



# Town of Claresholm

**Council Committee Report**

**Date: September 23, 2024**

<p><b>Mayor Schlossberger</b></p>	<p>Sept 3. Met with the new GM of the NJHL Claresholm Thunder.</p> <p>Sept 4. Alberta SW meeting. Still discussing what is happening with REDA funding. New Community Futures representative Sacha filling in for Tony.</p> <p>Sept 5. ORRSC general board meeting. Discussed having a full day of budget discussions. Discussed new members coming on. Discussed new services ORRSC could offer. Had a presentation by a company from Lethbridge that builds prefabricated Fire Halls. State of the art buildings.</p> <p>Sept 6. Mayors &amp; Reeves meeting in Lethbridge. Had report from MP Martin Shields. Report from MLA Grant Hunter. Variety of topics discussed. Bill 20. Police Force. Alberta Pension. Water. Milk River situation. Education needs.</p> <p>Sept 11. ORRSC budget meeting with executive board. 4 hours of discussion. Need to increase revenue. How to get new members to join.</p> <p>Sept 12. CDC meeting. Good information.</p> <p>Sept 16. Cultural Diversity training at the Social Center. Very interesting discussion.</p> <p>Sept 16. EDC meeting.</p> <p>Sept 17. Landfill meeting. Update on waste to energy with Mitacs. Not sure how that will turn out. Willow Creek Landfill Commission handles a small amount of waste compared to other landfills. Changed hours of operation. Open 5 days a week with 2 Saturdays a month. Used to be closed Wednesdays.</p> <p>Sept 17. Library meeting. New security system installed. New memberships are up. Summer reading program a success. No less than 20 children each day. Discussion about Service dogs and procedures around that. Almost have our pigeon problem dealt with. Changes to the bylaws approved.</p> <p>Sept. 17 Coffee with council. We had 3 participants. Concerns about gopher problems next 2 ave. East. More concerns about truckers using exhaust brakes on highway. Why are we not paving 2ave east all the way 59st.</p>
<p><b>Councillor Carlson</b></p>	



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<p><b>Councillor Cutler</b></p>	
<p><b>Councillor Kettles</b></p>	<p>Claresholm Child Care</p> <p>Financial trends point to a small operations loss at the end of the year which can be covered by reserves. Fundraising bingo will be rescheduled for early in November date TBD based on venue availability. There is a little room available at the daycare for the first time in a while and so the waiting list will be reviewed.</p> <p>We will collect a couple of quotes on repainting the classrooms as they are starting to show some wear and tear.</p> <p>Learn a Lot Playschool</p> <p>The Playschool is doing ok financially and is in a position to make a deposit on the long hoped for play structure. Parent input will be sought regarding choice options with a plan for installation next Spring. Annual fundraising initiatives were reviewed with additional efforts planned to support play structure funding and other needs.</p> <p>Reported that the smaller class sizes from adding an afternoon class has made start up this year easier. We are still looking to accept some more students.</p> <p>A couple of maintenance issues were discussed with the town - barrier around gas meter (licence compliance issue) and bathroom lighting.</p>
<p><b>Councillor Meister</b></p>	<p>FCSS</p> <p>This summer was very busy! There were 60 backpacks handed out this year. 485 tax returns were filed. 180 people attended the senior's brunch. Family bingo will be starting up again. Dad Connex has new leadership. FCSS has funded free swims on Sundays through to the end of the year. Granum programming has become very successful and well attended. \$5599.50 was raised with the smile cookie campaign. Thank you to Tim Hortons for the donation, it helps fund the Christmas hamper program. Renovictions are becoming more common. Housing inquiries are continuously increasing. The transportation society has had their grant approved, this will help with low income transportation needs.</p>



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	<p><b>Social centre</b>          We have new pool tables! Grant submitted for some renovations and upgrades to the centre. A knitting group will start in January. Some activity attendees are not paying the appropriate fees, \$6/non-members and \$3/ members. We will be hosting a Christmas market in Nov. Crib tournaments are back from their summer break. Music party will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Oct. They will be trying the new sound system out.</p> <p><b>Museum</b>          We have had slightly over budget revenues this year, in part due to changes in the gift shop. In addition to staff hours there have been 59 ½ volunteer hours put in, by the board, to help clear out and clean artifacts that were in the flooded basement of the station. The museum is lucky to have such a passionate and hardworking board. We would have needed 3 or 4 more storage units to hold these artifacts but we are currently using the basement of Mackin hall. We would like to add some picnic tables , benches, and bike racks to the grounds. A delegation and some information items to be presented to council are in the works.</p>
<p><b>Councillor Ross</b></p>	<p>Aug 2024</p> <p>The round pen move has been completed, ground around it has been raised with the topsoil that was removed from around the old round pen.</p> <p>Was suggested to buy 4 sections of portable wind fence to put on the southwest side of the newly repositioned round pen. Reason: This would be done in order to reduce the amount of sand from blowing out of this round pen now that it is more exposed to the wind.</p> <p>New LED lights have replaced the old sodium vapor lights on the pole by pens 1-5 by the East Agriplex. These are the same light levels and wattage as the other pole lights we have been replacing over the years.</p> <p>Upcoming Events:          Sept 20-21 Golden Age Heritage Horse Show          Sept 20-21-22 Alberta Stock Horse Show          Sept 26-29 Futura nova reining          Oct 5-6 STAV/ABRA barrel clinic W/A          Oct 5-6 Achteminchuk Working cowhorse clinic          Oct 12-13 CFB Breakaway roping finals          Oct 17-20 Canadian Sr Pro Rodeo Finals</p>



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<b>Councillor Zimmer</b>	