



# RM of Beaver River No. 622

Providing ratepayers with  
current and correct information  
pertaining to the RM

November 2024

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## Mail-in Ballot Voting System

Are you unable to attend the November 13, 2024 General Election for the RM of Beaver River? We offer the option for mail-in ballot registration. If you are unable to register for a ballot in person, a voter's registration form and mail-in ballot declaration can be filled in and witnessed by any of the following:

- ◆ the returning officer (at the municipal office);
- ◆ the deputy returning officer (at the municipal office);

OR

- ◆ an enumerator;
- ◆ a notary public;
- ◆ a commissioner for oaths;
- ◆ any other person authorized to sign oaths; or
- ◆ a lawyer.

\*\*Please ensure you present picture identification to the witness\*\*

Forms can be accessed on [www.rmofbeaverriver622.ca](http://www.rmofbeaverriver622.ca)

Forward your completed forms to the municipal office by mail, fax or email.

The actual Mail-in Ballots will be mailed out to you before the election and are to be returned by November 13, 2024 to be counted.

November 13, 2024 Election is for the positions of Reeve and Councillors in Divisions 1 and 5.

## Reeve Candidates

### Alvin Fedyk

Hello, my name is Alvin Fedyk, and I am excited to introduce myself to the community. I was born and raised in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, where I began my career at a young age. My journey in the workforce started in construction, and I eventually advanced to the role of foreman for a road construction and gravel crushing company. In 1989, I relocated to the Pierceland area, and in 1992, my wife and I proudly took over the family ranch. Together, we continue to run the ranch and cherish the moments we share with our four children and their spouses and our grandchildren. I was a director for the Beaver River Agricultural Environmental Group Plan and as a Crop Reporter for the Government of Saskatchewan. These roles have deepened my commitment to our agricultural community and the environment. I am running for the position of Reeve because I believe in fostering a community where every ratepayer is treated with respect. If elected, I will dedicate myself to working tirelessly for the betterment of the RM of 622. I welcome your feedback and concerns—please don't hesitate to reach out to me at 306-839-4708 (home) or 306-839-7629 (cell). I truly value your support, and I encourage you to vote on November 13, 2024. Together, we can create a bright future for our community. Thank you!

### Joe Rolfes

I was born and raised in Goodsoil Saskatchewan. I am a farmer, business owner and entrepreneur. I am running for the Position of Reeve in our Rural Municipality, and I believe that local government can have an enormous influence on our daily lives. I am in favour of smaller government with less rules and lower taxes. We have a very diverse population in our RM with both farmers and the community of people at the lakeshore developments. Both groups need a voice and I feel I have the capability to understand and mediate both of these varied individuals. I consider the majority of people would prosper with less rules and more independence to live their lives as they see fit.

### Kevin Turchyn

I am very proud to have been part of this RM community since 1964. Over the past five decades, several members of my family have served on the RM Council as Reeve and council members. I am honoured to continue to serve my neighbours and community members.

Both my past and present employment have given me the skills and experience needed to serve as Reeve. I currently own and operate a ranch and understand the challenges and hardship our local producers face. In addition to managing my ranch, I have worked as a contractor across western Canada since 1983. From 2006 to 2016, I worked as a superintendent for Cenovus Energy at Christina Lake. During this time, I had the opportunity to develop managerial skills through various courses, managing projects and budgets, and gained experience in running meetings. I am currently working as Vice President of Operations for a large company located within the RM.

While I am a rancher, I also relate to acreage owners and lake lot owners. I currently own property at one of the lakeshore developments at Lac Des Isles and several of my family and close friends are acreage owners within the RM. It is important for our Reeve to see all aspects of property ownership in the RM, both producers and acreage owners.

And finally, I have held the position of Reeve for the past six years. I have gained experience during my time as Reeve and am proud of what we have accomplished. I would be honoured to continue working for the people of this RM.

We would like to see a record number of voters for this years election. We want to hear from our ratepayers and be sure they feel well represented by both their Reeve and council members. Please make time to vote on November 13 or take advantage of the chance to vote by mail.

**Division 3 Councilor Dwayne Degenhardt was elected by acclamation**

## Division 1 Candidates

### Jason VonGrad

My name is Jason VonGrad, and I was born and raised in Goodsoil Saskatchewan. I am a farmer and cattleman, and have experience operating heavy equipment. I am running for the position of councillor in Division 1 as I believe my experience can benefit the RM with my knowledge of mechanics and equipment and my capability of being an unbiased councillor who listens to the people without offering my own opinion. I have experience in buying and selling equipment, and would be a valuable asset in that regard, and would spend the RM's money as if it were my own. I believe we should not be overspending and making large purchase decisions without complete transparency to the public, who is paying for it

### Matthew Wiatr

Casting your vote for me, I will do my best to continue the improvement of Division One in the RM of Beaver River. I am committed to addressing the concerns of everyone who approaches me, which has contributed to the betterment of our infrastructure in Division One. Throughout the last four years, I have gained valuable experience and have appreciated my involvement in the community. I look forward to your support on election day. Thank you.

## Division 5 Candidates

### Dale Laursen

Hi neighbors,

I'd like to use this moment of your time to introduce myself. My name is Dale Laursen, and I have been a resident of our RM for over 25 years. As a lifelong rural resident, I understand the challenges and opportunities living in our beautiful area. From managing the family farm to being a small business owner to raising my children here.

When I moved to the RM in the 1990s, I was farming and working in the oilfield. I worked in the oilfield for over 30 of years before life gave me a change of pace. I currently own The Three Stooges Bargain Bin Thrift Store in Pierceland. I have also volunteered for numerous organizations within our communities over the years, from Westbound Fisheries to Trap Netters to Pierceland Fire Department to Pierceland Minor Hockey to Pierceland Minor Ball to the Beaver River Crime Watch.

I am running for the Division 5 Councillor because it is important to ensure that all voices across the RM are fairly represented. I am dedicated to providing integrity and accountability, where every financial and operational decision is made with complete transparency. To ensure that the decisions we would make are in the best interests of our community. I am not afraid to roll up my sleeves and commit to being a responsible, accessible councillor who will represent all in our RM.

I encourage everyone to get out and vote so your voice can be heard.

It is your participation that makes a real difference!

### Lorne Wyss

I have lived in the area all of my life. I have logged, ranched, farmed and fished throughout that time. I am 66 years old.

I am very approachable, and all concerns brought to me will be dealt with immediately. My main goal from the start, 6 years ago as Councillor, was/is keeping taxes down and all of our roads in the best shape that they can be. Government interference is an ongoing problem and we have to control the RM ourselves. The Reeve, Councillors and taxpayers together; we will get this done.

I look forward to being elected in the November 13<sup>th</sup> election and continuing on as your Division 5 Councillor.

Thank-you,

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BEAVER RIVER NO. 622

### Public Notice – Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622 (RM) intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*. Bylaw No 07-24 to amend Bylaw No. 57 known as the Zoning Bylaw (ZB).

**INTENT:** Proposed Bylaw 07-24 would rezone a proposed residential subdivision from agricultural to LD1 – Lakeshore residential to accommodate for density and site size requirements.

**AFFECTED LAND:** LOT 4, BLK 1, PLAN 00B01503 & SE-27-62-23-W3M EXT 70 in Northern Meadows will be affected by the proposed bylaws.

**REASON:** accommodate the proposed subdivision to comply with density and site size requirements.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION:** Any person may inspect the bylaws at the RM Office during regular business hours, excluding statutory holidays. Hard copies will be available to the public at a cost or by contacting the RM Office and asking for a digital copy.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Council will hold a public hearing at **10:15AM** on **November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**, to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received **on or before November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, by the undersigned at the RM office by hardcopy or email before the hearing. The RM office is located at 159 Main Street, Pierceland, SK, S0M 2K0. The RM Office contact information: (306) 839-2060 or [rm622@sasktel.net](mailto:rm622@sasktel.net).

**Issued by the Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622 this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.**

S. Yvonne Prusak, RPP, MCIP  
Development Officer / Municipal Planner  
RM of Beaver River No. 622



#### Goodsoil Transfer Site

Effective January 1, 2025 the normal operating hours for the Goodsoil Transfer Site are as follows:

Thursdays	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sundays	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



**Election Day—November 13, 2024**



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**Polls open 9 am to 8 pm**

**Vote for Reeve and/or Division 1 Councillor**

**Goodsoil**

**Lions Room**

**Goodsoil Recreation Centre**

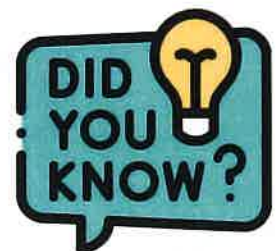
**Vote for Reeve and/or Division 5 Councillor**

**Pierceland**

**Josie Britton Centre**

### **November**

- ◆ According to weather folklore, a heavy November snow will last until April
- ◆ November babies are more likely to be left-handed
- ◆ The Yo-Yo was patented on November 20, 1866
- ◆ Ford Model A production began November 1, 1927





# BEAVER RIVER CRIME WATCH



Rural Crime Watch is a community driven, community led, police supported, crime prevention and reduction collaborative program. The Rural Crime Watch program in Saskatchewan is a partnership between the Saskatchewan Rural Crime Watch Association (SRCWA), local Beaver River Crime Watch, the RCMP, and its authorized Protection and Response Team (PRT). The RCMP's PRT partners include Saskatchewan Conservation Officer Services and Saskatchewan Highway Patrol. Beaver River Crime Watch members are volunteers who serve as the 'Eyes and Ears' of their communities and contact the police to report suspicious activities.

## Role of the Members

- Report all unusual or suspicious vehicles or occurrences immediately to the RCMP or for emergencies: 911.
- Respond to RCMP fan-out messages.
- Make an inventory of your property and mark all your valuables with your Driver's License Number.
- Display your Rural Crime Watch signs as soon as you receive them.
- Attend any information meetings held in your area and take an active part in your community.

## Membership Benefits - Why Join RCW?

- Encourages becoming aware of suspicious activities by getting to know your neighbour.
- The eyes and ears of a safe community
- Membership ready to assemble if/when patrolling becomes necessary
- Communication system a great way to send info across the County in a hurry.
- Signage - discourages intruders. Potential Criminals know what the yellow signs mean AND MOVE ON
- Be included in our Crime Watch Fanouts!

The group uses Facebook and Messenger as social media platform for real-time communication to members of unusual or suspicious activity in the area. Beaver River Crime Watch promotes safe practice initiatives, provides updates related to the organisation, and is used to boost awareness of any issues within the community. Our Facebook page and Messenger platforms are maintained with a commitment to privacy to prevent any potential compromise of ongoing investigations conducted by law enforcement or conservation officers.

Beaver River Crime Watch would like to extend an invitation to all residents of the RM of 622 and the Village of Pierceland and Goodsoil to join the Rural Crime Watch Group. Connect with them through email at: [beaverrivercrimewatch@gmail.com](mailto:beaverrivercrimewatch@gmail.com) or Call Dale Laursen 780-812-5225

If you are interested in joining, please fill out and submit the Membership Form which can be picked up at the RM office, village of Goodsoil and The Three Stooges Bargain Bin in Pierceland.



## Public Notice:

Please note that the following items are included on the Regular meeting (Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024) agenda:

### Agenda:

- Council Procedures Bylaw

## Dad Jokes



LOADING

When does a joke become a dad joke?

When it becomes apparent.

I went to buy a pair of camouflage pants...

But I couldn't find any.

When is the best time to call your dentist?

Tooth-hurty.

Where do sheep go on vacation?

The Baaaa-hamas.

**Regular RM Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm**

**Snowploughing**

The Snowploughing of Private Drives and Lanes Policy was amended via Council resolution #227-24 at the September 19th meeting. The changes include:



- Flag fee price increased to **\$100.00 per flag** (per service).
- **Bus routes, primary municipal roads and secondary municipal roads are priority. Driveways may be ploughed only AFTER the aforementioned is complete, as time permits.** Furthermore, the property owner acknowledges that on occasion, due to unforeseen circumstances, that their laneway may not be ploughed by the Municipality and that they may be required to make alternative arrangements to have the laneways ploughed.

**RM of Beaver River Career Opportunity**

The RM is now accepting applications for the **Temporary Administrator Position**. The full advertisement can be found on the RM Facebook page or the RM website under the “Ads” tab.



**REEVE AND COUNCIL CONTACT NUMBERS**

- Reeve: Kevin Turchyn (C) 306-839-4425
- Division 1: Matthew Wiatr (C) 306-819-0440
- Division 2: Brian Sawatzky (H) 306-839-2072
- Division 3: Dwayne Degenhardt (C) 780-812-8701
- Division 4: Ken Hammett (C) 780-903-8666
- Division 5: Lorne Wyss (H) 306-839-2038  
(C) 306-839-7766
- Division 6: Wayne Rewega (H) 306-839-2073  
(C) 306-839-7886
- Administrator: Nicole Neufeld 306-839-2060
- RM Office: RM622@sasktel.net 306-839-2060
- Lac des Iles Utilities Office: 306-839-2066

**The RM of Beaver River**

**office will be closed**

**Monday, November 11, 2024**

**In honour of Remembrance Day**



**Regular Council Meeting**

**November 21, 2024**

**8:30 am**

**at the RM of Beaver River  
Office in Pierceland**



