



Town of Claresholm

Council Committee Report

Date: April 14, 2025

<p>Mayor Schlossberger</p>	<p>Mar. 19 Webinar on Understanding the needs of newcomers.</p> <p>Mar. 20 Oldman watershed Council. Rivers and streams from 50% to 80% of normal. Snow pack south of highway 3 near normal. Snow pack north of highway 3 way below normal. Reservoirs about 80% to almost normal. Record year last year for grants and donation income. We have a surplus of \$295000. Put that money in reserves, half in The State of the Watershed project and half into Emergency Operating Fund.</p> <p>Mar.20 CDC & Evolution meeting. Very good meeting. Good progress.</p> <p>Mar.25 Hosted 47 grade 1's led by Starla with Brab's help. Always fun having the kids in council chambers. One of questions who built Claresholm? When was Claresholm declared a town? Great kids! Very smart and inquisitive.</p> <p>Mar. 25 Hall board meeting. Lots of questions about renovations. Seems to be a problem with 2 rows of fluorescent lights and wall plugs on west wall. Wondering if it had something to do with renovations. Seems suspicious because they were doing electrical in the entry way.</p> <p>Mar. 27 Southgrow Economic Summit. Megan and I attended. Great event. Over 200 attendees. Great breakout sessions. Attended the tourism event put on by tourism Alberta. GOA putting a lot of focus on tourism these days. Hoping to make up lost ground on loss of income from tariffs. Expect a big push. Also enjoyed the sessions on communities and businesses using co-operatives to create/ build businesses. Example is Sangudo Custom Meat Packers in Sangudo Alberta.</p> <p>Apr.1 Alberta SW and Southgrow meeting with Naheed Nenshi. Good meeting. Talked about challenges that rural is having. Infrastructure. Housing. Water. Need more water storage. Oil & Gas taxes outstanding. Workforce shortages. Of course we discussed the shortfall of funding for REDA's. First REDA folded April 2</p> <p>Apr.2 Alberta SW. Bev successful in her application for a NRED grant. Will help keep Alberta going for another year. Discussed the idea of amalgamation of Alberta SW and Southgrow. Still seems to be no appetite for amalgamation. A few larger centres have major infrastructure plans for this summer.</p> <p>Apr.2 Ab munis small towns south teams meeting. Lots of questions. No answers. Lots concerns. To much fluff.</p> <p>Apr.3 Audit & Finance meeting.</p>
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	<p>Apr.4 Zoom meeting with BRC, Bev Thornton, MD, Marie Everts, Prairies Can, Richard Godfried with Alberta Council. Very good meeting. Everything moving ahead. Moving dirt out at the airport for their production facility. Site is almost ready.</p> <p>Apr.4 Mayors & Reeves. Big topic Zebra mussels. Damage they can cause to irrigation and municipal water pipes if they get in our water supply. They can plug off pipes totally. Had presentation on the Cardiac Ward and fund raising at Lethbridge Regional Hospital. The goal is 30 million in 30 months. This cardiac unit in Lethbridge is badly needed. Number 1 killer in southern Alberta is cardiac arrest and the time it takes to get that patient to Calgary. I toured this planned cardiac wing two years ago. Very important for southern Alberta.</p> <p>Apr.5 Coffee with Council. 10 participants. All positive remarks. Very interesting we had 3 couples from Calgary join us. They were extremely warm and friendly, Participated in our discussion. Lively discussions after coffee. Our visitors wanted to talk with all the councillors and locals who attended that were present. Had very intelligent questions and comments. Amazes me to see how people come to a meeting like this and not know anyone but fit in so quickly. They are looking to become a part of our immigration program. They would be a very welcome addition to our community. The meeting was 2.5 hours.</p> <p>Apr.7 First Mayors of mid sized towns meeting. Lots good discussion. Main advocacy piece is a seperate pot of money for mid sized towns for infrastructure. Not based on per captia basis. Same amount for each community. These group has doubled its membership. A ton of good shared information.</p> <p>April 8 Landfill. Big talk about waste to energy. Have to spend \$50,000 to crush the huge pile of concrete at the landfill.</p>
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