINGO- Registration Required

June 5 - Art Walk

Did you Know About The Town Community Calendar?

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Frequent Shopper Program Aug 8- Oct 7, 2022					Sept 30 - National	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12a Frequent Shopper Program Aug 8- Oct 7, 2022					* 4p Grand Prize	
9	10 Thanksgiving Day	11	12	13	14	15
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 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."