

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Brazeau County annually appoints County residents to serve as members-at-large on various boards and committees. Prior to annual appointments Council invites interested County residents to express their interest in serving on the following. Appointments are subject to annual renewals. Attendance at meetings is a requirement for appointment.

Eligibility: Members at large must be:

- i) Canadian citizen;
- ii) A minimum of 18 years of age at the time of application;
- iii) A resident of Brazeau County – loss of residency renounces one’s appointment immediately and the member at large must submit his or her resignation to the committee as soon as practicable;
- iv) Notwithstanding (iii) Council reserves the right to approve a committee Terms of Reference that at the discretion of Council may vary the requirement for a member at large to be a Brazeau County resident.

Agricultural Service Board

Appointed yearly by Council, the ASB board is made up of six members: five members-at-large and one councillor. The ASB plays a role in assessing the needs and direction of the agriculture industry, as well as identifying obstacles and working to resolve any problems that may arise. The role of the ASB can be broken down into four categories:

1. Policy and Administration: advise Council in the development and promotion of agriculture policies and have the responsibility to administer and enforce the *Weed Control Act*, *Agricultural Pest Act* and the *Soil Conservation Act*.
2. Program Development and Review: Identify local requirements for agricultural programs and make recommendations to Council.
3. Program Promotion and Advertising: participation at conferences and trade shows where agricultural producers are present to promote programs.
4. General: involvement and improvement of agricultural production through communication between the ASB and local institutions and organizations.

The board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Municipal Planning Commission

MPC is a five-member commission consisting of three councillors and two members-at-large. The commission approves development applications of discretionary uses under the Land Use Bylaw, approves subdivision applications and provides recommendations to Council on planning matters.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

A five-member board consisting of two councillors, three members-at-large and three alternate members-at-large to hear and decide appeals on development or subdivision decisions that have been made previously by the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission.

Composite Assessment Review Board

A three-member board consisting of one provincial member and two other members who are not provincial members. This board will hear complaints about assessments for all property in the municipality, excluding residential properties with three or less dwelling units, farmland, linear property and equalized assessment. There is a mandatory three-day training session required for this board.

Local Assessment Review Board

A three-member board consisting of three members who are not provincial members. This board will hear complaints about non-assessment matters and assessments of residential properties with three or less dwelling units and farmland. There is a mandatory three-day training session required for this board.

Brazeau Seniors Foundation

A five-member foundation representing the Town of Drayton Valley, the Village of Breton, and Brazeau County, which is responsible for the management of senior's housing in Drayton Valley and the Village of Breton. The County appoints one councillor and one member-at-large to the Foundation.

The Foundation manages the social housing programs in Drayton Valley and surrounding area, including the Shangri-La Lodge; Senior Apartments Projects and also Family/Individual Housing Programs; Plus the Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement Program. All programs have separate budgets; with reporting requirements.

Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant

The Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant is a seven-member board that provides operational direction to the Manager, budget planning and planning for the future of the plant and its services.

Drayton Valley and District Library Board

The Drayton Valley and District Library Board is a five-member board that provides a comprehensive range of modern library services to the residents of the Town and the County. The Board oversees the library operations, budget and programs.

Breton and District Library Board

The Breton and District Library Board is a nine-member board that provides library services to the Village of Breton and surrounding area. The Board oversees the library operations, budget and programs.

Pest and Weed Appeals Committee

A three-member committee consisting of three members-at-large to hear appeals against notices issued under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* and the *Agricultural Pest Act*. The committee meets infrequently and only as required.

West Central Airshed Society

The West Central Airshed Society is a ten-member board that meets quarterly to monitor and promote effective management of air quality within the airshed management zone. It is a multi-stakeholder group consisting of individuals, industries, environmental organizations, municipalities and other levels of government all dedicated to clean air and a healthy community.

Municipal Library Board

A five-member board consisting of two councillors and three members-at-large. The members-at-large positions are three year terms. The Library Board is legislated to hold 4 meetings per year minimum. The Board provides reading resources for the community.

Yellowhead Regional Library Board

The Yellowhead Regional Library Board is a cooperative library system to provide library service to both urban and rural residents through the sharing of material, resources, and expertise. The Board consists of members appointed by each participating jurisdiction. The Executive

Committee is a ten-member committee that frames policy, develops goals and objectives, sets priorities and employs qualified staff to administer the Library.

YRL is a co-operative library system that provides services to almost 270,000 Albertans in 56 municipalities including 9 counties, numerous villages, towns cities, and summer villages. YRL also serves more than 11,000 full-time equivalent students in three school districts. Each member municipality can have a representative to the YRL board.

Municipalities and school boards pay a fee to be members of YRL. This fee covers access to a province wide borrowing of library resources, an allotment of books and e-resources, and access to other services that are listed on the YRL web site. This fee for membership is separate from the library's budget, and comes from the municipality.

Family and Community Support Services

The Mission Statement of Drayton Valley and District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is to enhance the well-being and resiliency of the community through:

- partnering;
- coordinating;
- networking; providing information, education and funding to groups and organizations who provide preventative social services; and
- encouraging and promoting volunteerism.

Through a strength based approach, FCSS provides preventative social programs and services for seniors, families, children, youth as well as serve as the central referral agent for social services. One of the major focuses of FCSS is building relationships among community agencies and individuals so that they can share resources and work towards a common goal. As a result of those partnerships, many new initiatives have developed such as the Homelessness and Poverty Reduction Strategy and the Boys and Girls Club of Drayton Valley.

The FCSS Board meets approximately four times per year for regular Board meetings. In addition to regular meetings, there is one full day strategic planning session in January and one summer retreat in July/August. Board members have the opportunity to attend the FCSSAA conference each November.

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

Purpose

The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) supports stakeholder and public discussion concerning all aspects of Integrated Watershed Management for the North Saskatchewan River watershed in Alberta.

NSWA is one of eleven Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) in Alberta.

NSWA is guided by a Board of Directors elected annually from member organizations within the watershed. It is designated a Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC) for the North Saskatchewan River under the Government of Alberta's Water for Life Strategy.

The NSWA was founded in 1999 by EPCOR and Trout Unlimited Canada with funding from the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, TransAlta, City of Edmonton Drainage Services and others. Members include: municipalities, provincial and federal government departments, industry, educational institutes, and organizations representing environmental, conservation, agricultural, recreational and tourism interests.

Vision

People working together for a healthy and functioning North Saskatchewan River watershed - today and tomorrow.

Mission

To protect and improve water quality, water quantity (instream flow) and the health of our watershed by: seeking, developing and sharing knowledge; facilitating partnerships and collaborative planning; and working in an adaptive management process.

Eagle Point Provincial Park and Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area Council

The Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council ("Parks Council") is a unique, non-profit organization that utilizes a creative and innovative approach towards community-based park and recreation planning, funding and management. Our collaborative multi-stakeholder organization is comprised of representatives from local municipalities, volunteer-based recreation and service organizations, industry, environmental organizations and the Government of Alberta.

The Parks Council is a unique model of collaboration, the first of its kind for Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation, and one that exemplifies a consensus-seeking approach to decision making. Through an established Memorandum of Understanding the Parks Council and its sixteen member board work in collaboration with the Government of Alberta addressing

conflicting land-uses and balancing these with the social, environment and economic impacts along the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County portion of the North Saskatchewan River.

Through a committed network of local non-profit organizations, industry and government agencies the Park Council pursues a vision of healthy living and coordinated land-use through managed recreation within both the Eagle Point Provincial Park and Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area.

Mission

To enhance and protect the Eagle Point Provincial Park and the Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area by working collaboratively with our partners to implement innovative park planning, funding and management for the benefit and public enjoyment of current and future generations.

Vision

A sustainable balance of diverse recreational opportunities and environmental protection for all to enjoy in the Eagle Point Provincial Park and Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area.

Business

Our responsibility is to both the land and the organizations upon which we represent. Providing administrative support services to our member organizations, the Parks Council aims to represent the local community and encourage tourism and economic development through environmental stewardship, educational pursuits and coordinating with community and regional agencies upstream and downstream of our protected areas.

Our Memorandum of Understanding with Alberta Parks provides a solid foundation for responsible growth and speaks to our founding commitments of responsible recreation, adaptive land management and conservation while still ensuring the necessary regulatory approvals are in place for recreational development occurring within our protected areas. The Parks Council is collectively committed to ensuring that the local community is engaged in many aspects of protected area management and that we become leaders in outdoor recreation.

Aquatic Facility Fund Development Strategy Committee

The purpose of the Fund Development Strategy Committee is to establish a plan that will result in the acquisition of the necessary funds and financing in order to proceed with the construction of a new aquatic facility for the Drayton Valley and Brazeau County. The individual strategies in the plan are expected to be implemented over the next five to ten year period.

Goals

The Committee is established with the following goals:

- To create the necessary public relations plan that clearly showcases the proposed outcomes and the benefits to the community.
- to establish short-term and long-term strategies for generating funds.
- To work collaboratively with the community with a clear understanding of the benefits that can be gained through community leadership.

Composition and Operations

1. The Fund Development Strategy Committee shall consist of the following membership:

- 2 - Brazeau County Councillors:
- 2 - Town of Drayton Valley councillors:
- 2 - Community Members-at-Large

The Mayor of the Town of the Drayton Valley and the Reeve of Brazeau County sit as ex-officio members of the Committee. The membership of the Committee may be increased at the discretion and approval of both Municipal Councils

2. The Committee shall normally meet once a month during the term of the Committee. Additional meetings will be scheduled as necessary.

3. The Committee's decision-making process shall be based on consensus-making. All decisions at the Committee level affecting the operations of either or both municipal councils shall be forwarded to both municipal councils for recommendation and/or approval.

4. The Committee has no operating budget and shall forward any need for operating funds to the municipal councils for approval.

Pembina Area Synergy Group

The Pembina Area Synergy Group is a six-member steering committee promotes relationships between industry and landowners and to find community-benefit solutions to issues. There are several members of the public that also attend meetings.

Pembina Sentinel Air Monitoring

The Pembina Sentinel Air Monitoring committee is a seven-member committee that oversees the operation of the air monitoring systems.

Drayton Valley Chamber of Commerce

The Drayton Valley Chamber of Commerce represents the businesses of Drayton Valley and surrounding area and has numerous members representing the local business community.

Breton Chamber of Commerce

The Breton Chamber of Commerce represents the businesses of Breton and surrounding area. The Executive is a four-member committee.

Agricultural Complex Feasibility Committee

The Agricultural Complex Feasibility Committee is a seven-member committee that is researching the feasibility of building an agricultural complex to serve the needs of the Agricultural Society and also be a venue for other related indoor events.

Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee

This committee is an eight-member group affiliated with the Rural Physician Action Plan and their mandate is to try to bring doctors out to the rural areas.

Breton Community Centre Fund Raising Committee

This a committee focused on raising funds for the Breton Community Centre.

Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre Society

Purpose

The Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre Society exists to operate the centre. The society is charged with developing its annual budget, establishing policies, and determining the direction for the centre.

Goals

The following objects guide the society in the operation of the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre:

- To develop, maintain, promote and manage the centre
- To promote culture and the arts, particularly the performing arts.
- To encourage and promote the use of the centre by all potential groups, clubs, organizations, performers, and businesses.
- To actively raise funds from all levels of government, non-government foundations and organizations, and private business.

Composition and Operations

The Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre Society is registered through Alberta Corporate Registry as a non-profit organization, a status that has been maintained since 2006. Its membership is governed by the by-laws of the society. The society meets generally once a month and holds an Annual General Meeting prior to June 30 of each year.

Drayton Valley Healthy Community Coalition/Safe and Healthy Community Working Group

Vision

We are committed to collaborating towards a healthy community where people are resilient, connected, supported and safe.

Background/History

The Healthy Communities Coalition (HCC) started in response to community crisis centering on gang and drug activity that had reached levels that caused concern for general community safety and wellbeing. The issue was quickly dealt with by local law enforcement and other supports. The communications that happened as a result between participants at the table determined the group should stay active work towards Healthy Communities as a collective. The group was approached by the Town of Drayton Valley and the Brazeau County to assist in building the Social Development Plan 2015-2019.

Prior to the development of the HCC others had identified the need for interagency type groups that would allow for collaboration of partners not just sharing of what was happening as in a traditional interagency group. Promoting Youth Potential was the first group developed to focus solely on youth development and empowerment. The group explored the Jasper Place Model and thought the concept would possibly transfer well into our communities.

Purpose

The purpose of the Healthy Communities Coalition is to provide a platform for collaborative relationships that work towards preventing health and social issues by reducing risk factors and increasing resiliency and enhancing protective factors.

Membership

Open to all interested community partners, organizations, stakeholders and residents of the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County and those that provide services to the community but may reside outside of the boundaries.

Meetings

Frequency: Initially meet more frequently to establish coalition but meeting frequency will change. Quarterly; minimum 4 times per year.

North Saskatchewan Headwaters Alliance Steering Committee

Purpose

The North Saskatchewan Headwaters Alliance (henceforth referred to as the Headwaters Alliance) was formed to provide a platform for municipal and First Nation communities, located in the Headwaters, to collaborate efforts to achieve a healthy watershed. The primary goals of the Headwaters Alliance were adopted from the Alberta Government's Water for Life Strategy (2003).

Membership

Membership is determined annually. Stakeholders are defined as municipal governments or First Nations communities residing in one or more of the sub-watersheds located in the Headwaters of the North Saskatchewan River Watershed: Cline, Clearwater, Brazeau, Ram, Modeste and Strawberry.

The Steering Committee currently includes active representation from the following stakeholders in the Headwaters:

One elected official from each of Clearwater County, Brazeau County, Parkland County, Leduc County, Wetaskiwin County, Town of Devon, Town of Rocky Mountain House, Town of Drayton Valley

Activation of membership by the remaining municipalities and First Nation communities in the Headwaters will remain open until the inaugural meeting of the Headwaters Alliance. Stakeholders must declare active or informed membership status prior to the first meeting of the year. Municipalities that are unable to participate in the SC, due to various constraints, will be assigned a secondary membership classification, "informed member". These members will receive information and updates about the Headwaters Alliance and can chose to participate in the future if resources permit. A membership schedule listing active and informed members will be prepared annually.