



RM of Beaver River No. 622

Providing ratepayers with
current and correct information
pertaining to the RM

September 2026

**159 Main Street, Pierceland
Box 129, Pierceland, SK S0M 2K0**

**306-839-2060
www.rmofbeaverriver622.ca**

The RM of Beaver River wishes to provide clarification in response to recent media reporting concerning the Court of King's Bench decision involving RM Councillor Dwayne Degenhardt and the RM Reeve Kevin Turchyn. The Court case was brought against both an elected Councillor and RM Reeve, and the matter involved the conduct of municipal council as a whole in relation to conflict-of-interest provisions under Saskatchewan Legislation.

The Court of King's Bench did find that the breaches of the conflict-of-interest rules occurred, however the court also determined that these breaches arose from inadvertence or honest mistake, and not from any intent to gain improper advantage. The court further noted that some of the practices in question reflected longstanding municipal customs within the RM, including how declarations of conflict were handled at council meetings.

It is also important to note that not all allegations raised in the application were upheld by the court. Several claims were dismissed after the evidence was reviewed and the legal tests under the legislation were applied.

The RM further acknowledges that the court's decision included findings that the municipality's practices did not align with the requirements of the Act, and the court indicated that improvements to procedures and governance practices would be appropriate moving forward.

In, addition, the municipality voted in favor of paying for legal fees of the Reeve and Councillor. As a result, these costs are borne by the taxpayers of the RM of Beaver River because one member of council has taken this to court. The total legal costs for this court action were \$39,904.91.

While media coverage has focused primarily on the breaches identified, the RM believes that it is important that the full context of the decision be understood, including the court's findings regarding intent, the involvement of both the Councillor and the Reeve, and the broader governance issues identified by the court.

If a ratepayer of the RM of Beaver River No. 622 has any concerns, they are asked to contact the RM office at 306-839-2060 or email the Administrator at debbierm622@outlook.com



Running for Municipal Council

Consider running for municipal council

Municipalities are the level of government closest to the people, delivering services that residents rely on every day. **Saskatchewan needs citizens to take on leadership roles as council members** to represent their communities and provide direction on policies, programs and services.

Council members are entrusted to make decisions that directly affect the daily lives of residents, families, local business owners and others in the community.

Where to learn more

Learning about your municipality and the roles and responsibilities of a council member will assist you to decide if running for council is the right fit for you.

Scan the QR code or visit saskatchewan.ca for information on running for municipal council, including:

- The purpose of a municipality and role of council
- Information on your municipality and council
- Things to consider before running for council
- Responsibilities and responsible conduct of council members
- How to run for council
- Key documents after you are elected
- Additional municipal election resources

Key standards and values of a council member

- Honesty
- Objectivity
- Respect
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Confidentiality
- Leadership and the Public Interest
- Responsibility



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Appendix C

FORM H

*[Section 66 of the Act]***Notice of Call for Nominations
(Municipal Elections)**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office(s) of:

Councillor: Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622

Division No. 2, 4, 6

will be received by the undersigned on the 6th day of October, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622, 159 Main Street, Pierceland, Saskatchewan, and during regular business hours on September 21th to October 5th 2026, at the Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622, 159 Main Street, Pierceland, Saskatchewan.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location(s):

The Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622 Office, 159 Main Street, Pierceland, Saskatchewan.

Dated this 20^h day of August, 2026.

Debbie Johnson
(Returning Officer)

How to Make a Rental Reduction Request on Agricultural Crown Land

The Rental Reduction Request Form can be completed by any agricultural Crown land lessee who has experienced uninsurable losses on their leased land due to an uncontrollable natural event (i.e. flooding, fire). The lessee is required to complete the form by declaring that the losses were ineligible for insurance coverage. The form must be submitted by October 1. Once a completed form is received, it will be reviewed by a Land Management Specialist who will work with the lessee to verify the request which may include a land inspection or the development of a restoration plan. For additional information, please contact your [regional office](#).

North West Region
North Battleford Regional Office
A131-1192 102nd Street North Battleford, SK S9A 1E9
306-446-7962



Consider Running for Municipal Council
Citizens guide for candidacy in municipal elections

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On Monday, November 9, 2026, municipal elections will be held for councillors representing even-numbered divisions.

Citizens Guide is available at: <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/api/v1/products/81959/formats/93984/download>

Other election information is available on the Saskatchewan.ca website.

Candidate Eligibility

- ♦ Is at least 18 years old on the day of the election.
- ♦ Is not disqualified pursuant to this or any other Act.
- ♦ Is a Canadian citizen at the time that he/she submits the nomination paper.
- ♦ Has lived in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which he/she submitted the nomination paper, AND:
- ♦ Lives in Saskatchewan; AND
- ♦ Is eligible to vote in the rural municipality.

To **vote** in an RM election in Saskatchewan, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen;
- be at least 18 years of age and one of the following:
- have lived in the RM (or land now in the RM) for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election;
- be the registered owner of property in the RM (or land now in the RM);
- be the assessed person with respect to property situated in the RM (or property now in the RM, refer to Section 207 of The Act);
- be the occupant of a trailer or mobile home in the municipality (or land now situated in the municipality) that is object of a permit required (refer to Section 306 of The Act);
- be the spouse of an eligible voter mentioned in a, b or c; or
- be the chief executive officer of a duly incorporated co-operative, corporation or religious association that is assessed on the last revised assessment roll with respect to property in the RM that is not exempt from taxation.

Where an RM is divided into divisions, each voter is entitled to vote for reeve and one division councillor. The division a person is eligible to vote is determined by the first applicable clause as listed above in points a to f. For example, a person who lives in Division 3 but is the registered owner of property located in Division 4 will vote for the councillor in Division 3 and the reeve.

Regular Council Meeting

September 15, 2026

8:30 am

at the RM of Beaver River Office in Pierceland



Property taxes are due December 31, 2026 but rate-payers can take advantage of discounts on the municipal portion of your taxes by paying early. The school tax portion of your property taxes cannot be discounted.

August 20, 2026

Ms. Debbie Johnson, Acting Administrator
RM of Beaver River
Box 129
PIERCELAND SK S0M 2K0

Dear Ms. Debbie Johnson:

Re : Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP)
Disaster Type : Flooding

I am pleased to confirm that your request for designation as an eligible assistance area under PDAP has been approved. This approval is subject to the terms and conditions as set out in this letter, the Private Property Application form, the enclosed information and the

Provincial Disaster Assistance Program Regulations.

Important Dates To Remember :

PDAP Registered Disaster Date:	August 19, 2026
Registration of Claims Must Be Returned to PDAP by:	February 19, 2027
Work Must Be Completed by:	August 19, 2027

Enclosed is a copy of the approved municipal designation, the Private Property Application form for private property damages and the Private Property Application Instruction Guide. Please photocopy the application and the Private Property Application Instruction Guide as required.

Please have the property owners complete and return the Private Property Application form to the municipal office or PDAP, as soon as possible. As well, please ensure each claimant is provided with a copy of the Private Property Application Instruction Guide. As the applications are returned, please mail batches of the ORIGINAL application to the PDAP office. Original signatures are required for PDAP claim files. Once the claim is registered in the PDAP office, an adjuster will be assigned to the claim.

Your assistance and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact PDAP at 1-866-632-4033.

Sincerely,



Noel McAvena
Executive Director
Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

Enclosures: Copy of Approved Designation
Private Property Application Form
Private Property Application Instruction Guide
PDAP Guidelines for Private Claims

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



Canada Geese

Canada Geese practice assortative mating, seeking out partners who are similar in size. They also stick to one mate for life, with adult birds waiting until they are at least two years old to seek out partners.

Goslings—the name for goose chicks—can learn to swim within one day of being born. As they get older, they sometimes form groups with other goslings called gang broods. The gang brood travels and feeds together under the watchful eyes of the parent geese.

The distinctive V-pattern Canada Geese fly in while migrating actually has a purpose—it helps the birds maintain their energy and improves communication. Each bird flies above the bird in front of them to reduce wind resistance. And being able to see the other birds aids overall coordination. When the lead bird gets tired, it moves to the back of the group for a much-deserved rest.

A single Canada Goose has between 20,000 and 25,000 feathers. The vast majority of those feathers are short, stubby down that helps insulate the bird from cold water and freezing temperature. To keep the feathers in top condition, they are all replaced every year through a process called molt. The feathers of the head and body are molted gradually over a period of months, but flight feathers of the wings are all shed at once in late summer, causing the goose to be grounded for three to five weeks.



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: Debbie Johnson 306-839-2060

RM Office: RM622@sasktel.net 306-839-2060

Lac des Iles Utilities Office: 306-839-2066

Updated Subdivision maps are available for purchase at the RM office at a cost of \$10 + GST per map. Online versions are also available on our website:

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**The RM of Beaver River office
will be closed
Wednesday, September 30, 2026
to honour The National Day for
Truth and Reconciliation**