



Town of Claresholm

Council Committee Report

Date: March 23, 2025

Mayor Schlossberger

Feb. 19 Attended Oldman Watershed meeting and Strat planning. Good meeting. Very well attended.

Feb. 20 Met with Joel Souchotte from Leadout Development. Joel is looking for 1 to 3 acres of land to build a small strip mall. Has good connections with franchises like KFC, Shoppers Drug Mart, Pet Smart etc. Did the tour of Claresholm. Met with Abe afterwards.

Feb. 22 Winter Festival!! Helped Jason, Abe, John, Megan, Ali set up tables and chairs in the hall for markets. Then helped Jason, Abe, John and Ali set up tables and chairs for the Chamber of Commerce hot toddy enclosure. Then helped everyone put away tables and chairs in the hall. Then pick up tables and chairs for the Chamber. Watched the fireworks. Then headed over to the Social Center for the Cares dance. Great turnout!! Everyone had a great time.

Feb. 24 Attended a webinar on grant writing through GOA. 81 attendees.

Feb. 24 Town council joint supper with the MD Council.

Feb. 24 Hall Board meeting. New chairs for lobbies arrived. They are branded.

Feb. 25 Attended the Front Door webinar on the affordable housing directory.

Feb. 25 Met with Julie Wang Investment group. They want to build a private grocery store. Smaller in size 3000 square feet. After a 45 minute conversation it was clear they were not interested in building on bare land where they would have to invest in infrastructure. Plus those are on the outside edge of Claresholm. They were most interested in doing something inside town with existing infrastructure. After our discussion, I took them on a tour of town. First we stopped at the Bank of Montreal building. Julie does like this property. Problem being she has contacted Avison&Youn 4 times with no response. I suggested she go through one of local real estate agents and get them to contact Avison&Young. We then walked down to the old Baker building. They all loved the size and location of that building. Not so thrilled when I suggested they may have to tear down this building and rebuild. They were going to the owner away. We then drove over to the old town office site. They were very interested in site and location. I explained to them who owned and they wanted to retain the south half that lot, so that it would likely have to sub divided and rezoned. Did not seem overly concerned with that. I told



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them to contact a local realtor who is familiar with the owners, contacts and pricing. They were going to contact the realtor. I then drove the up to the Claresholm Rentals buildings. Liked the yard, the building and the overhead doors for deliveries. Told them they would have to do extensive renovations to this building. Only concern they had was its location. We will see what comes of this.

March 4 Attended Alberta SW meeting in Cardston. I took with me 4 containers of lettuce and greens to the meeting. Passed them out, promoting Hypha Farms. Good meeting. More talk about towns sharing information, facts and figures etc. Discussed more emphasis on regional airports. More discussion on sustainability. Do we want to entertain the idea of having corporate sponsorship? Some concerns raised about what kind of influence would these sponsors have on Alberta SW. My idea is this the only way we are going to keep Alberta SW going.

March 5 ORRSC general board meeting. Subdivision income is trending upwards. Crowsnest is leading the way with more subdivisions. Claresholm is falling off the chart. From now on fees for appeals will be included in your cost of belonging to ORRSC.

March 6. Mayors & Reeves. VERY robust discussion about Education property tax increases and police costing. MLA Hunter kept saying that Municipalities had agreed to 30% of the cost for both. We agreed. Our question was 30% of what number? How are we forecast what our cost will be when we do not know what number that 30% is based off of. Also we explained how we want format these 2 costs on our tax bill. MLA Hunter agreed we should be able to do that. This conversation could go on forever. Another concerning I learned about was our local health councils that were recently set up. South region has members from all over southern Alberta, doctors, elected officials and lay people. They are in health council zone 13. Claresholm is in the Calgary Health Zone. Health council zone 12. So I looked up where our members on that zone were from. All of the members of this health zone council are from Calgary. This will diminish any input from Claresholm, High River or Okotoks. This very much concerns me. I will be putting my name forward to this Zone 12 Health Council and encourage anyone else to put their name forward also. We need to have a voice on this council.

March 7 Coffee with council. 5 attendees. Some input for RCMP but nothing new. Our Sgt. is retiring in July. We have had another constable leave to join Calgary police. Recruiting is becoming a larger and larger problem.

March 11 Webinar on Capital Access for Women Entrepreneurs.



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	<p>Movement 51 a non profit organization that will direct women entrepreneurs on where to access and what/how to do to access capital for their business. They are Calgary based but operates across Canada. Very good webinar. 74 attendees.</p> <p>March 11 ICF meeting. Nanton and Fort MacLeod looking for more funding for rec. Discussed doing a regional FCSS. Taber/Warner do a regional FCSS hub with 17 spokes.</p> <p>March 12 Zoom meeting with Nursicana Developments. They are looking for a location to build a private extended care facility 100 to 200 bed facility. Once again they would prefer Town owned land, of which we have none. This is becoming a very large problem!! Time and time again I get calls from developers looking for town owned land. Residential, commercial and industrial land. Some how we are going to need to solve this puzzle.</p> <p>March 12 Mid sized towns caucus meeting. Still trying to set up a meeting with Minister Williams. Going to do another recruitment drive.</p> <p>March 16 EDC meeting. Two members of our committee have resigned. 3 have terms coming due. We will be advertising for returning or new members. We put forward 2 new initiatives to refer to council. It was a good meeting.</p> <p>March 17 Coffee with Council. 4 members attended. Shared concerns with RCMP.</p> <p>March 18 Attended AG society meeting. The board is exploring/changing fees for different user groups. Plans for front end for west building moving forward.</p>
<p>Councillor Carlson</p>	
<p>Councillor Kettles</p>	
<p>Councillor Knox</p>	<p>March 7th: Coffee with Council. Good turn out with the RCMP there as well.</p> <p>March 7th: Museum meeting with Friends of the Museum as well. New</p>



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	<p>Building and fundraising discussion.</p> <p>March 9th: Social Centre meeting. Guest Abe Tinney! Directors reports. AGM discussion. Pool table issue.</p> <p>March 17th: Coffee with Council. Calling Bingo at the Social Centre. A lot of fun!</p> <p>March 18th: Social Centre board AGM. New President and new Treasurer!</p>
<p>Councillor Meister</p>	
<p>Councillor Wagner</p>	<p>CCCS Committee - March 11/26 6 new directors for the board elected Continuing to look into wind wall / pavement pad 45 children at daycare New Purchases: freezer, sensory tables, tricycles, indoor climbing set, storage shelves Security measures: Looking to installing a fob system or code lock system for both buildings (~ \$6000/door)</p> <p>Food Bank Committee - March 12/26 Working w/ Town to get a new breaker system that can handle increased freezer capacity Worked through Bylaws to update / clarify many of them (As per Standards of Excellence) Continued work on Standards of Excellence</p> <p>Library Committee - March 17/26 Casino in April Funding doing well Changes to POPA to conform to the new FOIP laws Change to board name -> The Town of Claresholm Library Board (To be in compliance w/ government) 3 bylaw changes for corrections/compliance</p>



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