



The Village of HEISLER

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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
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Email: 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*

February Newsletter

Newsletter Deadline

January 21, 2026

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



Village of Heisler Council, Public Works and Staff would like to wish residents a Happy New Year. We also appreciate your patience with lack of snow removal with equipment breakdowns during the holidays. The office will be closed December 31, 2025 to January 4, 2026

PENALTIES ON UNPAID TAXES

Any **Outstanding Taxes** will receive a 16% penalty after Dec 31/25 as per penalties on unpaid taxes taxes **Bylaw #533-21**

PLEASE DO NOT PUT CASH ON THE DROP BOX

Automatic E-transfer

We have set up automatic e-transfer.

If you pay with e-transfer, Please continue to leave the account number in the comment section so we know where to post your payment.



These are some of the HIGHLIGHTS from the December 18, 2025

Regular Council Meeting

Motion 25-12-237 Moved by Deputy Mayor Kovacs that Heisler Council makes a motion to accept as information and to email current chairman of the Heisler Library Board this information to share with all Heisler Library Board Members.

Motion 25-12-238 Moved by Mayor Martz that Council make a motion to accept this as information and to instruct Administrative Staff to email the complainant letting them know that the issue is being dealt with, and to notify Bylaw Officer if residents don't comply.

Motion 25-12-241 Moved by Councillor Kovacs that Heisler council makes a motion that Howard Shield and Steven Gratrix to be appointed to the Intermunicipal Assessment Review Board for 3 year terms, expiring December 2028.

Motion 25-12-246 Moved by Mayor Martz that Heisler Council approves the attached proposed Flagstaff Regional Solid Waste Management Association 2026 Budget with a total requisition of \$1,300,000, distributed on a per capita basis to each member, reflecting the one-time credit as per Flagstaff Regional Solid Waste Management Association (FRSWMA) resolution 895/2025, with a \$23,565.35 requisition for the Village of Heisler.

Motion 25-12-247 Moved by Mayor Martz that Heisler Council That the Village of Heisler Council reviews and discusses attached December 1, 2025 Medium Priority Sanitary Sewer Repair estimate for the 2026 project and to advise CAO to request contractor quotes with and to proceed with the complete medium priority project.

The next regular council meeting: January 22, 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

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)



Thank You!

The Village of Heisler Staff Would like to say thank you to all the residents coming into the office to wish us all a Merry Christmas and for all the thoughtful Christmas goodies and gifts. We really appreciate it!



Need Firewood?

Call Lawrence for prices.

403-323-0744

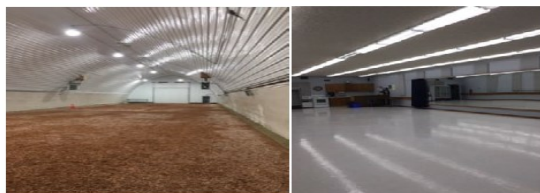


Come, join the Heisler Community Association. Become a board member. You can help make a difference in our community. Now is the time.

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



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

St. Martin's Parish Heisler

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

All are welcome!



HEISLER AGENCY
ATB Financial
Kathy Kuntz
Box 152 Heisler, AB
T0B 2A0
780-889-3981
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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!





Volunteer Opportunities

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



With Winter right around the corner the village would like to remind residents of the snow removal bylaw.

Snow removal on sidewalks must be done within 72 hours, local businesses within 48 hours. This is to ensure the safety of all residents using the sidewalks.

Bylaw # 562-25 Snow Removal

There are residents in town that provide snow removal if you are unable to do it yourself. For inquiries regarding snow removal, please call the Village of Heisler Office for our Public Works Department to do, Service Request Form must be filled out for this service. Or call Garth & Trudy Wolbeck at 780-889-2135.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Dale Brown for removing snow from the sidewalks on Rutherford Ave on December 6th, 25th and 28th, 2025. We really appreciate you and your community spirit!

From: the Doege family and Dorraine

Reminder Dog Tag Fees Are Due

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 per Dog Control

Bylaw #468-12

Dog tag fees are due by January 31st, 2026

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, online or E-transfer to
administration@villageofheisler.ca

Before January 31st 2026: \$15.00 Per dog

After January 31st 2026 Late Fee: \$30.00
 Per dog



Flagstaff Waste Christmas Residential Garbage Collection Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 Hardisty Lougheed	16 Galahad Forestburg	17 Heisler Rosalind Daysland	18 Strome Sedgewick	19 Alliance Killam
22 Hardisty Lougheed	23 Galahad Forestburg	24 Heisler Rosalind Daysland Strome Sedgewick	25 Christmas Day No Collection	26 Boxing Day No Collection
29 Hardisty Lougheed Alliance Killam	30 Galahad Forestburg	31 Heisler Rosalind Daysland	1 New Years Day No Collection	2 Alliance Killam Strome Sedgewick

Bin Services Customers: Due to the holidays, Service dates will be altered.

Transfer Site Customers: All transfer sites will be closed Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Main Landfill: The Main Landfill will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

Happy Holidays from Flagstaff Waste!

Any questions? Call the main
 office at 780-384-3950

 **FLAGSTAFF WASTE**

Winter Conditions & Garbage Collection

To ensure your garbage is collected, it **must be out at 7:30 AM on your collection day**. Collection occurs between **7:30 AM and 4:00 PM**. During extreme weather, Flagstaff Waste Disposal Crew will sometimes take 2 trucks to get the work done faster and start earlier to avoid extreme weather conditions. Please ensure your garbage is out by 7:30 am on collection day.

Senior's CHOICES **fcss** Flagstaff Family and Community Support Services

Now offering Frozen Meals delivered locally!

Let us do the cooking!

We've partnered with Meals on Wheels in Camrose to offer delivered frozen meals lovingly prepared by Twists & More.

Our ready to heat meals are available for **ANYONE** who's looking for affordable, convenient and nutritious meals.

About Patricia, Owner of Twists & More

Both my husband and I grew up on farms where long days and hard work were just what you did. Living on a farm northeast of Camrose and growing our own and making much of our own food has been part of our lives since we were first married and raising our family of five children!

We love knowing where our food comes from and being able to go fetch a pail of fresh potatoes and a handful of carrots for supper is just great.

We love fresh veggies, picked fresh from the land and we have enjoyed sharing over the years and decided to expand and allow others to experience fresh raw, cooked or processed for winter enjoyment.

Some of the Meals We Serve

- Chicken and broccoli stuffing casserole
- Frittata
- Cheesy scalloped potatoes and ham casserole
- Meatloaf, roasted beets and carrots
- Spaghetti bake with ground beef

Frozen Meals

\$9.50 each

Subsidies available, contact us for more information.

Call 780-672-0141 to order or Holly Bovencamp 780-385-8736 for more information.



Meals On Wheels

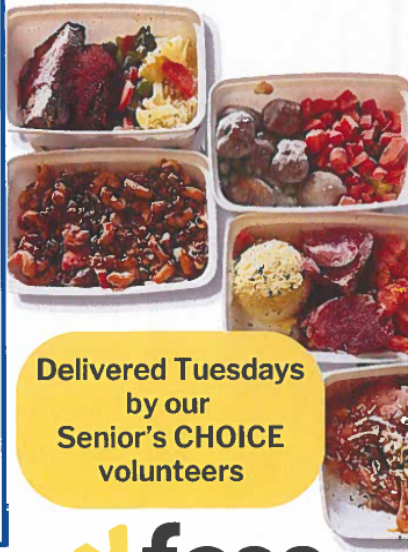
Camrose & District

featuring meals prepared by

Twists and More

Simple Delights From Grandma's Kitchen

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Delivered Tuesdays by our Senior's CHOICE volunteers



Killam Baptist Church

Sunday School

Sunday's starting at 9:45am

Worship Service

Sunday's starting at 10:55am

Prayer Meeting

Thursday's at 9am

Forestburg Community Baptist Church

Worship Service

Sunday's starting at 9am

Prayer Meeting

Thursday's at 1:30pm

For more information connect with us at (780) 385-3607 Or email at kbc01@live.ca

We would like to invite you to come and join us. Also, join us as we enjoy fellowship and Coffee after the service and prayer meetings.

We look forward to seeing you

2025 -2026

HEISLER WINTER LEAGUE BOWLING

Senior Starts : Oct 17 at 10:00 am (Fri.)

Contact Margaret at 780-889-2190

Ladies starts: Oct 14 at 10:00am (Tues.)

Contact Margaret at 780-889-2190

Mixed League starts: Nov 3 at 7:30 pm.

(Mon. & Wed.)

Contact Al at 780-385-6213

All other bowling, neon bowling, rentals of lobby and backroom, phone Margaret at 780-889-2190. Everyone is welcome. Come out and have fun.

Heisler Seniors Friendship Club

Coffee- for a loonie every morning
7am to 9am

Social Afternoon- Every Friday
at 1pm

Movie nights- 2nd Wednesday every
month at 7pm

Supper and meeting- 4th
Thursday of the month at 5pm





VILLAGE OF HEISLER 2026 Utility Rate Change Information

Dear Residents,

At the October 30, 2025 regular council meeting, Heisler Council reviewed and discussed the current utility rates and decided to proceed with **step 2** of the **2026** utility increase to cover the essential costs of operating the village's water and wastewater systems, including infrastructure improvements, utility emergency response (leaks and ruptures), and system maintenance.

Transition Plan

At the **November 28, 2024** Village of Heisler Council passed the following motion:

2025 Utility – Cost Recovery Increase

Motion 24-11-277

Moved by Deputy Mayor Stewart that Village of Heisler Council makes a motion to approve the first step of a two (2) year utility cost recovery process as presented. (Information letter will be provided to residents)

CARRIED

To implement the total cost recovery, the Village would need to increase the rates by 34.94% over the next 2 years (**2025-2026**) due to the overall economical cost increase over the last years. The Village tried to keep the cost and the utility rates as low as possible for a long time, however, due to rising inflation, and to ensure the sustainability of our village we must meet these demands.

Understanding that this rate change can significantly affect household budgets, we implemented a phased approach to ease the transition. Residents received letters from the Village last year about phase 1 starting in 2025. This plan means that the first year (2025) of implementation is meant to align the rates increase of 17.47%, with the move toward full cost recovery (17.47%) in the second year (2026). After an additional review by Heisler Council at the October 30, 2025 regular council meeting, it was decided to proceed with **phase 2** of the utility increase starting **December 31, 2025**. Following the transition period, utility rates will be reviewed and adjusted annually to keep up with the actual costs of all services to our residents. Village Council and Staff will assure you, that we will monitor and review economic change to keep it to a minimum impact for our residents.

Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

Village of Heisler			
34.94% COST RECOVERY INCREASE FROM 2024 UTILITY RATES OVER 2 YEARS			
Water, Sewer and Garbage Rates changed effective December 31, 2025			
Total Bi-Monthly Water/Sewer/Garbage/Fire Protection Service Charges			
As of Bylaw #557-24 and Charges			
	2024 Total Rates	2025 Total Rates +17.47% from 2024	2026 Total Rates +17.47% from 2024
Residential Accts	\$184.06	\$216.22	\$248.38
Commercial Accts	\$232.50	\$273.12	\$313.74
Infra Residential Accts	\$125.06	\$146.91	\$168.76
Infra Commercial Accts	\$154.26	\$181.21	\$208.16
Com Bin Rental Service Accts	\$205.44	\$241.33	\$277.22
Cozy Corner	\$812.76	\$954.75	\$1,096.74
Water Service Charges	2024 Monthly Rates	2025 Monthly Rates	2026 Monthly Rates
Residential Properties	\$39.53 for 18 cubic meters (\$2.08 per additional m ³)	\$46.44 for 18 cubic meters (\$2.44 per additional m ³)	\$53.35 for 18 cubic meters (\$2.81 per additional m ³)
Infrastructure fee for all CLOSED Residential water accts	\$19.36 per month (\$2.08 per additional m ³)	\$22.75 per month (\$2.44 per additional m ³)	\$26.13 per month (\$2.81 per additional m ³)
Commercial Properties	\$49.11 for 18 cubic meters (\$2.08 per additional m ³)	\$57.69 for 18 cubic meters (\$2.44 per additional m ³)	\$67.77 for 18 cubic meters (\$2.81 per additional m ³)
Infrastructure fee for all CLOSED Commercial water accts	\$24.57	\$28.86	\$33.16
Heisler Cozy Corner	\$38.71 per occupied suite, plus \$58.07 for the general area (\$2.08 per additional m ³)	\$45.48 per occupied suite, plus \$68.22 for the general area (\$2.44 per additional m ³)	\$52.24 per occupied suite, plus \$78.36 for the general area (\$2.81 per additional m ³)
Sewer Service Charges	2024 Monthly Rates	2025 Monthly Rates	2026 Monthly Rates
Residential Properties	\$18.67	\$21.93	\$25.20
Infrastructure fee for all CLOSED Residential sewer accts	\$9.34	\$10.97	\$12.61
Commercial Properties	\$29.17	\$34.26	\$39.37
Infrastructure fee for all CLOSED Commercial sewer accts	\$14.59	\$17.14	\$19.69
Heisler Cozy Corner	\$18.67 per occupied suite, plus \$28.01 for the general area.	\$21.93 per occupied suite, plus \$32.91 for the general area.	\$25.20 per occupied suite, plus \$37.80 for the general area.
Waste Collection & Disposal Charges	2024 Monthly Rates	2025 Monthly Rates	2026 Monthly Rates
Residential Properties	\$21.78	\$25.58	\$29.39
Commercial Properties	\$25.92	\$30.45	\$34.98
Heisler Cozy Corner	\$78.73	\$92.48	\$106.24
Res/Com Ind/Single Lot	\$22.26	\$26.15	\$30.04
Waste Disposal Charges	2024 Monthly Rates	2025 Monthly Rates	2026 Monthly Rates
Commercial Bin Rental Service Accounts	\$12.39	\$14.55	\$16.72
Fire Protection Service Fee	\$12.05	\$14.16	\$16.26
Please contact the Village Office (780) 889-3774 for more information or visit our website www.villageofheisler.ca			

uniquely
christmas
trees

- Canadians prefer to shop in person. With a total sales of nearly 3.2 billion dollars
- Canada harvests approximately 5.5 million Christmas trees each year
- 8.8 million whole turkeys are consumed in Canada each Christmas

3 Facts About Canada



Fun facts: Santa was declared a full Canadian citizen in 2008 by Canada's Immigration Minister. In 2013, he was issued an official passport. He even has an official Canadian postal code - H0H 0H0

angel
 bells
 candy
 celebrate
 chocolate
 Christmas
 December
 family
 frost
 garland
 gift box
 letter
 miracle
 peace
 penguin
 punch
 reindeer
 snowman
 star
 stocking
 winter
 wishes



WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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Happy New Year

The Heisler Library is governed by trustees appointed by Heisler village council. The library staff are Dixie and Liza. Board members are: Delijah Antaloczy, Gwen Wild, Andy Stephen, Carmen Stephen, Whitney Badry and Alex Kovacs.

Library meetings are held 4 times per year and open to the public. If you see these volunteers thank them for all they do for the library.

HOW TO REACH US: at heislerlibrary@prl.ab.ca or visit our website at www.heislerlibrary.prl.ab.ca. Phone 780-889-3925 (this number is shared with the Post Office). Find us on Facebook.

The library is always looking for serious board members.

THE COMMUNITY CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR ONLY \$12.00. Support the Heisler Royal Purple. They thank you for your support !

Happy New Year to all Heisler library patrons and everyone using our library. We will be purchasing many new books again in 2026. Make a book suggestion to library staff if you want us to purchase a book of your choice.

Benefits of Membership to Parkland Regional Library System

Municipalities that have joined Parkland Regional Library System are providing access to many professional services for their local public libraries, including the following:

- Purchasing, processing, and cataloging library materials to save time and money for member libraries
- Access to eResources that would otherwise be unaffordable for many member libraries
- Better accessibility to resource sharing via book delivery between member libraries and out-of-system libraries
- Professional support and training to library staff and boards in all aspects of library operations, management, and governance including collection development, programming, marketing, advocacy, and many other areas
- Support and training for library boards
- Member libraries are provided with computers, software, and technology support.

