



*The Village of*  
**HEISLER**  
*Home of Canada's Largest Baseball Glove*



**Village Office Hours**

**Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

Payments can be made in person at the Village office, online, per e-transfer, per cheque per mail, or use the 24 hour drop box at the Village Office.

128 Main St. Box 60      Heisler, AB T0B 2A0  
Phone (780) 889-3774      Fax (780) 889-2280

Public Works Emergency (780) 830-6928

Email: [administration@villageofheisler.ca](mailto:administration@villageofheisler.ca)

**\*If you are wanting to post an ad in the newsletter please make sure you are submitting the ad BEFORE the newsletter deadline\***

**March Newsletter**

Newsletter Deadline  
**February 19, 2026**

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

It's FREE!

## Dog Tag Fees Are Now Overdue

Dog owners are required to pay yearly for their dog tags. The purpose of dog tags are so if your beloved dog gets out and is lost the village can properly identify the dog and who the owners are so they can be returned safely. If your pet is found without an identification tag it will be brought to the Sedgewick Vet Clinic and the owner will be subject to a fine as Dog Control Bylaw #468-12

**Dog tag fees are due by January 31st, 2026**

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or E-transfer to [administration@villageofheisler.ca](mailto:administration@villageofheisler.ca)

Regular Dog Fee: \$15.00 per dog

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Late Fee: \$15.00 per dog



HELLO  
**February**



**Family Day**  
February 16, 2026



**These are some of the HIGHLIGHTS from the January 23, 2026**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**DELEGATION: RCMP Sgt. Andy Wetzstein**

Council welcomed RCMP Sgt. Andy Wetzstein to the meeting at 6:06 p.m. He attended the meeting to present updates and discuss Heisler Council regarding Discussions of APP, CAC Confirmation and Summary of Recent Reduction Efforts. Council thanked Sgt. Andy Wetzstein for attending the meeting; they left at 6:36 p.m.

**Motion 26-01-003** Moved by Mayor Martz that Heisler Village Council accepts the delegation of RCMP Sgt. Andy Wetzstein as information.

**Resident Complaint – Dog at Large**

**Motion 26-01-004** Moved by Deputy Mayor Kovacs that Heisler Council makes a motion to accept Resident's dog complaint as information and to instruct administration to email the complainant letting them know that the issue is being dealt with, and to notify Bylaw Enforcement Officer if resident does not comply.

**Bi-Systems Quote: 26-4995 - Distribution Water Pump VFD Replacement**

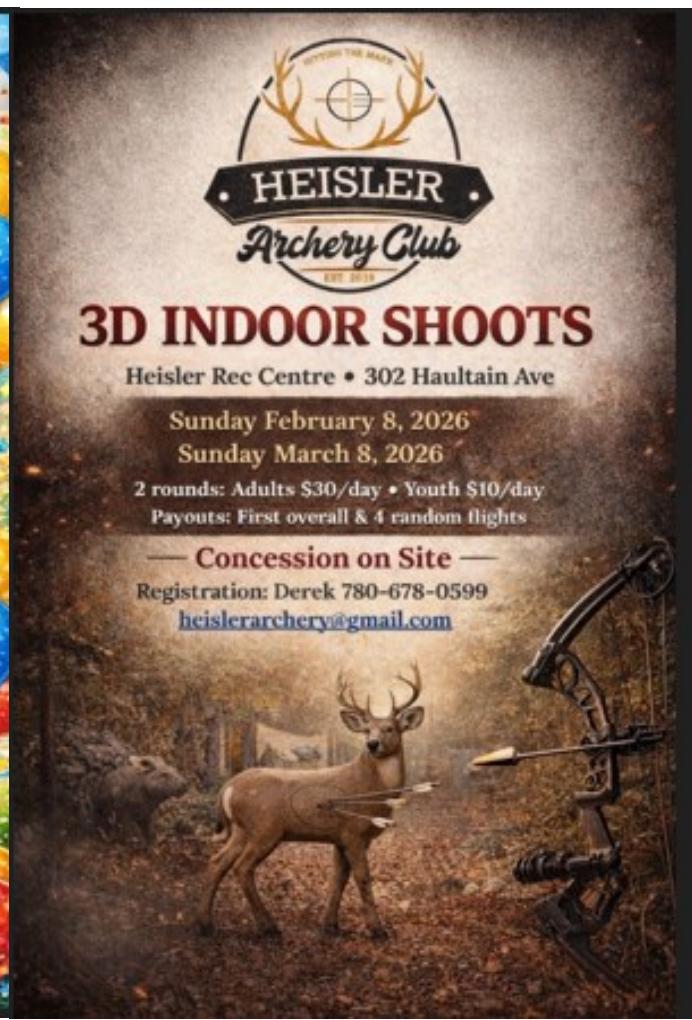
**Motion 26-01-008** Moved by Mayor Martz that Heisler Council Option #2 DWP-101 & DWP-102 VFD; Estimated VFD Cost (QTY2): \$ 10,500.00 and Estimated Installation Cost (QTY2): \$ 2,200.00 plus applicable taxes and to advise CAO to apply for grant.

**The next regular council meeting: February 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Citizens are encouraged to attend.**

**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.**

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



## Parking on Main Street

The Village of Heisler and Public Works is asking that everyone who parks on Main Street during the winter months to please not pull right up to the sidewalk when parking. Please leave about a foot between your vehicle and the sidewalk so our Public Works Foreman can do snow removal without worrying about damage to vehicles from the blade of our little John Deer. This will ensure Sidewalks are cleared and sanded properly for your public safety.

Thank You!





## HELP PREVENT WARM-UP THEFTS

- Use a remote starter or stay with your vehicle as it warms up
- Never leave your keys inside your vehicle
- Don't leave a running vehicle unattended
- Never leave children or pets inside a vehicle
- Use a steering wheel lock
- Keep your vehicle locked at all times
- Remove garage door openers from your vehicle



## #OPERATIONCOLDSTART

Heisler Seniors Friendship Club

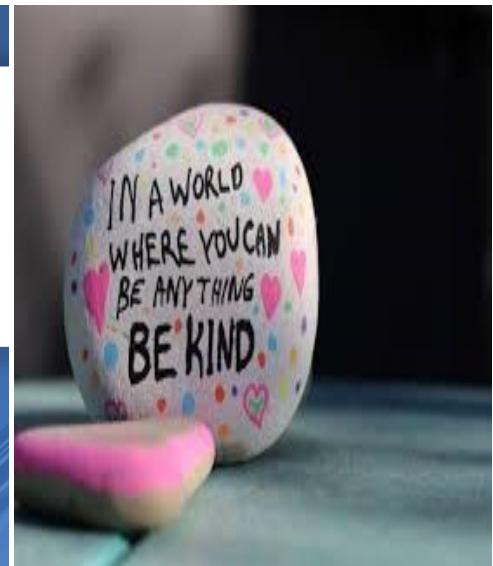
Coffee every morning 7am to 9am

Social Afternoon 1st and 3rd Friday of the month starting at 1pm

Movie nights 2nd Wednesday evening at 7pm

Potluck supper and meeting 4th Thursday of the month at 5pm

Thank you to Jeff from Atco for helping install and taking down the Village of Heisler's Christmas lights this year.



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## Need Firewood?

Call Lawrence for prices.

**403-323-0744**



## JOIN THE FRESS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!

If you are 18 years of age, and would like to be a Volunteer firefighter

Please call: Fire Chief **Shawn Badry**—780-679-7015 -or  
 Deputy Fire Chief **Matt Badry** **780-781-1934** or Deputy Fire Chief **Dennis Meyer** **780-385-1231**

The FRESS Fire Department is always recruiting  
 for more Volunteer Firefighters.

Everyone is welcome to come to a meeting and  
 see what they are all about!

For meeting times and dates contact Shawn, Matt, or Dennis  
 at the above numbers.



### Contacts for Emergencies & Non-Emergencies

ANY Emergency	911
Heisler Fire Department	911
Killam RCMP (non-emergency)	(780) 385-3502
Ankerton Gas (24 hours a day)	(780) 373-3773
ATCO Electric (Residential Outages)	1-800-668-5506



## The holidays aren't easy for everyone

For many, the holiday season is a time of joy, but for some, it can bring challenges like loneliness, financial strain, added stress and feelings of loss after a loved one has passed.

## You're not alone

Struggling Emotionally? Book an appointment with the counsellor, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 - 4:30 (No fee required) at Flagstaff Family & Community Services 780-385-3976

Facing Food Insecurity? Call the Flagstaff Food Bank at 780-385-0810 for a food hamper

Struggling with crisis, thoughts of suicide, or addiction? Worried about a loved one?

• **Call 9-8-8 (Toll free National Helpline)**





## Brain Injury Awareness & Prevention Poster Contest

The Canadian Royal Purple has taken on the goal of helping to bring a heightened awareness of the seriousness of brain injury to our youth.

Our poster contest theme is **Brain Injury Awareness and Prevention**. Our hope is to help increase:

- An understanding of the seriousness and consequences of brain injury
- An awareness of the causes of brain injury
- Ways to help prevent brain injury

With this focus in mind, we are asking teachers and youth leaders to help their students explore the serious issue of brain injury and encourage students to enter our Canadian Royal Purple Brain Injury Awareness and Prevention Poster Contest. We encourage grades one through twelve and/or special education students to participate.

Posters will be picked up **Friday, March 6, 2026** for local judging. Winners will be notified, and their poster will be forwarded to Provincial Association for judging.

Prizes will be awarded at each Local, Provincial, and National level.

**Local prizes:** To be awarded

- **Provincial prizes:** To be awarded
- **National prizes:** \$200, \$100, \$50
- **Grand Champion** \$100

Canadian Royal Purple thanks you for participating.

Local Contact: Kathleen Kuntz 403-318-6634

[heislerroyalpurple@gmail.com](mailto:heislerroyalpurple@gmail.com)





St. Martin's Parish Heisler

Join us in worship every  
Thursday at 9am and  
Saturday evening's at 7pm

All are welcome!

## HEISLER AG SOCIETY SPACE FOR RENT



CONTACT MARGARET: 780-889-2190 or REC CENTRE 780-889-2262

Two great spaces available to rent in the Heisler Rec Center.

Heated. Fans. Shale Floor. Power. Picnic Tables.

Bring your outdoor party inside!

Walking. Ball. Soccer. Archery. Family Reunions. Auctions

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IF YOU SEE SOMEONE  
WITHOUT A SMILE TODAY,  
GIVE 'EM YOURS.

— DOLLY PARTON

Come, join the  
Heisler Community  
Association.  
Become a board member.  
You can help make a  
difference in our community.  
Now is the time.

Contact a member for more information: Mickey Heisler, Wanda Hihn, Lorn Schulte, Janice Badry, Brian Sunderman, James Zimmer, Lorie Zimmer, Kevin Zimmer or Martha Zimmer.



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## RCMP PUBLIC TOWN HALL - For Daysland, Heisler and Strome Residents

Daysland Community Hall - 4602 - 51 Avenue, Daysland, AB  
Monday, March 9, 2026 from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM



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## Body-worn cameras for RCMP officers

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is committed to ensuring that Canadians feel protected by, and have trust in their national police force. Body-worn cameras can help to increase the trust between police and the communities they serve.



- A nation-wide rollout of body-worn cameras to frontline RCMP officers as well as a Digital Evidence Management System is taking place over the next 12-18 months.
- Between 10,000-15,000 body-worn cameras will be deployed to frontline contract and federal police officers who interact with members of the public, across Canada's rural, urban and remote locations.
- The video evidence collected will capture objective interactions, in real-time, between police officers and the community.



### Expected benefits of body-worn cameras:

- ✓ Strengthen transparency, accountability and public trust
- ✓ Resolve public complaints more quickly
- ✓ Improve interactions between the public and police
- ✓ Improve evidence gathering.



### Body-worn cameras will not be used for:

- ✓ 24 hour recording
- ✓ surveillance
- ✓ during strip searches or internal body cavity searches
- ✓ areas with a high expectation of privacy, such as in washrooms, hospitals, religious places or treatment centres.



Officers must activate their body-worn cameras before arriving at a call for service, such as:

- ✓ crimes in progress
- ✓ investigations
- ✓ public disorder and protests
- ✓ mental health calls
- ✓ interactions with people in crisis
- ✓ to record information to support the performance of their duties

When possible, officers will let you know when the camera is recording.

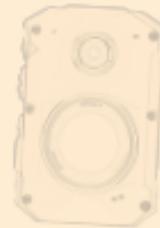
Policy and training provides the guidance for police officers using body-worn cameras.



### Your input is important

The RCMP is seeking your feedback on police officers wearing body-worn cameras.

For more information email:  
[BWC\\_Consultations\\_CVC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:BWC_Consultations_CVC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)



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## Spot the difference

### Learn to recognize elder abuse, bullying, frauds and scams

#### Overview

This fact sheet outlines the differences between elder abuse, bullying and frauds and scams.

#### Elder Abuse

Elder abuse is any intentional or reckless act or willful and negligent disregard, occurring within a relationship of family, trust or dependency, directed at someone 65 years of age or older, that:

- causes physical, emotional or psychological harm;
- involves the misappropriation or misuse of money or other personal possessions or personal or real property;
- subjects an individual to non-consensual sexual contact, activity or behaviour; or
- fails to provide the necessities of life.

Often more than one type of abuse occurs at the same time.

Approximately one in 10 older adults in Alberta experience one or more forms of elder abuse.

Elder abuse can be a form of family violence and can also occur in other relationships of trust. Like other types of family violence, the dynamics of elder abuse are complex. Abuse is a pattern of controlling behaviour. In families, an abusive person can use many ways to gain power over another family member.

Shame or guilt may stop an older adult from revealing abuse. Sometimes victims simply do not have the capacity to report it.

Whether a victim is unable or unwilling, some of the barriers to revealing elder abuse include:

- Fear
- Love for the person causing harm
- Lack of understanding
- Being unaware of available resources
- Acceptance of abuse or neglect as normal behaviour

#### Bullying

Bullying is any repeated, hostile or demeaning behavior meant to cause harm, fear or distress, including physical or psychological harm.

Bullying is hurtful and harmful. It is NOT normal and should not be tolerated.

#### Bullying Involves:

- Intent: the actions happen on purpose
- Harm: the recipient is hurt by the action
- Repetition: the recipient is repeatedly targeted

Bullying can take several forms including:

- Verbal: name calling, put downs, threats
- Social/relational: exclusion, gossiping, ganging-up
- Physical: hitting, pushing, slapping
- Cyber: social or verbal bullying through email, text message or social media

#### Bullying in older adults

In a recent Canadian study, older adults reported that the most common forms of bullying they encountered were being left out purposefully and hurtful comments.

Many older adults reported feelings of depression and difficulty accomplishing everyday tasks because of bullying. As well, the majority of older adults reported that bullying was a major issue and that bullying represented unacceptable behavior.

A recent Canadian study found that 38% of older adults in communal living facilities had witnessed bullying between peers, and 29% had experienced bullying themselves.

[Elder abuse – Get help | Alberta.ca](http://Elder abuse – Get help | Alberta.ca)

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## Frauds and scams

**Every year, thousands of Canadians fall victim to fraud. Older adults are often the target of scammers.**

Fraudsters use various tactics combined with technology to steal personal information and money. Here are some of the scams and tactics used.

### Grandparent

**How it works:** Scammers pretend to be the grandchild and contact older adults claiming to be in trouble and in need of money, gift cards or cryptocurrency. New variations of this scam include being contacted by email or text. Fraudsters often use urgent language, like "act fast" or "click now", to trick you into sending money, personal information or clicking on malicious links.

**How to avoid it:** Check with family to make sure your grandchildren are safe. Never send money to someone until you have confirmed their identity. Never send cash, cryptocurrencies, or any other funds to unknown persons. Pause to think about whether the call or message seems suspicious and contact the source another way for confirmation.

### Telemarketer / door-to-door salesperson

**How it works:** Some salespeople use high pressure sales tactics to intimidate older adults into buying things they do not need. They change their caller-ID displayed on phones, send convincing information in messages and create emails impersonating someone you know to trick you into giving them personal information.

**How to avoid it:** If they are selling door-to-door, ask to see their licence, close the door, or call the police if you feel threatened. If it is a telemarketer, hang up the phone. For email, hover your mouse over the sender's email address and look for differences from the real email address. A real email will look familiar and will not have additional numbers or characters added.

### Bereavement

**How it works:** Scammers look through obituaries and contact victims who recently lost a loved one, claiming the deceased had unpaid bills or debts that must be paid.

**How to avoid it:** Arrange for a trusted family member or friend to handle all financial matters in the days following the loss of a loved one.

### Fly-by-night contractor

**How it works:** Someone approaches the homeowner saying they noticed a feature needs repair. Since they

are in the area, they can provide a great deal if they get a deposit today. After taking the money, they never return.

**How to avoid it:** When hiring a contractor get three written estimates and check references. Check servicealberta.ca, or call 877-427-4088, for a pre-paid contractor's licence if they want money before completing work. If the contractor cannot show you their licence, pay only after work is complete.

### Funeral

**How it works:** Some funeral homeowners are unscrupulous and may take advantage of people in their time of grief and overcharge for caskets, services or unnecessary items while the person is vulnerable.

**How to avoid it:** Do your research and bring a friend or family member with you to plan your funeral in advance. Consider buying a membership with your local memorial society who can negotiate for lower funeral services when there is a death in the family.

### Sweepstakes, lottery and prize schemes

**How it works:** If you get a message saying you've won a contest, lottery or sweepstakes and are then asked to pay fees or taxes in advance in order to claim your prize, hang up the phone.

**How to avoid it:** DO NOT under any circumstances send money or personal/financial information to someone making such a request. The Better Business Bureau warns consumers to be on guard against these serious frauds and their perpetrators.

### Get Help

Call 911 if you or someone you know is being abused and is in imminent danger.

For supports with elder abuse or bullying, call or text the Family Violence Info Line at 310-1818. Service is available in over 170 languages by phone. Or chat online at [www.alberta.ca/Chat.aspx?Chat](http://www.alberta.ca/Chat.aspx?Chat). Supports are available 24/7.

For frauds and scams, call the Consumer Contact Centre at 1-877-427-4088. For a current list of scams, see the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website at [www.antifraudcentre.ca/scamindex-eng.htm](http://www.antifraudcentre.ca/scamindex-eng.htm).

More information is available at:

- Elder abuse: [www.alberta.ca/get-help-elder-abuse](http://www.alberta.ca/get-help-elder-abuse)
- Bullying: [www.alberta.ca/bullying-find-supports](http://www.alberta.ca/bullying-find-supports)
- Frauds and Scams: [www.alberta.ca/consumer-protection](http://www.alberta.ca/consumer-protection)

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK****Rate the Following on a scale of 1 – 5 (1 meaning poor and 5 meaning excellent)**

Library Staff	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Library Collection (Quality)	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Library Collection (Content)	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Help Finding Information	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Library Facility	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Online Databases	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Technology Available	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Library Hours	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Overall Satisfaction	1	2	3	4	5	NA

Is it possible you have NEVER used the Heisler library? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use Heisler library services more than once per month? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please give us any suggestions that will help us serve you better.**

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**What do you love about your library?**

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Thank you

Heisler Library Board

Please return to Heisler Post Office