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DECEMBER 2025

<u>Council Meetings</u>: Regular Council Meeting will be December 15, 2025.



Notice to the General Public of the Village of Holden First Reading of the Master Fees Bylaw 11-2025

The purpose of the proposed Master Fees Bylaw No. 11-2025 is to place all municipal fees and subsequent bylaw references into one bylaw.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be viewed at the Village Office, 4810 – 50 Street, Holden, AB.

If any resident of Holden has concerns with the proposed bylaw, they may send a notice of their concerns to the Village Office, Box 357, Holden, AB T0B 2C0. The notice must outline the concern(s) that the individual has with the proposed bylaw and the reason why they are concerned.

Notice to the General Public of the Village of Holden First Reading of the Proposed Garbage and Sewer Rates Bylaw 12-2025

The Garbage and Sewer Rates Bylaw No. 12-2025 is to meet the requirements of the Alberta Municipal Government Act, Section 7 (g), whereby, a municipal Council may pass a Garbage and Sewer Rates Bylaw.

The purpose of the bylaw is for Council to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to impose Garbage and Sewer Rates for 2026 through to 2030 upon property owners within the Village of Holden boundaries.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be viewed at the Village Office, 4810 - 50 Street, Holden, AB.

If any resident of Holden has concerns with the proposed bylaw, they may send a notice of their concerns to the Village Office, Box 357, Holden, AB T0B 2C0. The notice must outline the concern(s) that the individual has with the proposed bylaw and the reason why they are concerned.

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Notice to the General Public of the Village of Holden First Reading of the Proposed Business License Bylaw 13-2025

The Business License Bylaw No. 13-2025 is to meet the requirements of the Alberta Municipal Government Act, Section 7 (e), whereby, a municipal Council may pass a Bylaw.

The purpose of the bylaw is for Council to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to impose the requirements to register for an annual Business License upon all business owners (including home-based business) within the Village of Holden boundaries.

A copy of the proposed bylaw may be viewed at the Village Office, 4810 - 50 Street, Holden, AB.

If any resident of Holden has concerns with the proposed bylaw, they may send a notice of their concerns to the Village Office, Box 357, Holden, AB T0B 2C0. The notice must outline the concern(s) that the individual has with the proposed bylaw and the reason why they are concerned.



Did you know?

You can pay bills at the Post office. Visit a Canada Post.

VILLAGE OF HOLDEN'S 2025 CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Judging will be Dec. 20 & 21

**Please call the Office to register your

home/yard at 780-688-3928

1st - 3rd place prizes for Residential

1 prize for Commercial

1 Grand prize

Plus a prize for everyone who registers!!!!



Register by Dec. 15



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WINTER WONDERLAND



Holden Complex (5123 50 Street, Holden) Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 4-8 p.m.

- Businesses, organizations and families are invited to decorate and submit a tree for judging at the festival for \$5, with all proceeds going towards the Christmas Cheer hamper program! (Please contact VBFCSS at 780-688-3928 to register your entry as soon as possible!)
- Community members are invited to judge the unique, creative entries on December 13 (entry is free, but donations to the Christmas Hamper program are appreciated!)



*Local craft sale by Artisans

(crafters, please contact VBFCSS to reserve a space!)

*Burger and Fries Fundraiser in support of the Holden AG society

*FREE refreshments and goodies provided by

Viking Beaver FCSS
*FREE public skating

*FREE kids crafts

BROUGHT TO YOU IN PARTNERSHIP BY HOLDEN AG SOCIETY, AND VIKING/BEAVER FCSS







CRAFTING FOR WELLNESS

JOIN A LIFE-LONG CRAFTER AND EXPLORE THE POWER OF ART AND CRAFTING AS IT RELATES TO YOUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS!



NOVEMBER 19 & 26
DECEMBER 3 & 10
HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL
2:00-4:00 P.M.





All ages/ability levels welcome!

Come with your own project, or join us in creating something together as a group!

Pre-registration welcomed, but not required.

For more information please contact Shannon at 780-688-3928 or holdenprogram@vbfcss.ca



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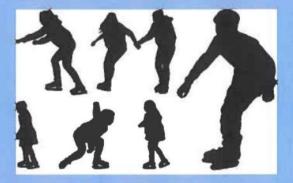


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Free Public Skating

(Donations gratefully accepted)

Sundays 5-8pm



Shinny Fridays 6-9pm

Holden Complex

5123 50 St

Helmets are required by all skaters



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedne	
	1	Library Open 10am-6pm NU2U2 Open 12-4pm Senior Center 1:30pm	<u>Craft</u> <u>W</u> 2-4p	
Gallery Open 12-4pm	8	<u>Library Open</u> 10am-6pm <u>NU2U2 Open</u> 12-4pm <u>Senior Center</u> 1:30pm	<u>Craft</u> <u>W</u> 2-4p	
Gallery Open 12-4pm	Council Meeting 6pm, Village	Library Open 10am-6pm NU2U2 Open 12-4pm Senior Center 1:30pm		
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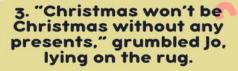
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10 ing for ellness m, Hall	11 <u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm	Gallery Open 12-4pm	13 <u>Library Open</u> 9am-12pm Gallery & NU2U2 Open 12-4pm <u>Winter Wonderland</u> 4-8pm, Complex
17	18 <u>Library Open</u> 4-8pm	19 Gallery Open 12-7pm	Library Open 9am-12pm 9am-12pm 12-7pm NU2U2 Open 12-4pm Music Jam 2pm. Hall Christmas Decorating contest
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 You better not never tell nobody but God. It'd kill your mammy.

Who is it?



Who is it?



 Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show.

Who is it?





4. We slept in what had once been the gymnasium.

Who is it?

Holden Library one line phrase From books who is it





5. The boy with fair hair lowered himself down the last few feet of rock and began to pick his way towards the lagoon.

Who is it?



7. Many years later, as he faced the firing squad, Colonel Aureliano Buendía was to remember that distant afternoon when his father took him to discover ice.

Who is it?



Who is it?



8. You will rejoice to hear that no disaster has accompanied the commencement of an enterprise which you have regarded with such evil forebodings.

Who is it?



Find the answers on another page in the Holdens Times

MUSIC JAM / OPEN MIC

HOLDEN COMMUNITY HALL
4919 - 49 Ave.
HOLDEN, AB

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20/2025 2 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 Par beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com

MUSICIANS & SPECTATORS WELCOME

VIKING/BEAVER FCSS:

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES
COURSES, PROGRAMS, & SUPPORTS

Crafting for Wellness

Join a life long crafter and explore the power of ART and CRAFTING as it relates to your health and Wellness!

Dec 3 & 10
Holden Community Hall
2:00 pm- 4:00 pm

All ages, levels, ability welcome! Bring your own project, or join us in creating something as a group!

Pre-registration welcomed but not required For More Information call Shannon at 780-688-3928 or holdenprogram@vbfcss.ca

BRUCE STAY& PLAY

For families with children ages 0-6.

Join us & the Camrose Family Resource

Centre for activity play, story & song

time, crafts, activities, & more!

Free of charge!
Pre-registration not required.

Dates:

December 5 & 19

All sessions run 11 a.m. -noon at the Bruce Community Hall

Winter Wonderland Celebration

Please Join us for a dinner ,put on by the AG Society concession, craft vendors, Xmas tree judging, free public skating and MORE!

Please contact the Holden FCSS to enter a Tree for the event or a craft table 780-688-3928

Holden Complex (5123 50 Street, Holden) Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 4–8 p.m.

VBFCSS Holden Christmas

Season Hours



December 17: Holden and Area Christmas Hampers delivered.

December 19-January 4: Holden FCSS office closed.

Happy Holidays!

Viking office: M-F, 8:30-12, 1-4:30. 4924 53 Ave. 780-336-4024

Holden office: Monday-Thursday, 1-4:30 p.m.

4810 50 St. 780-688-3928







COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS!

HOLDEN RURAL ACADEMY HAS STUDENT
VOLUNTEERS FOR ANYONE THAT NEEDS HELP WITH:
YARD CLEAN UP

GARDENING

VOLUNTEERS AVALIBLE ON:

MON/WED 2:10 - 3:45

FOR ANY INQUIRES OR TO BOOK HELPERS PLEASE CONTACT:

C.DEY@HOLDENRA.CA

AND/OR

J.HOFFMAN@HOLDENRA.CA

OR CALL: 780-688-0232

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Christmas opening hours:

Last weekend open with longer hours for your convenience Friday 19th and Saturday 20th December 12-7pm Sunday 21st December 12-5pm

Reopening Friday 2nd January regular hours 12-4pm Fridays – Sundays

Private viewing and/or shopping available up to 24th December by texting either Julianne 780-490-9190, Tiffany 780-906-4002 or Gail 780-781-5796 or by emailing us at thegalleryholden@gmail.com

Who is it?

- 1. Answer The Color Purple Alice Walker
- 2. Answer David Copperfield Charles Dickens
- 3. Answer Little Women Louisa May Alcott
- 4. Answer The Handmaid's Tale Margaret Atwood
- 5. Answer Lord Of The Flies William Golding
- 6. Answer To Kill A Mockingbird Harper Lee
- 7. Answer One Hundred Years Of Solitude Gabriel García Márquez
- 8. Answer Frankenstein Mary Shelley

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

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

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

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

Julianne @ 780-490-9190



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

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



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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: Josh Briscall 780-884-1524 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 is December 15, 2025.

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: December 22-26, 2025 for Christmas

Break.

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



Website:

www.holden.ca