



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: January 26, 2026

WINTER FESTIVAL 2026

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

Winter Festival 2026 will take place on February 21, Located back at the Claresholm Community Center

As per the Town of Claresholm's Liquor and Town Facilities policy #5.8.15, alcohol is not permitted in town-owned facilities and parks unless authorized by the Town of Claresholm and accompanied by a permit from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.

Claresholm Fire and the Engagement coordinator is requesting temporary road closure for the upcoming fireworks presentation. The closure will affect 8th west from 59th ave W and will be in place from 5.00 PM to 7.00 PM. The Claresholm Fire Department will be assisting to ensure public safety during the event. The roads will be reopened promptly after the fireworks conclude.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

The Chamber and District Chamber of Commerce and the Town's Community Engagement Coordinator are considering an outdoor beer garden offering hot drinks with optional liquor. The event will run from 2 PM – ending at 6.30pm, starting with live music on the ATCO stage, outdoor kick ball, a hay climbing pile, a ball hockey tournament, an indoor market, food truck and hot dogs from Welcoming Claresholm. Train rides, Fire pits will be available, and indoor kids activities will be offered.

This year, the fireworks will be launched from behind the Community Center at the end of the event, allowing attendees to enjoy the display from the event's fire pits and beer gardens. We are working closely with Claresholm Fire and Magnum to ensure all necessary safety measures are in place along with the requested road closer during the event.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor _____ to approve the Claresholm and District Chamber of Commerce for the responsible sale and consumption of liquor at the Claresholm Community Center on Saturday, February 21, 2026 between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the condition that an application to the Alberta Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis has been approved and is displayed at the event and that the Chamber follows policy 5.8.15, Liquor and town Facilities Policy.

Moved by Councillor _____ to approve a road closure at 59th Ave west down 8th street west from 5.00 PM to 7:00 PM. for the Fireworks display on February 21, 2026.

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APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: January 22, 2026
