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**To (address)**  
 Ms. Tara VANDERVALK  
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**Salutation:** Dear Ms. VANDERVALK

**Subject:** Re: Community Peace Officer - Town of Claresholm

**Message**

I am submitting this letter to advise of my support for a Community Peace Officer (CPO) for the Town of Claresholm and the benefits thereof.

In my career, I have found that CPO's are a valuable asset to their communities with primarily enforcing the various Provincial Statutes. While Bylaw Enforcement Officers (CPO 2) have limited abilities and authorities, CPO's (CPO 1) have Peace Officer status and can effect arrests and enforce various other Statutes, including Federal, Provincial and local Statutes/Bylaws further enhancing the CPO 2's Mission Statement. In Claresholm, from a Police perspective, Traffic Enforcement has been a major concern raised by both community members and community leaders and has been a priority with the Claresholm Detachment Annual Performance Plan for a number of years. Highway 2 is a main traffic corridor that runs through the middle of town between the centers of Calgary and Lethbridge and is a chronic concern relating to speeding and loud semi trucks using their Jake brakes.

Stop signs, School and Playground Zones, and seatbelt usage are other concerns that have also been raised by the community. A full time CPO would be able to dedicate the bulk of his/her time with these traffic concerns as well as visibility within the community.

Currently, the Claresholm RCMP Detachment has been experiencing resourcing issues precluding members from regular dedicated Traffic Enforcement within the community of Claresholm, as well as the surrounding MD's. A CPO would/could supplement this concern in order to further ensure Community and Public Safety.

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