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Subject: Request to be added to next Council meeting agenda
Attachments: DRAFT Corporations Canada re dissolution of Claresholm Chamber of Commerce.docx; Corporate Profile - Claresholm Chamber of Commerce.pdf; CCC - signed stat dec.pdf

Good afternoon,

As counsel for the Claresholm & District Chamber of Commerce Society (the "Chamber"), I ask to appear before Council during the next scheduled meeting (April 14?).

I emailed with the CAO last year about whether the Town would submit a letter, on Town letterhead, to Corporations Canada and request that the long-defunct "Claresholm Chamber of Commerce" (the "CCC") be dissolved. I do have a statutory declaration signed by Mayor Schlossberger last March.

As background, the Chamber discovered in late 2024 that there was a federally-registered "Claresholm Chamber" (the CCC). Through various searches, I determined that the CCC is not registered in Alberta as a corporation or as a Society. The contact person listed in the federal corporate profile advised that they had left Claresholm in the 1970s and was not involved with the CCC. The CCC was federally incorporated under the *Boards of Trade Act* in 1959 and has not filed any reports in decades.

A 'stagnant' federally-registered Chamber of Commerce can be dissolved by the federal government (specifically, the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) upon a request by a municipality. The March 2025 declaration serves as that request.

The Board would like the Town to submit the request to dissolve the CCC. The Board is concerned that, should the Chamber submit the request, it could appear that the Chamber knowingly breached the federal *Boards of Trade Act* by operating a chamber of commerce (the current, active Chamber) in the same geographic area as an existing chamber (the defunct CCC). Out of an abundance of caution, the Board asks that the Town submit the request.

I have attached a draft form of letter for the Council's consideration along with the necessary attachments to be submitted to Corporations Canada with the request.

I would be pleased to appear on the Chamber's behalf to further discuss this request. Please confirm that this item is added to the agenda, and for which meeting date. Please also let me know if you require additional information or have any questions.

Thank you,
Kendall



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