



MAY 31, 2026

## TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE

Beaver Tales News

### Creating Awareness, Reducing Exposure: A Powerful Lesson for Local Youth

For many students who have attended Grade 9 in our area over the past 20 years, the former Trauma Drama event is a familiar and memorable experience. Thanks to the continued partnership between Hythe and Area FCSS, Beaverlodge FCSS, and Wembley FCSS, (and a large donation from Beaverlodge Victim Services Board) this important program has remained available to youth in our communities. Over time, the event has grown and evolved, and is now known as C.A.R.E. – Creating Awareness, Reducing Exposure.

C.A.R.E. is an educational program designed to help local Grade 9 students better understand the serious and often life-changing consequences of impaired and distracted driving. Each year, students take part in a mock collision scenario that demonstrates the dangers of drinking and driving, driving under the influence of drugs, and using a phone or other distractions behind the wheel.

This year's event was held on May 27, 2026, in the parking lot of the NuVista Energy Centre. More than 100 students from five local schools participated, including Beaverlodge St. Mary's, Hythe Regional School, Valhalla Community School, Helen E. Taylor School, and Elmworth School. La Glace School was unable to attend this year.

The mock crash was made possible through the support and participation of first responders and community partners from Beaverlodge, Hythe, Wembley, and La Glace. Fire, EMS, RCMP, Western Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society, and the Beaverlodge Funeral Home all played an important role in creating a realistic and impactful learning experience. As the scene unfolded, Fire personnel narrated the response so students could better understand what happens during and after a serious collision.

Following the demonstration, students had the opportunity to take part in a debrief and ask questions of the first responders involved. They also visited a variety of information booths hosted by organizations including M.A.D.D. – Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Blue Heron Brain Injury, Northreach, Alberta Health Services, RCMP, EMS, and the Fire Cadet Program. These booths provided additional resources and conversations to help reinforce the risks and consequences connected to impaired and distracted driving.

Programs like C.A.R.E. provide youth with knowledge and real-life perspective that can help shape safer choices in the future. By continuing to offer this experience, our hope is to support young people in making responsible decisions and to contribute to safer roads and stronger communities for everyone.



### Council Corner

Mayor  
Gary Rycroft

#### Councillors

Trevor Bartsch  
Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus  
Hugh Graw  
Tyke Longmore  
Richard Lappenbush  
Jen Wolan

#### Next Council Meeting:

June 8

June 22

6pm - Council Meeting



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# *Meet the Beaverlodge FCSS Advisory Group Members*

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FCSS Advisory members play an important role in helping guide local programs and initiatives that support community well-being. Members provide feedback on community issues, offer insight into FCSS programming, and help plan events such as Volunteer Appreciation and Seniors' Appreciation. They also support public awareness by sharing the FCSS story in the community. Through their commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, accessibility, and lived experience, Advisory members help ensure FCSS programs reflect the needs and strengths of the people we serve.

## **Advisory Members:**

- **Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus, Chair**
- **Jen Wolan**
- **Brian Lieverse**
- **Lori Grant**
- **Kirstin Clarke**
- **Sam Eberle**
- **Gena Jones**
- **Tracy Brekkaas**





## Council Message

Serving on Beaverlodge Town Council over the past eight months has been both rewarding and eye-opening. Coming into this role, I knew there would be a learning curve, but I do not think you fully appreciate the complexity of municipal government until you are sitting at the council table yourself. From infrastructure and bylaws to budgeting and long-term planning, there has been a tremendous amount to learn in a short period of time.

One of the biggest lessons has come through our recent budget meetings. Balancing the needs of our community with the financial realities facing the Town is not easy. Council spent many hours reviewing expenses, discussing priorities, and looking for ways to maintain services while being mindful of the financial pressure residents are already facing.

Nobody likes raising taxes, and council certainly understands the impact it has on families, seniors, and local businesses. However, many of the costs municipalities face – including utilities, equipment, insurance, maintenance, and infrastructure – continue to rise year after year. Choosing not to address those increases today often leads to larger financial problems and more expensive repairs down the road. Our goal has been to make responsible decisions that protect the long-term future of Beaverlodge while continuing to provide the services residents rely on every day.

Even with the challenges, there is a lot to be positive about in our community. One event I encourage everyone to support is the Beaverlodge Chamber of Commerce Art Walk taking place on June 5, 2026. Events like this showcase the creativity, local talent, and community spirit that make Beaverlodge such a great place to live. Supporting local events and businesses is an important part of keeping our town vibrant and connected.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve this community and look forward to continuing to learn, listen, and work on behalf of residents as we move forward together.

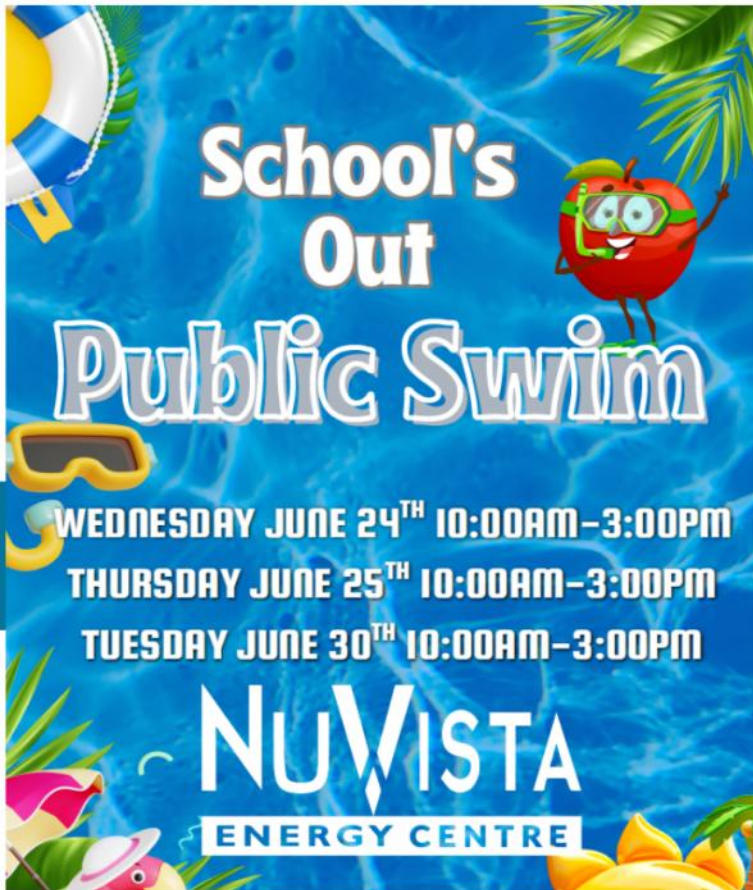
Trevor Bartsch  
Councillor  
Town of Beaverlodge



# UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Stay Informed - Stay Connected

June 2026



**School's Out  
Public Swim**

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> 10:00AM-3:00PM  
THURSDAY JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> 10:00AM-3:00PM  
TUESDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 10:00AM-3:00PM

**NUVISTA  
ENERGY CENTRE**



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## KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Monday - Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm  
Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

1016 - 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaverlodge

**Camp Dates:**

July 6 - July 10 #4294	<b>Fun &amp; Creative Indoor / Outdoor Activities For Boys &amp; Girls 5-12 Years Old</b>
July 13 - July 17 #4295	
July 20 - July 24 #4296	
July 27 - July 31 #4297	
August 10 - August 14 #4298	
August 17 - August 21 #4299	

**\$150.00**

**MORE INFORMATION:** • 780-354-2203 • [CSR@beaverlodge.ca](mailto:CSR@beaverlodge.ca)

**NUVISTA  
ENERGY CENTRE**

## Lifejacket Loaner Station is now open!

Stop by the NuVista Energy Centre before you venture out on the water or near the water.

We are taking donations of adult lifejackets, S, M, L, XL. You can drop them off at reception at the pool.



1016 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Beaverlodge Pool





### NuVista Energy Centre Aquatics and Facility Schedule June 1-30th, 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 9:00am-10:00am	AquaFit - Shallow 9:00am-10:00am	AquaFit - Deep 9:00am-10:00am	AquaFit - Combo 9:00am-10:00am	AquaFit 9:00am-10:00am		
School Lessons 10:00am-3:00pm				Maintenance	Swim Lessons 11:00am-1:00pm	
Senior & Assisted 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior Lane Swim 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior & Assisted 3:00pm-4:00pm	Senior Lane Swim 3:00pm-4:00pm		Public Swim 1:00pm-5:00pm	Public Swim 12:00pm-5:00pm
Barracudas Swim Club 4:30pm- 7:00pm				Public Swim 12:30pm-9:00pm	Private Rental 5:00pm-6:00pm	Private Rental 5:00pm-6:00pm
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		Town of Beaverlodge A Place to Build Dreams	

#### 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

<p>June Lessons are out! Check out facebook or call the front desk! July and August lessons will be out for signup at 9:00am, June 18th!</p> <p>"Become a lifeguard" courses are being offered in June and July! Call to book!</p>	<p>Follow us on Facebook: NuVista Energy Centre</p> <p>780-354-2203</p> <p>1016-4th Avenue, Beaverlodge</p>
<p>AquaFit may be uninstructed on Monday's and Friday's</p> <p>Wednesday, June 17th No AquaFit</p> <p>Ovintiv Open House June 17th 7-9PM</p> <p>Friday, June 19th Public Swim 1:30-9:30PM</p>	

### June Fitness Classes

NuVista Energy Centre 1016 4th Ave, Beaverlodge 780-354-2203					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TRX Pilates Jun 1,8,15,22,29 6:00am-7:00am \$30/Month	Fitness Centre Bootcamp Jun 2,9,16,23,30 6:00am-7:00am \$30/Month		Fitness Centre Bootcamp Jun 4,11,18,25 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	
<h2>NUVISTA ENERGY CENTRE</h2>					
Spin Jun 1,8,15,22,29 5:15pm-6:00pm \$30/Month	Adult Strength Jun 2,9,16,23,30 5:30pm-6:30pm \$30/Month	TRX/Mat Pilates Combo Jun 3,10,17,24 5:30pm-6:30pm \$24/Month	Adult Strength Jun 4,11,18,25 5:30pm-6:30pm \$24/Month	TRX Pilates Jun 5,12,19 5:00pm-6:00pm \$18/Month	
Hatha Yoga with Christine Jun 1,8,15,22,29 7:00pm-8:00pm \$30/Month	AquaFit-Combo 7:00pm-8:00pm		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



# Want To Become A Lifeguard?

# NUVISTA ENERGY CENTRE

Dive into a rewarding career by fall—NuVista Energy Centre is offering all three courses you need to become a certified lifeguard this summer!

## BRONZE MEDALLION

The Bronze Medallion is the first step toward becoming a certified lifeguard. This course focuses on developing essential lifesaving skills, including water rescue techniques, problem-solving, and decision-making in emergency situations.

### Course Dates:

Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00PM-9:00PM  
Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM-9:00PM  
Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM-9:00PM

# NUVISTA ENERGY CENTRE

Prerequisites: Bronze Star OR  
minimum of 13yrs old



Call us to Book  
(780) 354-2203

\$200

# NUVISTA ENERGY CENTRE

## BRONZE CROSS COURSE

Level up your lifesaving skills with the Lifesaving Society!  
Master advanced water rescues, build teamwork and leadership, and prepare for your future as a lifeguard.

### PREREQUISITE:

- Bronze Medallion
- Alberta workplace approved Basic First Aid or Intermediate First Aid
- 13+ (recommended)

Start your journey to becoming a lifeguard today!

### Dates:

Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>- 4:00-9:00pm  
Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>- 4:00-9:00pm  
Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>- 4:00-9:00pm  
Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>- 4:00pm-9:00pm

**CALL US TO BOOK \$200**  
(780) 354-2203



# NUVISTA ENERGY CENTRE

## National Lifeguard Course



Join us and become a certified lifeguard, ensuring the safety of others while enjoying a rewarding career by the poolside. Register now and make a splash with your new skills!

**Prerequisites for the National Lifeguard are:** Current Intermediate First Aid, current Bronze Cross (need not be current), and 15 years old or older.

Course Dates: June 26, 27 and July 3, 4, 5<sup>th</sup>.  
9:00am-4:00pm

**REGISTER NOW** >>>



NuVista  
Energy Centre  
1016-4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Beaverlodge



**CALL US FOR DETAILS**  
1- (780) 354-2203





# Triathlon Event



9:00am

September 12, 2026

1016 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Beaverlodge

Scan the QR Code for event details and pricing

780-354-2203

vleman@beaverlodge.ca



## Events Pricing

### Kids Events

Early Bird	Regular	Late
\$42.00	\$50.00	\$66.00

### Try-a-Tri

Early Bird	Regular	Late
\$63.00	\$76.00	\$91.00

### Individual Sprint

Early Bird	Regular	Late
\$79.00	\$95.00	\$110.00

### Team Sprint

Early Bird	Regular	Late
\$110.00	\$132.00	\$148.00



Early Bird Sale May 22 - June 26

Regular Pricing June 27 - August 28

Late Pricing August 29 - September 8

## Kid Events

### Kids 8-9 Event

- 100m Swim
- 3.5k Bike
- 1K Run

### Kids 10-11 Event

- 200m Swim
- 3.5K Bike
- 2K Run

### Kids 12-13 Event

- 300m Swim
- 7.5K Bike
- 3K Run

### Try-a-Tri 14+

- 300m Swim
- 10k Bike
- 3K Run

Whether you are a first timer or a seasoned triathlete, come take part in the Try-a-Tri. This event is an incredible community event that focuses on a great experience for everyone!

### Individual Sprint 16+

- 750m Swim
- 20K Bike
- 5K Run

Participating in the individual sprint can be a challenging and rewarding experience that tests both your physical and mental capabilities.

### Team Sprint 16+

- 750m Swim
- 20K Bike
- 5K Run

The team event consists of 2-3 people. The team sprint requires strength from all riders on the team as well as perfect execution, and sprint endurance from the final rider.

# TAX NOTICES MAILED

Property tax notices for 2026 were mailed on Tuesday May 19, 2026 to approximately 1250 property owners in the Town of Beaverlodge. Along with their tax notices, property owners will receive details on:

- Understanding the 2026 Beaverlodge Budget.
- Education property tax brochure.

The 2026 budget can be found on our website at [www.beaverlodge.ca](http://www.beaverlodge.ca) – Local Government - Budget

Property tax payments are due by July 31, 2026. Payments made after this date will be subject to a penalty.



## 1. Payments Can Be Made:

- Online at the Town website, credit card or paypal (subject to a convenience fee);
- Through banking institutions using online banking;
- Interact E-Transfer, payment can be sent to [accountspayable@beaverlodge.ca](mailto:accountspayable@beaverlodge.ca) and quote your tax roll number.
- By cheque mailed to the Town of Beaverlodge, Box 30 Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0; and
- In-person, from 9am-12 (noon) and 1pm-5pm



## 2. Require More Information?

Residents and businesses that require further information regarding their assessments can contact Adele Johnston at [ajohnston@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:ajohnston@countygp.ab.ca) or 780-513-3952 Ext. 1271.



## 3. New Property Owners

New property owners who have not received their property tax notice should contact the Town office as soon as possible. Authorizations can be made by:

- Emailing [taxes@beaverlodge.ca](mailto:taxes@beaverlodge.ca);
- Calling 780-354-2201;
- Faxing 1-877-309-9281 or,
- By mail to the Town of Beaverlodge, Box 30 Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0

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## Upcoming Events:

**June** - Parks & Recreation Month

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

**June 4** - Senior's Appreciation  
BINGO- Registration Required

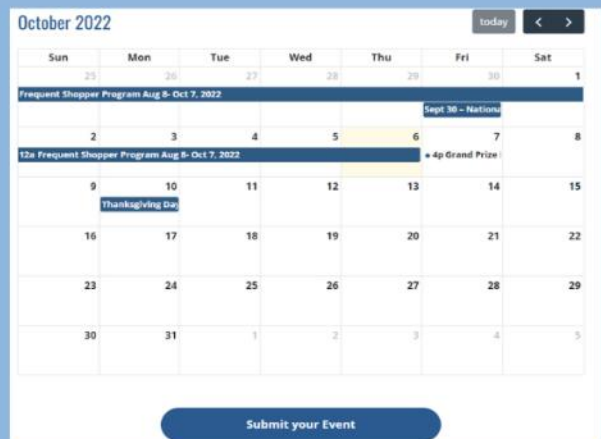
**June 5** - Art Walk

**June 8** - Council Meeting

**June 22** - Council Meeting

**July 1** - Canada Day- Town Office  
Closed

## Did you Know About The Town Community Calendar?



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