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HOLDEN  TIMES



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**JANUARY 2025**

**Council Meetings : Regular Meeting is Monday, January 20, 2025 at 6pm.**



## Off-Highway Vehicles In the Village

Holden's *Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw* allows the operation of these vehicles in the Village, with these conditions:

- ◆ Qualified Operators only (must have a valid Operator's License, including a Graduated Drivers License)
- ◆ Drive on the right side of the road, single file
- ◆ Maximum 30 kilometers per hour
- ◆ Operate between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm only
- ◆ At least one headlight & one taillight ON while driving
- ◆ Operator & passengers must wear a safety helmet
- ◆ Use a road or alley only to leave from and return to the Village by the most direct route from your residence
- ◆ Use a roadway only—No driving in parks, grassy areas, or on vacant land within Village limits
- ◆ Joy-riding in the Village or using an Off-Highway Vehicle as regular transportation is not permitted

Infractions of the Bylaw should be reported to the RCMP or to the Village Office.

A person who owns an Off-Highway Vehicle, permits another person to operate their Off-Highway Vehicle, and contravenes any part of the Bylaw is guilty of an offense and may be levied a penalty as follows:

First offense	\$100
Second offense within one year	\$250
Subsequent offense within one year	\$500

- \* Provisions of this Bylaw do not apply to a Peace Officer or member of Village staff while performing their official duties.
- \* Written permission may be granted for instruction and training purposes.
- \* A full copy of the Bylaw is available at [www.village.holden.ab.ca/bylaws](http://www.village.holden.ab.ca/bylaws) or from the Village office



For more information contact us at Village of Holden  
Phone 780-688-3928 :: Fax 780-688-2091

To post information in the *HOLDEN TIMES*, please submit by the 25th of the month by email to: [admin@holden.ca](mailto:admin@holden.ca)

## **Village of Holden - 2025 Municipal Election – Candidates Information**

### **Time Commitment**

As a member of Council, you will face demands on your time. In addition to regular meetings, you will be expected to attend special meetings, sit on committees and attend various public meetings and functions. To get an idea of how much time is involved consider speaking to a current Councillor.

### **Term of Office**

Councillors serve a four-year term.

### **Election Day**

Election day is Monday, October 20, 2025. Polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

### **Nominations**

The Nomination period runs from January 1, 2025 through to September 22, 2025, with the deadline to submit nomination papers being 12:00 noon on September 22, 2025.

Nomination packages can be picked up from the Village of Holden Office or from Returning Officer Christine Mackay.

Prior to Nomination Day, you must book an appointment with the Returning Officer Christine Mackay at 780 -688-3812 to submit your completed nomination form.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination or election process, please call Returning Officer Christine Mackay.

FORM 3

Notice of Nomination Day

Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Village of Holden, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 22, 2025 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Table with 3 columns: Office(s), Number of Vacancies, Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable). Row 1: Councillor, 5.

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

Village of Holden Office
4810 - 50 Street
Holden, AB T0B 2C0
Nomination Packages can be picked up at the Village Office

DATED at the Village of Holden, in the Province of Alberta, this 1 day of January, 20 25.

Christine B Mockay
Returning Officer



Does your organization have an event  
planned in 2025?

The Holden Economic Development  
Committee wants to hear from you!

Please email the Committee at [holdenedc@gmail.com](mailto:holdenedc@gmail.com) with details, and we will market and promote your event through Go East of Edmonton social media platforms. For more information, please call Michele 780-983-5700 or Gail 780-781-5796.

# COME AND PLAY **PICKLEBALL**

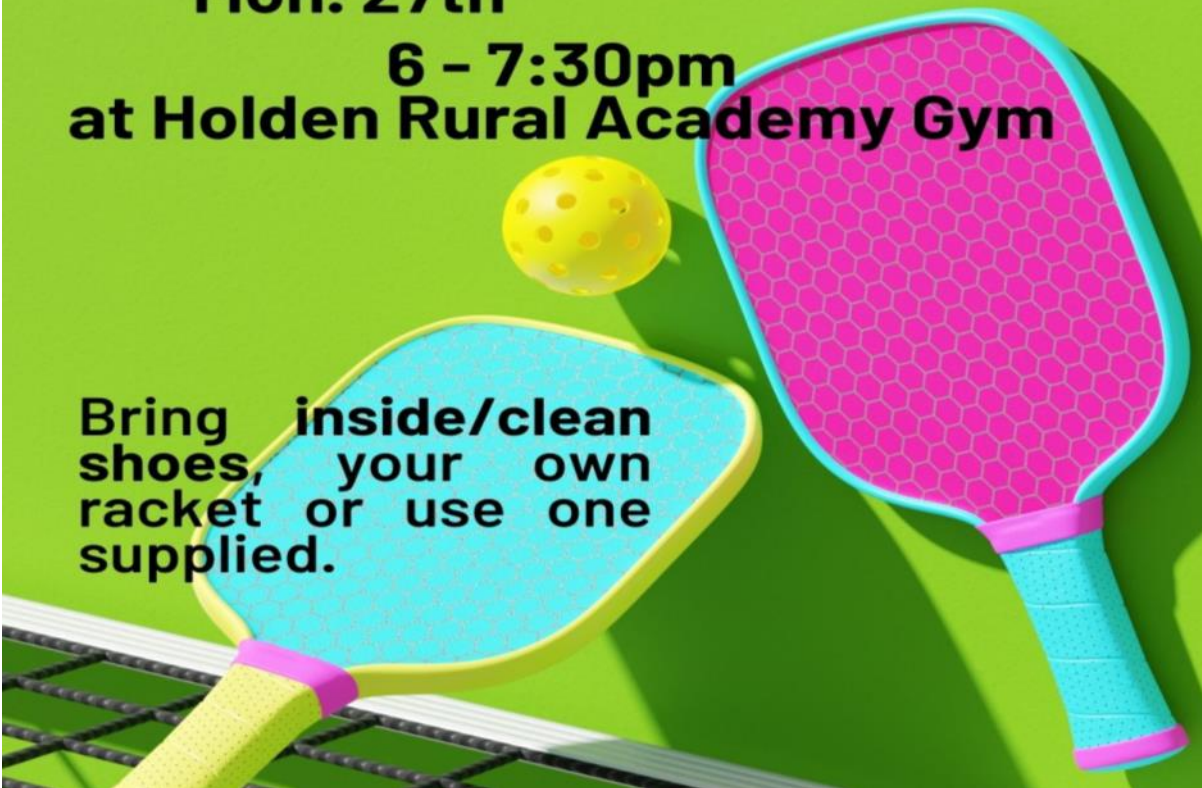
January 2025  
Schedule:

**Thurs. 9th,  
Thurs. 16th,  
Thurs. 23rd,  
Mon. 27th**

**6 - 7:30pm  
at Holden Rural Academy Gym**

**\$2 DROP -  
IN**

**Bring inside/clean  
shoes, your own  
racket or use one  
supplied.**







# Christmas Decorating Winners

Anyone who entered and didn't win still get a prize. Come to the Village Office to pick it up!!!

Grand Prize Winner



1st Place Winner



2nd Place Winner



3rd Place Winner



# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR</p>		<p><u>Adult Walking</u> 10:30am</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p><u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p> <p><u>Adult Walking</u> 10-11am, Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm</p>	<p><u>Adult Walking</u> 10:30am</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> <p><u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p> <p><u>Adult Walking</u> 10-11am, Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm <u>EDC Meeting</u> 5:30pm, Village</p>	<p><u>Adult Walking</u> 10:30am</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p><u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p> <p><u>Adult Walking</u> 10-11am, Hall <u>Council Meeting</u> 6pm, Village</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm</p>	<p><u>Adult Walking</u> 10:30am</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p><u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p> <p><u>Adult Walking</u> 10-11am, Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> <p><u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm</p>	<p><u>Adult Walking</u> 10:30am</p>



# RY 2025

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b> <u>Adult Walking</u> 9-11am, Hall</p>	<p><b>2</b> <u>Adult Walking</u> 10-11am, Hall <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> <u>Playgroup</u> 9:30-11:30am, Hall <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	<p><b>4</b> <u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm <u>Gallery &amp; NU2U2</u> <u>Open</u> 12-4pm</p>
<p><b>8</b> <u>Adult Walking</u> 9-11am, Hall</p>	<p><b>9</b> <u>Adult Walking</u> 10-11am, Hall <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p>	<p><b>10</b> <u>Playgroup</u> 9:30-11:30am, Hall <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	<p><b>11</b> <u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm <u>Gallery &amp; NU2U2</u> <u>Open</u> 12-4pm</p>
<p><b>15</b> <u>Adult Walking</u> 9-11am, Hall</p>	<p><b>16</b> <u>Adult Walking</u> 10-11am, Hall <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p>	<p><b>17</b> <u>Playgroup</u> 9:30-11:30am, Hall <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Crib Tournament</u> 7pm, Legion</p>	<p><b>18</b> <u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm <u>Gallery &amp; NU2U2</u> <u>Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Music Jam</u> 1pm, Hall</p>
<p><b>22</b> <u>Adult Walking</u> 9-11am, Hall</p>	<p><b>23</b> <u>Adult Walking</u> 10-11am, Hall <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p>	<p><b>24</b> <u>Playgroup</u> 9:30-11:30am, Hall <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	<p><b>25</b> <u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm <u>Gallery &amp; NU2U2</u> <u>Open</u> 12-4pm</p>
<p><b>29</b> <u>Adult Walking</u> 9-11am, Hall</p>	<p><b>30</b> <u>Adult Walking</u> 10-11am, Hall <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm</p>	<p><b>31</b> <u>Playgroup</u> 9:30-11:30am, Hall <u>Gallery Open</u> 12-4pm</p>	

# MUSIC JAM / OPEN MIC

HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL  
4919 - 49 Ave.  
HOLDEN, AB



**SATURDAY**  
**JANUARY 18/2025**  
**1 PM**

Admission - \$ 5 per person  
Musicians/Participants - No Charge  
Come Dance/Listen to the Music



Light lunch available

Concession

For more info:

Dave 780-720-5839

or beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com



**MUSICIANS & SPECTATORS WELCOME**

# Holden Li brary

## 2025 Winter Reading Program

Jan 2, 2025 to Feb 28, 2025

Come to the library and get a reading log  
or enter hours on the website  
<https://nllsreadingprograms.ca>

### Prizes for WRP 2025:

- Ages 0 to 5:
  - Yoto + Little Kids' Starter Pack or
  - \$50 Chapters-Indigo Gift Card
- Ages 6 to 9:
  - Sherlock Holmes Detective Toolkit or
  - \$50 Chapters-Indigo Gift Card
- Ages 10 to 16:
  - Puzzle Pack (Escape Puzzle and Puzzle Box) or
  - \$100 Chapters-Indigo Gift Card
- Ages 17 and up:
  - Host Your Own Mystery game or
  - \$100 Chapters-Indigo Gift Card

Each hour gets  
one entry



## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION HOLDEN BRANCH NO. 56 NEWS & EVENTS

Crib Tournament every 3rd Friday of the  
Month @ 7pm except July & August

Interested in becoming a Legion member?  
Contact membership chair Ivan Hrabec at  
780-679-5633 or email at  
[i.hrabec@hotmail.com](mailto:i.hrabec@hotmail.com)

The Legion is available for rent. Contact  
Peggy Nahirniak at 780-688-2109

## Adult Walking at the Holden Community Hall

Mondays, Wednesdays and  
Thursdays  
From 10-11am

Join us for light  
walking &  
socializing.

Contact Christine  
@ 780-688-3812



BEAVER COUNTY EAST

# ... Stay & Play! ...

**For families with kids ages 0-6**

Join us for active play, story and song time, crafts, activities,  
parent resources, family support and more!

Free of charge, no  
pre-registration  
required!

## Bruce: Community Hall Gym

### 11 a.m. - noon

### January 17 & 31, 2024

### February 14 & 28, 2024

### March 14 & 28, 2024



For more information, please call VBFCSS at 780-336-4024.

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# FRAUD & SCAM AWARENESS BREAKFAST

## Presented by Julie Matthews

Fraud is the fastest growing crime in Canada, and its difficult to stay on top of the latest schemes that are rampant online and in our communities.

Investigative reporter turned peace officer and consumer protection expert, Julie Matthews has dedicated her career to helping individuals avoid scams and fraud. She currently hosts a weekly segment, *Scam Alert*, on CFCW radio.



**Bruce Community Hall**  
**January 20, 2025 ~ 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**  
**(Doors open at 8:30 a.m.)**  
**FREE OF CHARGE!**

**Pre-registration appreciated, please contact  
VBFCSS at 780.336.4024 to reserve your space.**





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1-833-511-4AUC  
[www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca)

1400, 600 Third Avenue S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta  
T2P 0G5

# Notice of application to be filed for approval of the natural gas distribution franchise agreement between the Village of Holden and ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

## Application summary

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. to approve the existing current and valid natural gas distribution franchise agreement with the Village of Holden. This application for approval is required due to changes made by the *Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, to various statutes governing franchise agreements.

The current franchise agreement, which took effect in October of 2015, grants ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Village of Holden for approximately ten years.

No changes to the franchise agreement or to the franchise fee rate rider percentage are being made as part of this application. The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain at its current rate, which is 3.5%. Including linear taxes, the resulting average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer will remain the same at approximately \$8.18. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 105 gigajoules per year.

You may send your concerns about, objections to, or support for the application in writing to the Village of Holden or to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. on or before **January 14, 2025** at:

Village of Holden, CAO Rosemary Offrey, 4810 50 Street, phone: 780-688-3928  
or email: [cao@holden.ca](mailto:cao@holden.ca)

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Attn: Franchise Agreement Coordinator, 5302  
Forand Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4, phone: 310-5678 or 1-888-511-  
7550; email: [franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com](mailto:franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com)

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either the Village of Holden or ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. at the addresses listed above.

## For more information:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca).

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications.

Issued on December 30, 2024.

Alberta Utilities Commission

# BUSINESSES



Delivers to Holden every Wednesday, between Noon and 1pm.

Go to [DiamondJBakery.com](http://DiamondJBakery.com) for a list of products.

Contact us at (780)-386-2254 or at [@DiamondJBakery.com](mailto:@DiamondJBakery.com)

## COUNTRY Bottle Depot

Hours of Operation  
Tuesday & Saturday  
9 am to 5:00pm

5012 - 48 Ave  
Holden

780 688 3378  
780 632 9313 CELL

### Holden Hotel Liquor Store

Hours 10am-9pm  
Monday to Saturday  
Closed Sunday  
Phone: 587-415-8656

### Patti's Place Now Open

Monday to Saturday  
8am-7pm  
Closed Sunday  
587-415-8656 or 780-782-8055  
Daily Specials!

## COUNTRY KITCHEN

**MAIN STREET  
HOLDEN, AB  
(780-688-2066)**

### Hours of operation:

Monday – Friday 11:30am - 6:30pm  
Saturday 11:30am - 4pm

(Closed Sunday and Holidays)

## THE GALLERY

### Studio 14 Art Association

Michele @ 780-983-5700

Julianne @ 780-490-9190

LOCATED AT 4916 - 49 AVENUE IN  
HOLDEN

HOURS: OPEN- FRIDAY,  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12-4PM

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



### **NU2U2 Store** 4904 – 50 St

Tuesdays — 12 pm to 4 pm

Saturdays — 12 pm to 4 pm

### **Consignment and Donations by Appointment only**

Contact Mona @ 780-245-3921

or email:

[holdensnu2u2@gmail.com](mailto:holdensnu2u2@gmail.com)



**RYLEY POOL & WELLNESS CENTRE**

CALL THE POOL FOR MORE INFO

Morning Lane Swim & Aquasize	Monday & Wednesday 7 - 9 am
Morning Lane Swim & Aquasize	Friday 7:30 - 9 am
Public Swim	Mon, Wed, & Friday 6 - 8 pm
Public Swim	Sunday 2 - 5pm

(780) 663-3505

**HOLDEN CHURCH LIST**

**Emmanuel Evangelical Missionary Church**

Hwy 626 & Range Rd 152

Pastor:

Sunday Service 10:30 am

**Ukrainian Catholic Churches**

Holden (Descent of the Holy Spirit)

780-688-3844

St. Mary's (South Holden) 780-688-2331

Father Don Bodnar 780-679-0975

**Council Meeting Dates:**

**Council Meeting**– Regular Council Meeting will be on Monday, January 20, 2024 at 6pm virtually and in person.

**Village Office:**

Box 357, 4810-50 Street, Holden, Alberta, T0B 2C0

Phone: 780-688-3928 / Fax: 780-688-2091

Email: cao@holden.ca

**Office Hours:** 8:30 am-12:00 noon & 1:00-4:30 pm

**Office Closed:** January 1, 2025 for New Years day.

*New to Holden? Pick up a Welcome/Info Package at the Village Office.*



**Website:**

[www.holden.ca](http://www.holden.ca)