

**Beaver Emergency Services Commission (BESC)**



**Overview:**

The Beaver Emergency Services Commission (BESC) is a partnership between Tofield, Ryley, Holden, Viking, and Beaver County for the provision of fire protection and emergency management (disaster) services to member municipalities.

The fire service consists of six fire stations, 8 Pumpers, 2 Rescue, 3 Tankers, 7 Mini Pumpers, 2 Utility Vehicles, and 110 firefighters responding to 300+ emergencies annually. BESC employs a regional Emergency Manager and administrative assistant with headquarters located in Viking.

Emergency Management focuses on maintaining a regional Emergency Management Plan that will ensure effective utilization of resources on a regional basis rather than deployment of manpower and equipment from individual municipalities. The Director of Emergency Management ensures continuity is maintained combined with progressive updates to the regional Emergency Management Plan.

**Mandate:**

To provide administration and overall operation of fire and emergency management services for partner municipalities within Beaver County.

**2025/2026 Key Issues:**

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<b>Town Representation</b>	One member of Council and one alternate
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday evening of each month
<b>Conferences</b>	None
<b>Remuneration</b>	Paid by the Commission

**Beaver Foundation****Overview:**

Beaver Foundation was established in 1960 to construct and operate a seniors' lodge in Viking, with the original partnering municipalities of Beaver County, Viking, and Ryley. The Town of Tofield joined the Board in 1976, and the Village of Holden joined in 1983 when their lodges were constructed. In 1995, the Foundation also assumed control of the seniors' self-contained facilities within the Beaver County region.

The Board consists of five members – one Councillor from each participating municipality.

**Mandate:**

The Board's Mission Statement for the seniors' lodges is "... provision of accommodation in a home-like atmosphere for senior citizens, offering daily aids to living of the senior citizens in conjunction with other public service agencies, and offering opportunities for residents to participate in leisure, recreation, and social activities which foster their continuous involvement in family and community life".

The Board's Mission Statement for seniors' manors is "... provision of basic independent accommodation and maintenance services in a home-like atmosphere for senior citizens and low-income tenants".

**2025/2026 Key Issues:**

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<b>Town Representation</b>	One member of Council and one alternate
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening of each month
<b>Conferences</b>	Alberta Senior Citizens' Housing Association (ASCHA) - Spring
<b>Remuneration</b>	Paid by the Foundation (\$150 per meeting + \$0.50 per km)

**Beaver Regional Partnership  
(BRP)**



**Overview:**

Over the last few years, the municipalities in the Beaver County region have enjoyed increased intermunicipal cooperation and partnerships. In September 2010, in keeping with the spirit of continued dialogue and cooperation, each municipality agreed to membership in the Beaver Regional Partnership to discuss and implement matters of mutual regional interest.

The Committee replaces the traditional bi-annual Joint Council which met on a bi-annual basis. It acts as an advisory committee to each respective Council and has no decision-making powers. The Committee will recommend to individual Councils, consideration of intermunicipal cooperation in the following areas:

- Regional sustainability planning (economic, environmental, social, and governance),
- Development of a Regional Recreation, Parks, and Culture Master Plan,
- Regional economic development strategies,
- Regional citizen engagement,
- Development of a regional “voice” to lobby Federal and Provincial Governments or other agencies regarding matters of mutual interest.

The Committee includes seven members – three members from the County and one member from each of the towns and villages.

**Mandate:**

Advise and recommend to individual Councils on matters of mutual regional interest.

**2025/2026 Key Issues: None**

<b>Town Representation</b>	Mayor Chair of the Committee changes annually
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	As Required
<b>Conferences</b>	None
<b>Remuneration</b>	Paid by the Town

**Family and Community Support Services -  
Tofield & Beaver County West  
(FCSS)**



**Overview:**

The Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program is a joint Provincial (80%), municipally (20%) funded program. FCSS programs are preventive in nature, and promote and enhance the social well-being of individuals, families, and communities. The goal is to help individuals adopt a healthy lifestyle, improve quality of life, and build capacity to prevent crisis. The success of the program is dependent on community resources and volunteers. FCSS programs are based on local decision-making. It is recognized that communities are best able to identify needs and allocate resources appropriately. The Board consists of one member of Council and one public-at-large member.

**Mandate:**

Tofield & Beaver County West’s Vision is “Alberta’s diverse people building strong communities through positive, caring interaction and mutual respect”.

Its Mission is “... to enhance the quality of life of the residents, through the development of preventative programs and services designed to encourage volunteerism, promote well being, and strengthen the individual, family, and community”.

Its Aim is “... to assist the community in innovative planning to meet social needs. Projects will be designed to develop community awareness and resources to strengthen and preserve human initiative and to preclude family or individual breakdown.

**2025/2026 Key Issues:**

- Continue to create awareness of FCSS Youth Programming in the Community
- Poor Economic conditions have caused an increase in poverty & accessibility to programs for Seniors, families and individuals.
- Continue to create partnerships with other human services organizations to offer preventative social service programs in the areas of Tofield & Beaver County West

<b>Town Representation</b>	One member of Council and one public-at-large member.
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	Quarterly
<b>Conferences</b>	FCSSAA Annual Conference – November 26 -28, 2025
<b>Remuneration</b>	Paid by the Town

## Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission



### **Overview:**

The Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission recently purchased a waterline from CU Water Limited that transports potable water to 1250 customers over a distance of 130 kilometres from Sherwood Park to Kinsella. The Commission also owns water distribution facilities in Ryley, Holden, Bruce, Kinsella, Roundhill, and Kingman. Commission serves 1100+ customers with the Truckfills.

The Directors include one elected official from each of the member municipalities, for a total of 5 members.

### **Mandate:**

The Commission shall supply treated water services to all member municipalities that are connected to water lines operated by the Commission, and to any additional municipalities and non members, to whom the board of directors of the Commission from time to time decides to supply treated water services.

### **2025/2026 Key Issues: None**

<b>Town Representation</b>	One member of Council and one alternate
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	Meetings are held 4 times per year at the call of the Chair
<b>Conferences</b>	None
<b>Remuneration</b>	Paid by the Commission (\$185 per regular meeting, \$0.72 per km, other expenses upon receipt)

**Tofield Municipal Library**

**Overview:**

The Tofield Municipal Library provides library services to residents of the Town of Tofield and the rural Tofield area. Core services include collections and lending services, information technologies, reference and information services, children's services, and learning support and community information services. The library also acts in a supporting role as a community information and activities centre.

**Mandate:**

The Tofield Library Board's Vision is "Constantly strive to provide excellent public library services with access for all".

The Board's Mission is "Tofield Municipal Library opens a gateway to knowledge, entertainment, and lifelong learning. It makes our community a better place to live".

**2025/2026 Key Issues:**

- Develop a plan to make the library a more welcoming, inviting atmosphere and better/effective use of existing space.
- Ensure that the technological infrastructure effectively supports operations and services.
- Promote the Library through technology and written means via a communication plan.
- Develop plans and programs to provide high quality and efficient service to meet the needs of all residents of the Town of Tofield and surrounding area.
- Become a valuable partner of choice for key community organizations and agencies.
- Provide the staff resources required to deliver excellent services.
- Develop the capacity and profile of the Library Board to provide effective leadership in the development of library facilities, collections, and services to meet the needs of the community.

<b>Town Representation</b>	One member of Council
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday evening of each month
<b>Conferences</b>	None
<b>Remuneration</b>	Paid by the Town

**Northern Lights Library System  
(NLLS)**

**Overview:**

Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) is one of seven regional library systems across Alberta, helping deliver comprehensive, efficient library services to all Albertans, regardless of where they live.

The Northern Lights Library System offers the following services to member libraries and municipalities:

- a) Access to a combined inventory of materials and services for all patrons to enjoy;
- b) A gateway to global information services delivered locally;
- c) A strong and united voice in provincial library initiatives;
- d) System-wide back-end services so member libraries can concentrate on local customer service;
- e) Pooling of resources to maximize value and minimize costs;
- f) Support for member libraries to remain current in our ever-changing knowledge-based environment.

**Mandate:**

Its Mission Statement is “Working together to provide efficient, effective, and exceptional library services”.

**2025/2026 Key Issues:**

- Serves, supports and promotes our collective library services
- Provides technology to deliver enhanced library services.
- Serves their libraries and municipalities.
- Collaborates with libraries to best serve patrons.
- Libraries benefit from professional development.

<b>Town Representation</b>	One member of Council and alternate
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	3 times per year and cannot miss more than three consecutive Board meetings
<b>Conferences</b>	Provincial Conference (Alberta Library Conference - Yearly at end of April (Jasper)) Northern Lights Conference - Yearly in September (Elk Point)
<b>Remuneration</b>	Paid by the Town, Mileage paid by NLLS (\$0.50 per km)

**Tofield and Area Health Foundation**

**Overview:**

The Tofield and Area Health Services Foundation has been in existence since early 2004. Our mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance the role of the Tofield Health Centre as a provider of health care services to an expanding population in Tofield, Ryley, Holden, and the surrounding community. Working together, we support and fund excellence in health care at the Tofield Health Centre.

**Mandate:**

To ensure continued maximum local capacity and quality in the delivery of health services for Tofield and area residents.

**2025/2026 Key Issues: None**

<b>Town Representation</b>	One member of Council and alternate
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month
<b>Conferences</b>	None
<b>Remuneration</b>	Paid by the Town



## Tofield Welcome Initiative

### **Overview:**

The purpose of the Tofield Welcome Initiative is to make Tofield and area a community that is inviting, safe and accessible to all.

### **Mandate:**

The Tofield Welcome Initiative will: develop a diagnostic tool to measure the degree to which specific segments of the community feel welcome; develop and implement programming that would address the needs identified by the diagnostic tool, develop a culture whereby personal invitation, effective promotion strategies and community leader networking are all used effectively to engage residents in the life of the community; and raise community awareness of diversity so that events and activities are planned with appropriate consideration of the diversity within the community.

### **2025/2026 Key Issues: None**

### **Membership Composition:**

Members will be referred to as Community Ambassadors come from a variety of municipal, business and not for profit organizations

### **Term of Membership:**

- An **executive**: Committed to overseeing and coordinating the initiatives of the committee
- **Working Groups**: Ad hoc groups, established by the executive to accomplish specific initiatives.
- **Community ambassadors**: Interested individuals who represent a wide selection of municipal, business, and not for profit organizations who serve as champions for the purpose of WICC within their sphere of influence.

<b>Town Representation</b>	One member of Council and alternate
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	Call of the Chair
<b>Conferences</b>	None
<b>Remuneration</b>	Paid by the Town