

## Office Hours

### Tuesday & Wednesday

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

{P} 780-889-3774

{F} 780-889-2280



Box 60, Heisler, AB T0B 2A0

The Village has a 24 hour mail drop box for your convenience located next to the main door. Your receipt will be mailed to you. PLEASE do not deposit cash in the drop box.

Thank you

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## Council Highlights

These are some of the draft resolutions made at the December 11, 2014 regular council meeting of the Village of Heisler council.

- To pass bylaw #487-14, Fees and Charges
- To approve the proposed five-year Joint Quality Management Plan and Safety Codes Services Agreement
- To appoint Amanda Howell, CAO to the position of Development Officer for Heisler
- To approve Fire Chief, Joe Martz Dec 2013-Dec 2014 expenses for \$1,920.77
- To approve Mayor, Dennis Steil July-Dec 2014 expenses for \$846.50
- To approve Deputy Mayor, Kel Tetz Dec 2013-Dec 2014 expenses for \$3,245.00
- To approve Councillor, Sven Bernard Nov-Dec 2014 expenses for \$240.00
- To approve CAO, Amanda Howell Nov 21, 2014 expenses for \$83.00 and 19 training hours at regular pay minus deductions
- To approve Public Works Foreman, Cal MacAhonic Oct-Dec 2014 expenses for \$375.75
- To adopt an Interim Operating Budget for 2015
- To Reinvest the matured Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) for \$65,637.20 plus earned interest in a one-year cashable GIC
- To approve the Heisler staff 2014 Christmas gift budget of \$300.00
- To transfer \$500.00 into Recreation Reserves for 2015 playground project purchases
- To instruct the CAO inform the Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership committee that the Village of Heisler does not approve the per capita funding structure for a Regional Governance Study as recommended by the committee should the Alberta Communities Partnership (ACP) grant not be received and that Heisler does not approve of Regional Governance.

**Next regular council meeting: January 20, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.**

If you have a concern that you would like addressed by council and wish to make a presentation, please contact the Village office at least one week prior to the meeting to fill out a delegation form. All meetings are open to the public. Village email: [administration@villageofheisler.ca](mailto:administration@villageofheisler.ca)

Our Website: [www.villageofheisler.ca](http://www.villageofheisler.ca)

Copies of Bylaws, Policies, Procedures, Minutes and Newsletters are available at the Village Office and on our website for your review. The website features pictures, videos and business/recreation links. If you would like to advertise your business on our website, please contact the village office.

**FEBRUARY**  
Newsletter  
Deadline

January  
28, 2015



Reach every resident of our fine village and beyond by advertising in the Heisler Newsletter! It's FREE

Administration posts various reminders and community events on our facebook page...keep informed and...



"like" Village of Heisler on

**facebook**

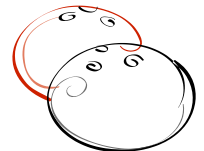
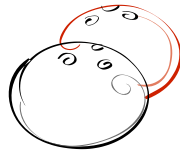
**The Community Birthday Calendars are HERE. You can pick yours up at Heisler ATB. The cost is \$10.00. Thank you for supporting the Heisler and District Friends of Heisler**

**The Heisler Ag Society is currently accepting applications for the 2015 Recreation Grant.**

Applicants should submit a detailed budget and timeline of how and when the money will be spent. A financial statement would assist us in our decision making. Follow up information may be requested upon completion of each project.

**Application deadline is March 1, 2015**

**HEISLER BOWLING ALLEY**  
**WINTER LEAGUES**



**Seniors**—October 17 (Friday)

**Ladies**—October 21 (Tuesday)

Contact Geraldine—780-889-3912

**Mixed**—November 3

(Monday and Wednesday evenings)

Contact Al Tustin—780-582-3639

**Neon Bowling, Regular Bowling, Backroom & Lobby Rental are Available**

For more information, please call Margaret at 780-889-2190 or

**Dog Control Bylaw #468-12**

**Friendly Reminder:**

Citizens are reminded that dog tags are required for all dogs in the Village of Heisler for a fee. Tags allow Village staff to find the owner quickly and efficiently. If your pet is found without an identification tag, the animal will be sent to the Forestburg Vet Clinic and the owner will be subject to a fine.

**Dog tags are DUE BY: JANUARY 31, 2015**

Regular dog license: \$15.00

After January 31, 2015: \$30.00

Restricted dog license: \$100.00

After January 31, 2015: \$200.00

Replacement tags: \$5.00



**Attention Heisler Property Owners/Occupants:**

Snow removal season is now upon us. Please remember that all owners of property are required to remove the snow, ice, dirt/debris from the sidewalk adjacent to your property within 72 hours for residential and 24 hours for commercial properties after the cessation of a snow fall (excluding Sundays and holidays) pursuant to the Snow Removal Bylaw #459-11. Please visit our website for more info at [www.villageofheisler.ca](http://www.villageofheisler.ca) or stop by the village office. All Heisler bylaws are available for review.

**~If you are going to be away, please ensure someone shovels your sidewalk.**

**~Blowing/Shoveling snow from boulevards/frontages onto the road way is NOT permitted at anytime. You may only shovel snow from sidewalks onto the road if the grader has not cleared the road in front of your property.**

**~Please do not string electrical cords (block heaters, etc.) across sidewalks.**

**Heisler Garbage Transfer Site is located off of Manning Ave  
(in between Main Street and Sifton Street).**

**Hours are WEDNESDAY from 8:30a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

\$5.00 gate fee, plus other applicable fees depending on what type of refuse it is.

***ATTENTION:***

**PLEASE DO NOT PILE CARDBOARD OR OTHER MATERIALS LIKE GARBAGE  
BESIDE THE RECYCLING BINS IF THEY ARE FULL! THANK YOU!**

A message from Canada Post...

Canada Post Corporation requests that all customers please ensure their post office boxes are cleared out daily.

Thank you,  
Val Volk  
Heisler Post Office

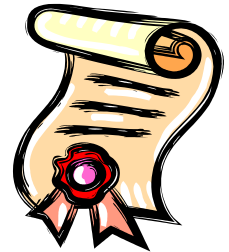
Property Taxes were Due on December 31, 2014.

If your account had an outstanding balance after DECEMBER 31st, the account was penalized 16% as per the Penalties on Unpaid Taxes bylaw #451-11

### Forestburg School has reopened one of our awards.

This award is the Donna Bish Oberg Award, it is presented to any student who graduated from Forestburg School and is currently enrolled in any Faculty of Education. This award is valued at \$1,000. All interested persons must write a letter explaining why they wish to be a teacher and present a copy of your recent marks. This package must be dropped off at Forestburg School by Jan. 31, 2015.

Contact Joanne McMahon for further information.



## ***JOIN THE HEISLER FIRE DEPARTMENT!***

**If you are 18 years of age, (ladies or gentleman) and would like to be a Volunteer firefighter for the Village of Heisler**

please call:  
Fire Chief,  
**Joe Martz** -  
780-889-3780

Or  
Deputy Fire Chief  
**Mickey Heisler** -  
780-889-2189

**The Heisler Fire Department is always recruiting for more Volunteer Firefighters**  
**Meetings are once a month**  
**County Residents are welcome to join as well!**

2015 Training Schedule  
Coming Soon!



*January 2015..... Library News Letter*

*Hours of Operation: Wednesday 9 – 12 and 1 – 6 pm.* *There are no membership fees. Once you have your membership card you can go online to [www.heislerlibrary@prl.ab.ca](http://www.heislerlibrary@prl.ab.ca). Books requested from other libraries will carry that libraries fines when returned late, so please renew them on line or at our library on time.*

**THE NEXT HEISLER LIBRARY MEETING IS ON JANUARY 19, 2015** in the library. These meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in joining our Board is more than welcome. We always look forward to new and fresh ideas.

Thank you to Pat Vallis for  
Time spent on our library  
Board. JOB WELL DONE!

The Heisler Library Board  
and Staff would like to  
thank **FRIENDS OF  
HEISLER** for the generous  
financial donation.



We have new plastic library cards for anyone who would like to replace their old paper membership card. You will receive a new number but keep your same pin #.

**Heisler Harold** newspapers are available for viewing at the library. Check them out this winter and go back in time -1947-1949.

**The library will be closed December 17 and 24. We will be open again on January 7, 2015.**

**HAPPY READING IN THE NEW YEAR OF 2015!!!!!!!!!!**





Highlights of the December 11 Board of Trustees meeting  
 For Immediate Release  
 December 15, 2014

### **BRSD mentoring new teachers**

At their meeting on December 11, the Battle River School Division Board of Trustees heard how approximately 50 teachers who are either new to the profession or new to the school division are participating in a teacher mentorship program this year. In addition, the school division has brought more than 50 new support staff members – including educational assistants, librarians, administrative support people, maintenance workers and finance staff – into the organization this fall. The high number of newcomers is a result of both growths in student numbers and a significant number of retirements.

### **Recruitment a priority**

The Board also heard that recruitment continues to be a priority for the school division, with new strategies being developed for attracting substitute teachers, educational assistants, bus drivers and teachers with specific skills such as French.

### **Student Success**

The Board of Trustees was pleased to hear from a student in the Learning Together Outreach School, who spoke about how the specially designed program supports her in finishing her high school education while also raising a young child.

The Learning Together Outreach School will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year of operation in 2015 and has, to this time, assisted 75 young mothers to obtain a high school diploma.

Board members also heard from a former student who is now completing a degree at the University of Alberta, Augustana Campus, and used the Learning Together program as the basis for a research project. According to her findings, many of the barriers facing young mothers are eliminated when they are able to finish high school and the Learning Together Outreach School is making a positive impact on the future for two generations.

### **Celebrating the School Resource Officer program**

Camrose Police Service Officer Bauer, who is the School Resource Officer in the City, spoke to the Board of Trustees about the programs and priorities of his work with students. He outlined the many ways in which he supports the schools, and individual students, to make safe and responsible choices for their lives through such things as the DARE program and more. In addition to Cst. Bauer, BRSD has a School Resource Officer in Flagstaff County schools and makes use of the DARE program in both Camrose County and Beaver County.

### **International Student programs**

BRSD's International Studies Coordinator Greg Friend spoke to the Board about the variety of ways in which local students interact with the broader world, through international programs. Some of those are through organized programs such as student or teacher exchanges, and by welcoming International Students to the school division, but others are as simple as developing partnerships with classrooms in other countries or infusing international activities into the curriculum.

Mr. Friend also outlined the Alberta Government belief that the future success of our province will depend on our ability to understand and participate in a global economy.

### **New School Calendar approved**

Board members approved a school calendar for the 2015-2016 year. The calendar will see staff have preparation and professional learning time in the last week of August, while students return to class on Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

### **On track with Superintendent recruitment process**

The BRSD Board of Trustees has conducted interviews for the position of Superintendent of Schools and sent a letter to Education Minister Gordon Dirks requesting approval for selecting a specific candidate. The Board believes it is on track to have a permanent Superintendent in place by February 2015.

### **High School Re-Design brings excitement and change**

High Schools across Alberta are participating in a High School Re-Design project, with the goal of creating more flexibility in high school programming that will allow students greater opportunities for learning at their own speed and showing what they know in a broader variety of ways.

Four high schools in BRSD are currently involved in High School Re-Design activities, with additional sites expected to come on board in the next school year.

### **Seeking school bus drivers**

Alberta's booming economy is leading to a shortage in permanent and substitute school bus drivers, both in Battle River School Division and in other school jurisdictions across the province.

If you know someone who enjoys children, has an excellent driving record and is available both in the early morning and late afternoon, why not suggest they become a bus driver? BRSD will help with training and licensing. Contact Brenda Johnson, Director of Transportation, at 780-672-6131.

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For more information contact  
Diane Hutchinson, Communications  
[dhutchinson@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:dhutchinson@brsd.ab.ca)  
780-672-6131 ext 5248  
780-608-6632 (cell)

**Contact us to register**

**Helen Samm**

**Counsellor**

**Flagstaff Family & Community Services  
(FFCS)**

**Phone: (780)385-3976**

**email: [counsler@telus.net](mailto:counsler@telus.net)**

**GOOD GRIEF**

**Bereavement Support Group  
Location in Killam at FFCS**

**EVERY TUESDAY FROM**

**January 13, 2015**

**to**

**March 3, 2015**

**6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**