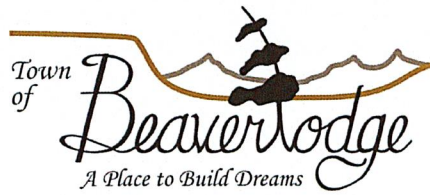


AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2026, AT 6:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS #400-10 STREET BEAVERLODGE
Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 250 672 295 096 60 Passcode: BR2Ys6pi

1.0	<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> <i>Town of Beaverlodge's Legislative Meetings are being live streamed effective June 12, 2023, via Council resolution #145-2023-05-23.</i>	
2.0	<u>LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:</u>	PP 2
3.0	<u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA:</u>	
4.0	<u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES:</u> 4.1 October 13, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes	PP 3-5
5.0	<u>DELEGATIONS:</u> 5.1 West Peace Medical Centre – Dr Camellia Presley & Etienne Kuhn	PP 6
6.0	<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> 6.1 Maskwa Medical Center Request 6.2 Town & Country News Request	PP 7 PP 8
7.0	<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> 7.1 Minister Ellis, Deputy Premier and Public Safety & Emergency Services meeting follow-up 7.2 West Peace Medical Centre Request	n/a n/a
8.0	<u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u> 8.1 Oct 13, 2026 Special Council Minutes	PP 9,10
9.0	<u>COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:</u> 9.1 Action List 9.2 Manager Reports	PP 11 PP 12-14
10.0	<u>CLOSED SESSION:</u>	

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS #400 – 10 ST. BEAVERLODGE, ALBERTA

COUNCIL	Mayor Gary Rycroft Councillor Trevor Bartsch, online Councillor Jen Wolan Councillor Richard Lappenbush	Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Councillor Hugh Graw Councillor Tyke Longmore, online
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STAFF	Jeff Johnston, CAO Tina Letendre, Deputy CAO, absent Nichole Young, Legislative Services
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gary Rycroft called the meeting to order. **6:00 PM**

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

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3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

#222-2026-10-13 Councillor Jen Wolan

CARRIED: That Council approves the agenda with the addition to New Business of 7.6 Aquatera Water Main Line.

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

4.1 September 28, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes

#223-2026-10-13 Councillor Hugh Graw

CARRIED: That Council adopts the Minutes of the September 28, 2026 Council meeting.

5.0 DELEGATIONS:

5.1 Michelle Takala-Grocholski – Satin Slippers Dance Studio

#224-2026-10-13 Councillor Hugh Graw

CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.



Councillor Tyke Longmore joined the meeting online

6:10 PM

6.0 OLD BUSINESS:

7.0 NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Town & Country News Request

#225-2026-10-13 Councillor Richard Lappenbush

CARRIED: That Council tables this item until all Council members are present.

7.2 South Peace Centennial Museum Sponsorship Request

#226-2026-10-13 Councillor Hugh Graw

CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.

7.3 South Peace Centennial Museum Halloween Request

#227-2026-10-13 Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.

7.4 South Peace Centennial Museum Christmas Village Request

#228-2026-10-13 Councillor Hugh Graw

CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.

7.5 Community Center Basement Update

#229-2026-10-13 Councillor Jen Wolan

CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.

7.6 Aquatera Water Main Line

#230-2026-10-13 Councillor Richard Lappenbush

CARRIED: That Council directs Administration to initiate a discussion with Aquatera and shareholders on a water transmission line to Beaverlodge.

Councillor Trevor Bartsch joined the meeting online

6:45PM

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

8.1 September Bylaw Report

#231-2026-10-13 Councillor Jen Wolan

CARRIED: That Council accepts this report for information.



9.0 COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 Action List

#232-2026-10-13 Councillor Richard Lappenbush

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

9.2 Council Reports

#233-2026-10-13 Mayor Gary Rycroft

CARRIED: That Council accepts the Council Reports for information.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION:

11.0 ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gary Rycroft adjourned the meeting.

7:00 PM

Mayor Gary Rycroft

Jeff Johnston, CAO

DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Name of Delegates(s):

Dr Camellia Presley
Etienne Kuhn

Representing:

Physicians/NP at West Peace Medical Centre

Phone Number:

780-354-3044

Email:

westpeacemedical@borealispcn.ca

Topic:

Request for
Financial Support for operating
expenses - to aid in recruitment +
retention of physicians

Staff Familiar with topic:

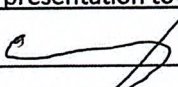
Jeff Johnson

Attached Information:

Notes:

Limit presentation to 15 minutes

Delegate Signature:



Date:

October 21, 2026

All notifications and documentations must be sent to 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: Oct 26, 2026 - 6pm

Approved to Present by: J. Johnston

Date: 2026-10-22

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via Council resolution #145-2023-05-23**

Nichole Young

From: nyoung@beaverlodge.ca
Subject: Re: Support for the Maskwa Medical Center

Thank you for your response! I've included some examples in hopes to provide more clarification for exploring how the Town of Beaverlodge may be able to support the Maskwa Medical Center and the Northern Alberta Medical Program.

1. Raising Awareness of NAMP

There are several ways the Town could help raise awareness of NAMP within the community, including:

- Connecting with local junior high teachers interested in introducing students to the program that is being offered in our region and, if schedules permit, arranging for a NAMP representative to present to students.
- Sharing information through the Town's website, social media, and other community communication channels. I can send a shared folder of promotional materials already developed that I would be happy to provide.
- Sharing information through local community organizations, businesses, and events where opportunities arise.

We are flexible and would welcome any opportunities that fit the Town's existing communication and community engagement activities.

2. Community Champion

We are open to a community champion from any background, including an elected official, Town Administration, healthcare professional, business owner, or community leader. Ideally, this would be someone connected to the community who is passionate about regional healthcare and supporting not-for-profit organizations. Your suggestions were great!

The role would primarily involve sharing Maskwa's mission through community conversations and existing connections, helping build awareness, and introducing the initiative to potential partners or supporters when opportunities arise. There are many organizations and areas within our region that still are unaware of Maskwa and its mission. By raising awareness and having others share, this is extremely helpful! As the project progresses, there may also be opportunities to assist with future fundraising through introductions and community engagement.

Thank you again for your consideration and willingness to explore ways to support these important regional healthcare initiatives. We appreciate the opportunity to work together with council to strengthen awareness and community support! If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Warm regards,

Alise Rombs (She/Her) MSN, RN

Nursing Instructor - Nursing Education & Health Studies

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POLYTECHNIC



Nichole Young

From: nyoung@beaverlodge.ca
Subject: 2027 ad offer/Town & Country News

From: Rebecca Dika <rebecca@nextchapterpublishing.ca>
Subject: Re: {External}2027 ad offer/Town & Country News
Hi Jeff,

It's time.

It's time the Town of Beaverlodge got behind their local community newspaper.

We just welcomed Birch Hills County as a municipal partner with an aggressively price subscription/ad package. They join Saddle Hills County and the Town of Sexsmith who have similar partnerships with us, and have had for years.

The County of Grande Prairie has had a full page black and white ad in every edition for several years.

As Beaverlodge is home to Town & Country News, the town has an obligation to regularly support one of the few community newspapers left in Northwestern Alberta.

I know council is committed to the production of the newsletter so I am offering these rates for consideration in your upcoming budget talks for 2027.

With Town & Country News, the town can reach beyond Beaverlodge boundaries to all of their neighbours: Let them know about pool schedules, upcoming events, town services and more.

I have quoted black and white rates to offer the most cost-efficient way to round out your communications toolbox.

*Weekly full page ad: \$904.50 discounted to \$588: **35% discount**. Annual cost \$30,576*
*Weekly half-page ad: Regular price \$631.50 discounted to \$410: **35% discount**. Annual cost \$21,320*
*Bi-weekly full page ad: \$904.50 discounted to \$678: **25% discount**. Annual cost \$17,628*
*Bi-weekly half page ad: Regular price \$631.50 discounted to \$473: **25% discount**. Annual cost \$12,298*

To be frank, I can tell you that without some consistent level of support from the Town of Beaverlodge in 2027, we will be forced to move the business out of Beaverlodge. I hope you and council will see your way clear to join the other South and Central Peace municipalities in supporting community journalism.

Council should consider the coverage we have supplied through the years, on local people and organizations, the hospital replacement, arena, firehall and much.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your consideration.

Rebecca Dika
Publisher - Town & Country News/GP Regional News
townandcountrynews.ca
780-882-5869



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2026 AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400-10 ST, BEAVERLODGE

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

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

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gary Rycroft called the meeting to order. **6:00 PM**

2.0 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

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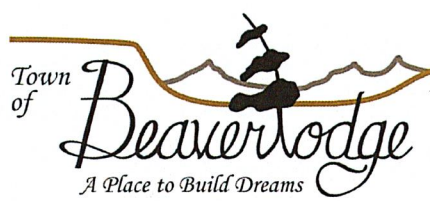
3.0 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#008-2026-10-15 Councillor Jen Wolan
CARRIED: That the agenda be adopted as presented.

4.0 **DELEGATION:**

5.0 **OLD BUSINESS:**

6.0 **NEW BUSINESS:**



9.0 **CLOSED SESSION:**

#009-2026-10-15 Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus **6:01 PM**

CARRIED: That Council moves into Closed Session for item 9.1 Personnel – Confidential Evaluations – CAO (*Access to Information act Part 1 Division 2 Section 22*)

#010-2026-10-15 Councillor Trevor Bartsch **7:03 PM**

CARRIED: That Council moves out of Closed Session.

#011-2026-10-15 Councillor Tyke Longmore

CARRIED: That Council directs Administration to proceed as discussed.

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Gary Rycroft adjourned the Special Council Meeting. **7:13 PM**

Mayor Gary Rycroft

Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

Item Number	Subject	Requested On	People Responsible	Item Notes	Status	Target Date of Completion
1	Fixed Income Tax Rebate	27-Apr-26	CAO/Admin	Investigate and research alternative frameworks that may exist for a Property Tax Rebate Program for fixed income residents.	In progress	
2	Aquatera	13-Oct-26	CAO/Admin	Initiate discussion with Aquatera & shareholders regarding a water transmission line to Beaverlodge	In progress	
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Current: October 26, 2026

Monthly Report to Council

From: *Reanna Stockman*
FCSS Program Coordinator

Date: October
22, 2026
Department:
FCSS

Project/Event	Highlights/Concerns
Food Bank	September saw 118 clients for Food Bank with \$2,510 handed out in gift cards. Christmas Hamper applications open November 4, 2026.
Transportation	September had a total of 74 riders. (16 x Monday riders, 20 x Tuesday riders, 27 x Wednesday Riders, and 11 x Thursday riders.) Total of 31 trips were for medical purposes. 11 new riders in September and 10 Hythe riders. We have two private bus bookings for October.
Meals on Wheels	September served 67 meals to 4 clients with all deliveries made by CRAVEE.
Fall Programming	• Service Canada October 13 • Futureworks October 15 • Teen Skills-SPFX Make-Up October 23 • CSW Camp – October 23 • Teen Skills – Self Defense November 6 • CSW Camp – November 6 • Community Scam Presentation November 10 • Futureworks November 17 • Mary Lambert Children's Concert November 19 • Home Alone November 20
ESS Training	ESS Shelter Module Training November 12.
FCSSAA Conference	I will be attending the annual FCSSAA Conference in Edmonton November 24-27.

Monthly Report to Council

Date: October 2026

From: Tanya Harvey

Department: Recreation

Project/Event	Highlights/Concerns
NuVista Energy Centre	Aquatics: - November/December Swim lessons were released to the public on October 15th. - The annual aquatics shutdown is scheduled for October 19 – November 3, 2026. We will complete routine maintenance on the pool basins and mechanical components. - Members can provide their membership at the Eastlink Centre in order to receive 20% off their drop-in - School lessons have begun. - Lifesaving Sport Club is open for registration! - We offered the Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion course. This is the first of three courses needed to become a certified Lifeguard.
Community Kitchen & Gym	- Pickleball rents the gymnasium twice weekly. - Rental requests for Club Volleyball running December – May have begun.
Community Center/Multipurpose Room	- Pickleball runs daily in the Community Centre. - Elections Alberta rented the Community Centre for 9 days. - A Corporate training event was held in the Community Centre – they began their day with a team-building event at the Arena. - C.S.W. day camps are hosted in the Community Centre. - The South Peace Farmers Market held the Pumpkin Market in both spaces on October 24th.
Arena	- An adult hockey team has booked in for many Sunday evenings. - St. Mary Catholic School booked ice for a Junior High options class every Friday afternoon. - Several electrical upgrades and repairs were completed.
Community Programs	The Recreation Centre has partnered with FCSS to offer C.S.W. Day Camps for the school year.



BEAVERLODGE FIRE SERVICES



September 2026 Fire Service Review

For the month of September, Beaverlodge Fire Services responded to a total of 20 incidents. In comparison to 2025, there was a 23.08% decrease in call volume.

Within town limits: 11 Incidents (55% total incident response)

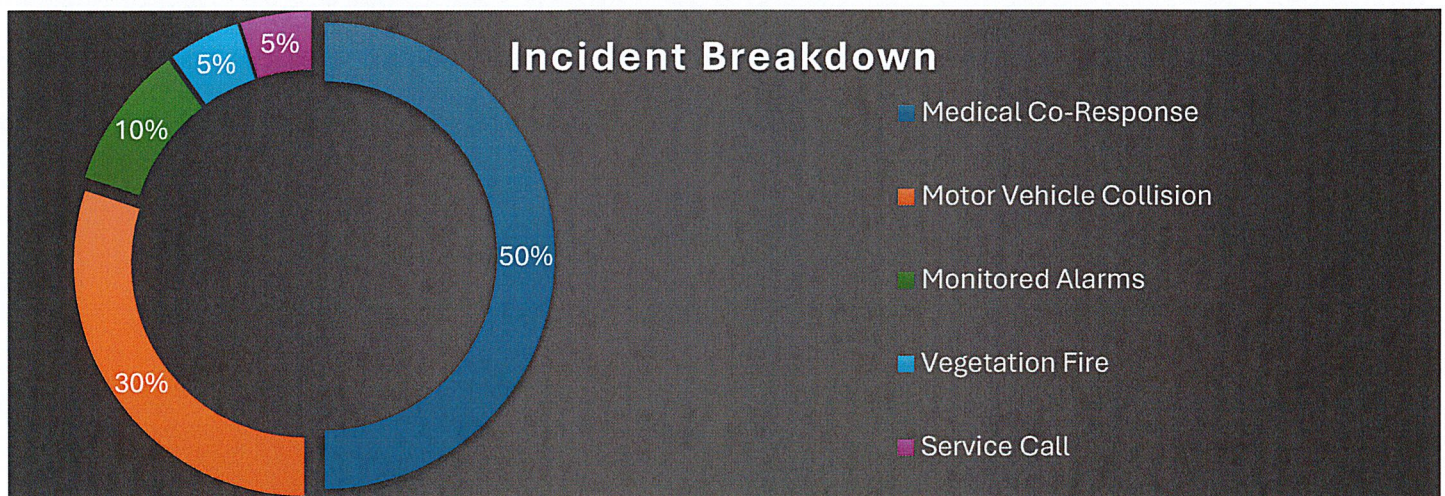
- 8 Medical Co-Response
- 2 Monitored Alarm
- 1 Service Call

Within the County of Grande Prairie & mutual aid districts: 9 Incidents (45% total incident response)

- 2 Medical Co-Response
- 1 Vegetation Fire
- 6 Motor Vehicle Collision

Member average for incident response: 2.45

Daily incident average for the month: 0.67 per day



September Highlights:

- Three members successfully completed the NFPA 1001 Level II examination.
- Two members completed a week-long High-Performance Teams Leadership and Development training program.
- Beaverlodge Fire Services responded to 20 incidents in September, with 55% occurring within town limits and 45% in the County of Grande Prairie and mutual aid districts.
- Medical co-response calls accounted for half of all September incidents, with 10 responses recorded across the service area.