



Town of Claresholm

Council Committee Report

Date: October 15, 2024

Mayor Schlossberger

Sept 18. Zoom meeting with Alberta SW and MECAP. Presentation on manufacturing efficiency. Very long discussion on that subject with all participants. There was 20 or so participants from private companies and manufacturers and government. Lots of good conversation.

Sept 19. Attended my first board of directors meeting with Oldman Watershed Council. Very impressed with the diversity of people on this board.

From irrigation directors, to academics, to conservation people, forestry companies. Interestingly I am the only municipal government participant. The meeting was very well run. Well organized, efficient and participation from everyone. Financial in good hands. Financials well presented and very transparent.

Sept 20. MPC. Presented the vet Clinic plans and drawings. Very impressive, well thought out building. Construction to start very soon, this fall if possible. All members of MPC voted in favour of accepting this proposal!! MPC was very impressed with this plan. Approved a mobile vehicle detailing home business.

Sept 20. Attended a webinar on Welcome Platform, a new app for welcoming newcomers to your community.

Sept 23. Met with the owners of Nursicana. This company is very interested in building town homes or multi residential in Claresholm. They had been looking at small parcel of land in town. They lost that bid. The realtor that was dealing with them on that parcel introduced me to them. We met for coffee & discussion. Went over our Area Structural Plans to show them what other land was available to purchase. After viewing the plans we did a tour of Claresholm. Showed them available land and all that Claresholm has to offer. They are excited about being a part of our community. They have booked an appointment with our development officer for week of Oct 1.

Sept 24. Met with landowners of land on 2nd st east behind Casa Roma. They have plans to build single residential and duplexes. They have already talked with our development manager. They are very excited by the opportunity of joining our growing town. Very impressed with the welcome from the Town of Claresholm.

Sept 24 to 27. Attended the Ab Munis convention in Red Deer. This was the best convention I have attended. Excellent workshops! Very good



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conversation with everyone. Complements from everyone on our new corporate services manager.

Sept 27. Home opener of our new junior hockey team. Did the ceremonial puck drop and jersey presentation. Great game. Great crowd. Exciting to have junior hockey in town again.

Sept 28. Travelled to Crowsnest with the hockey team to Crowsnest on their bus. Good to be back in the rink. Shared some conversation with the Mayor of Crowsnest. It was their home opener and Mayor Painter was presented with his sweater and did his puck drop. It was a great weekend.

Oct 1. Attended a zoom meeting with Cathy Goulet who is doing pre consultations before Southgrow Strat planning meeting on the 24th.

Oct 2. Alberta SW. Full attendance. Discussed getting a NRED grant to hire a consultant to suggest to our communities could use existing land and infrastructure better, instead of always trying to create new. Talked about the SCOP, small community opportunity program. It is open once again, and they don't always follow the eligibility rules on the website.

Got our Alberta Southwest Project Overview booklet for all our councils.

Oct 4. Mayors & Reeves in Lethbridge. Great report from MLA Hunter. Covering everything from supporting women in business. 4 million for Youth Suicide Prevention Grants. 29902 new housing starts in Alberta. 8.6 billion for new & renovation of schools to create 200,000 new student spaces. It was a long report. Those are the highlights.

Oct 5 Coffee with council. 5 attendees. Questions. When will Pine Place be done? Who is selling the Pine Place lots? Is there a GOA standard for streets and roads? Do contractors have to include guarantees with their work on roads? What is happening with the old school division building? Is having the provincial government collecting municipal taxes a good idea? No. Have we hired an EDO yet? No. Is the Town hiring. A peace officer? Still researching this. How do we collect bylaws fines? If non compliance on taxes. When are community hall renovations starting? January.

Oct 8. Landfill. Our CEO has resigned. In the process of replacing that position. Avail in Fort Macleod doing payroll, paying bills and financials.

Oct. 8 Webinar on Shaping SW Alberta's Energy future. I have full day meeting on this subject coming up in Pincher Creek.

Oct 8. Skatepark Ass. Planning grand opening for next year. Looking to make plans for trees and pathways. Lighting? Looking at perhaps a pump track for the next project. Still fund raising. Doing the Health Foundation



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	Gala. Finalizing paperwork to become a society so we can get a casino. Lots of work to do still.
Councillor Carlson	
Councillor Cutler	
Councillor Kettles	
Councillor Meister	<p>ABmunis convention As always it was a very informative few days.</p> <p>1. I attended the water conservation break out session with hopes of learning more ways to be water wise. Claresholm has already taken a pragmatic approach with their restructuring of water rates. We can thank our previous council for their foresight in addressing this issue. Many communities do not have water meters and their infrastructure is in poor condition with little to no capital for improvements or replacement.</p> <p>2. The CAO/ council relationship session was good. The CAO is councils only employee but we work best when supportive of each other. Councils are likely unaware of the extreme pressure that their CAO faces on a daily basis. I believe that we are very lucky to have the relationship that we do with our CAO.</p> <p>3. Communicating in times of trouble. Many different circumstances can cause issues in a community. Council is not to be the source of information in these instances. Community members should be able to rely that the information they receive is accurate and consistent. It is imperative that it comes directly from the source! Friends and neighbours are not the official information givers. It was also noted that misinformation travels through conservative circles more rampantly.</p> <p>FCSS</p>



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	<p>We went through the 2023 ABmunis resolutions and were very disappointed that not one of them has seen any progress or improvement. This does not leave us hopeful for '24 resolutions. Westwinds is still in house to try and help with rental issues but there is currently no funding left for rental support. When landlords find out that their tenants are subsidized, they tend to raise the rent accordingly. FCSS' across the province continue to face challenges with their workload continuously increasing without the extra funding that is needed to keep pace with the issues they face. More people are requiring assistance than ever before. There will be Blackfoot language and history sessions in November on Thursday evenings. Secret Santa, for seniors, will run again this year.</p> <p>Social centre There will be a pool league open house on oct. 24 &25 with the league to start on oct.28. Looking at collaborations to host information sessions and classes. Our name change has been official for a while now but some are still using our old one for correspondence. We will be publishing a quarterly newsletter. Hosting quarterly emergency information sessions with Jason Hemmaway. Thanks to Porcupine hills classic cruisers for their donation!</p>
<p>Councillor Ross</p>	
<p>Councillor Zimmer</p>	