



Town of Claresholm

Council Committee Report

Date: January 26, 2026

<p>Mayor Schlossberger</p>	<p>Jan.7 Claresholm Food Bank meeting. Good meeting. Shared some good information.</p> <p>Jan. 7 Alberta Southwest meeting. Great attendance. Discussed waste to energy project. New councils settling in. Sean Miles our Director of Investment doing great work. Went over 3rd quarter budget to actual. All on track. Next years budget looking to be ok. With per capita increase.</p> <p>Jan.8 Mid sized towns caucus meeting. We have increased membership from 28 to 30 communities. Have another meeting with Minister Williams, just need to find a time convenient for both parties. Set our meeting times for the next year.</p> <p>Jan.8 ORRSC executive meeting. New CAO was accepted by vote. Said our good byes to previous CAO. Income was up in the last quarter. Makes the bottom line look better for 2025. Subdivision away up in last quarter of 2025. CNP had 21 sub division requests in last month.</p> <p>Jan. 9 Energy Efficiency & Poverty webinar. 91 attendees from across Canada. We do not have endless supply of power in Canada.</p> <p>Jan. 13. Meeting with ORRSC's new CAO. Setting expectations from both sides of the table.</p> <p>Jan. 13 Attended the Claresholm Arts Society's Directors Wine & Cheese event. Always enjoy seeing the behind the scenes. The props, the costumes, the lighting and sound equipment. And all the amazing volunteers who do all the work. Claresholm is so lucky to have such a dedicated group putting on this amazing production year after year.</p> <p>Jan. 15 Oldman Watershed Commission. Oldman dam at 64% of capacity. Snow pack in most areas way above last year, close to historic averages. Had a meeting MLA Hunter the new Environment Minister. OWC will do a new Strat Plan in February. Reorganized organizational structure. Hopefully will alleviate vacation time accrued.</p> <p>Jan. 15 Chinook Arch Library board trustee training. 20 attendees. Learned a lot about Chinook Arch and our library network. All communities pay \$7:76 per capita to belong to Chinook Arch. Two dollars of the 7:76 goes back to our local library to spend on books. Shared resources 3 delivery vans, 5 drivers, 559,100 items moved between libraries. 50,887 items added to be shared to library catalog. 218 library programs in member libraries. 674 attendees to those programs. 17 training events held. 36% increase in monthly Solaro activities (solaro</p>
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	<p>provides homework help and test prep for students in grades 3 to 12). Audio book borrowing up 25%. 20 new kits added to the Let's Play program. Usage up 400%. Worked with libraries creating new websites. 20% increase in website visits. Chinook Arch Library is a tremendous asset to our over 40 municipal libraries. The services they provide are so valuable.</p> <p>Jan. 16 Attended GOA's Investment Growth Fund Webinar. This is funding for private business to start or move their business to Alberta. Requirements for funding are they have to have %80 of their capital raised. Employment has to be an addition of 17 employees. Provide 3 years of financials which have to be submitted. So far 16 grants have been awarded, totaling 11 million. Not for start ups!!</p> <p>Jan. 19 EDC. Good attendance. Good discussion. Update on the RSIP immigration program. Update from the development department. Update from Megan on her idea of small cabins for small businesses to rent for their businesses.</p> <p>Jan.20 Library meeting. Everyone there. Abe sat in our on our meeting. Expressed our gratitude for all the work the staff and board do on behalf of the town. Working on our budget for 2026. Under budget in 2025.</p> <p>Jan. 20 Coffee with council. All of council in attendance and 3 guests. Concerns about the pile of dirt on parade grounds. Discussed our CPO position. Discussed fire hall addition.</p> <p>Jan.21 Landfill meeting. Waste to energy continues to be the big topic.</p> <p>Jan. 22 Attended Willow Creek Ag. Society meeting. Work on the addition to the west Agriplex building is well into the planning and implementation stage. Looking at early spring for building package and construction. The heaters for the west building arrived today. Will be installing those soon. Received at grant for the heaters. Plans and fund raising going very well for the High School Rodeo finals. Looks to be a huge event for Claresholm. Society is discussing raising fees. Struck up a sub committee to look into how that will look. Elections were held. New board in place.</p>
<p>Councillor Carlson</p>	



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Councillor Kettles	
Councillor Knox	
Councillor Meister	
Councillor Wagner	<p>Senior Protect Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More inquiries in this month (typical for December), no more cases than usual - Collaboration opportunity with continuing care licensing and compliance, Director will be compensated for extra work to be taken on. <p>CCCS Budget Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slightly above 200k in finances. - Applying to Town of Claresholm in March for \$25k - Have had a surplus of money over the last couple years, and have been advised to unbalance budget. They plan on doing this mostly through equipment replacement. Budgeted for 20k this year. - Plan to replace shelves, sleep mats, book, toys. Maybe sensory items, wind screen bikes or a new freezer. <p>WMES Meeting - Jan 22/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Created a committee for controversial books. Working on a list to give parents a heads up. NO books removed, only information. - Swings decommissioned due to safety hazard, replaces parts were \$3500. - Next Casino 2028 - Smell from bathrooms and sewer lines has gotten better this month. - Intervention Grant - Money to bring in subs, to allow teachers to work in small groups with students below grade level.



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	- Ward changes were denied.
Councillor Zimmer	