



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2008
AGENDA**

**Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Council Chambers**

AGENDA: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 24, 2008

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. BYLAW #1512 – UNSIGHTLY PREMISES AND SNOW REMOVAL
RE: All Readings**
- 2. BYLAW #1520 – LAND USE AMENDMENT
RE: 1st Reading**
- 3. CORRES: CHRIS COOPER
RE: Water Consumption**
- 4. ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS**

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 1. Claresholm & District Museum Board Minutes – October 23, 2008**
- 2. Claresholm Elementary School Principal's Update – November 24, 2008**
- 3. Claresholm Elementary News – December 2008**
- 4. Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Services Commission Minutes - September 18, 2008**
- 5. Claresholm & District FCSS Minutes – October 20, 2008**
- 6. AAMD&C Contact – November 21, 2008**
- 7. AAMD&C Contact – November 28, 2008**
- 8. Claresholm Child Care Society Minutes – September 19, 2008**
- 9. Claresholm Child Care Society Minutes – November 14, 2008**

ADJOURNMENT:



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 24, 2008**

PRESENT: Mayor Rob Steel, Councillors: Shirley Isaacson, Don Leonard, Doug MacPherson, David Moore and Connie Quayle; Chief Administrative Officer: Kris Holbeck; Secretary-Treasurer: Karine Wilhauk

ABSENT: Councillor Daryl Sutter

AGENDA: Moved by Councillor Quayle that the Agenda be accepted as amended.

MINUTES: **CARRIED**
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 10, 2008
Moved by Councillor Isaacson that the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2008 be accepted as presented.

FINANCES: **CARRIED**
OCTOBER 2008 BANK STATEMENT
Moved by Councillor Moore to approve the October 2008 bank statement as presented.

DELEGATIONS: **CARRIED**
JEFF GIBEAU, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
RE: CPR Right-of-way

Mr. Jeff Gibeau, Town of Claresholm Development Officer, spoke about the CPR Right-of-Way that the Town of Claresholm owns that various parties have offered to purchase. The only frontage on this property is 70 feet on 50th Avenue East, which is at the north end. There are two restrictive covenants and two easements on this land that will restrict any building from ever occurring on this property. The development department is recommending that subdivision and sale of the lands located south of the water tower, in succession, be allowed at this time. Lands north of the water tower should not be sold until such time as a utility corridor can be established and a redevelopment plan (to be completed by Gavin Scott of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission) put into place.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **DELEGATION RESPONSE: MONTY ANDERSON**
RE: Land adjacent to the old landfill

Moved by Councillor Moore to proceed with the Monty Anderson request as recommended by administration.

CARRIED

2. **HYDRANT USE AGREEMENT WITH THE MD OF WILLOW CREEK**
RE: Review and discussion

Moved by Councillor Leonard to adopt the Hydrant Use Agreement with the Municipal District of Willow Creek as presented.

CARRIED

3. **WATER CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT WITH MD OF WILLOW CREEK**
RE: Review and discussion

Moved by Councillor Isaacson to adopt the Water Conveyance Agreement with the Municipal District of Willow Creek as presented.

CARRIED

4. **WATER CONVEYANCE & SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH MD OF WILLOW CREEK AND TOWN OF GRANUM**
RE: Review and discussion

Moved by Councillor MacPherson to adopt the Water Conveyance Agreement with the Municipal District of Willow Creek and the Town of Granum as presented.

CARRIED

5. CORRES: CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY
RE: Relay for Life

Moved by Councillor MacPherson to deny the request from the Canadian Cancer Society to financially support the Relay for Life in the Town of Claresholm.

CARRIED

6. CORRES: THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
RE: Hay wagon ride

Moved by Councillor Moore to approve the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' hay wagon ride on Friday, December 19, 2008 on the east side of town from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

CARRIED

7. CORRES: CLARESHOLM CHILD CARE SOCIETY
RE: Letter of Support for Space Creation Grant

Moved by Councillor Quayle to write a letter of support for the Claresholm Child Care Society's application for the Space Creation Grant.

CARRIED

8. AIRPORT HANGAR COST ESTIMATE

Moved by Councillor Moore to give the current renters in the aircraft hangar at the Claresholm Industrial Airport ninety (90) days from December 1, 2008 to vacate the premises and plan for demolition of the building at that time.

CARRIED

9. CORRES: ROY & DOREEN SLETTEDE
RE: Offer to Purchase

Moved by Councillor MacPherson to accept the offer to purchase from Roy and Doreen Slette for the CPR Right-of-Way land located east of their property at 4416 - 1st Street West for \$20,000 per acres plus GST plus related fees.

Mayor Steel requested a recorded vote.

FOR: Councillors Moore, Isaacson, Leonard, Quayle and MacPherson
AGAINST: Mayor Steel

CARRIED

10. CORRES: DEE JAY HARDWARE LTD.
RE: Offer to Purchase

Moved by Councillor MacPherson to deny the offer to purchase from Dee Jay Hardware until such time as a utility corridor is created and a redevelopment plan is completed for the CPR Right-of-Way lands, at which time their offer will be reconsidered.

CARRIED

11. CAO'S REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL
RE: 2009-2011 Capital Budget

Moved by Councillor Moore to accept the 2009-2011 Capital Budget as presented.

CARRIED

12. LEASE AGREEMENT – VAL & KAREN FLORENCE

Moved by Councillor Moore to accept the lease agreement from Val and Karen Florence as presented.

CARRIED

13. WEST WATERLINE ISSUE

Received for information.

14. DECEMBER MEETING DATES

Received for information.

15. ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Quayle to accept the information items as presented.

CARRIED

16. IN CAMERA - LEGAL

Moved by Councillor MacPherson that this meeting go In Camera.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Leonard that this meeting come out of In Camera.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor MacPherson that this meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

MAYOR – ROB STEEL

SECRETARY-TREASURER – KARINE WILHAUK

ACTION ITEMS



**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW #1512**

A Bylaw of the **Town of Claresholm** to **regulate and abate nuisances and unsightly premises and to require timely snow removal within the Town of Claresholm.**

WHEREAS Section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26 permits the Council to pass bylaws respecting nuisances, including unsightly property; the safety, health and welfare of people; and the protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS the Council deems it necessary to provide for an efficient means of regulating and encouraging the abatement of unsightly premises within the Town of Claresholm;

AND WHEREAS the Council deems it necessary to require the timely removal of ice and snow from the sidewalks located within the Town of Claresholm;

AND WHEREAS the Council deems it necessary and appropriate to repeal and replace the existing Nuisance Bylaw No. 1406;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARESHOLM, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, DULY ASSEMBLED, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 TITLE OF BYLAW

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “**Unsightly Premises and Snow Removal Bylaw.**”

SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
- a) “**Administration Fee**” means a fee added to actual expenses incurred by the Town for measures taken pursuant to this Bylaw and such fee is equal to the greater of \$25.00 or 15% of actual expenses incurred by the Town;
 - b) “**Animal Material**” means any animal excrement and includes all material accumulated on a premises from pet pens or pet yards, stables, veterinary clinics, animal hospitals, kennels or feed lots;
 - c) “**Ashes**” means the powdery residue accumulated on a premises left after the combustion of any substance and includes any partially burnt wood, charcoal or coal;
 - d) “**Building Material**” means material or debris which may result from the construction, renovation or demolition of any building or other structure and includes, but is not limited to, wood, gypsum board, roofing, vinyl siding, metal, packaging material and containers of building material, gravel, concrete and asphalt and any earth, rocks and vegetation displaced during such construction, renovation or demolition of any building or other structure;
 - e) “**Chief Administrative Officer**” means a municipal official employed by the Town of Claresholm in the position of Chief Administrative Officer or, in his/her absence, the person appointed as Acting Chief Administrative Officer;
 - f) “**Control**” in reference to weeds means:
 -) Cut, mow or carry out measures designed to inhibit propagation of the weed, or
 - i) Destroy the weed if specified by a Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer or Weed Inspector employed by the Town of Claresholm;
 - g) “**Council**” means the Council of the Town of Claresholm;
 - h) “**Court**” means the Provincial Court of Alberta;
 - i) “**Enforcement Officer**” means a Community Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, RCMP Constable or other person appointed by the Town who is authorized to enforce Bylaws of the Town of Claresholm;
 - j) “**Garbage**” means any household or commercial rubbish including, but not limited

to, boxes, cartons, bottles, cans, containers, packaging, wrapping material, waste paper, cardboard, food, discarded clothing or fabric and discarded household items;

k) **"Graffiti"** means words, figures, letters or drawings scribbled, scratched, painted or sprayed upon any surface without the consent of the owner of the building or premise on which such graffiti is placed;

l) **"Highway"** is as defined in the *Traffic Safety Act*;

m) **"Including" or "Includes"** when introducing a list of items, does not limit the meaning of the words to those items or to items of a similar kind;

n) **"Municipal Government Act"** means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended or replaced from time to time;

o) **"Notice"** means a notice issued pursuant to this Bylaw directing an owner of a premises to remedy a condition that is not in compliance with a provision of this Bylaw;

p) **"Owner"** of a property or premise means:

- i) a person who is registered under the *Land Titles Act* as the owner of the land;
- ii) a person who is recorded as the owner of the property on the tax assessment of the Town;
- iii) a person who has purchased or otherwise acquired the land, whether he has purchased or otherwise acquired the land directly from the owner or from another purchaser, and has not yet become the registered owner thereof;
- iv) a person holding himself out as the person having the powers and authority of ownership of the property or premises or who for the time being exercises the powers and authority of ownership; or
- v) a person controlling the property or premises under construction, or a person who is the occupant of the property or premises pursuant to a rental or lease agreement, license or permit;

q) **"Person"** means an individual or any business entity including a firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or society;

r) **"Premises"** means any land situated in whole or in part within the Town including the external surfaces of all buildings and land immediately adjacent to any building or buildings and includes any land or buildings owned or leased by the Town;

s) **"Provincial Offences Procedures Act"** means the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, RSA 200, Chapter P-34, and the regulations thereof, as amended or replaced from time to time;

t) **"Residential Building"** means a structure used as a residence containing one or more dwelling units, including a house, multi-family dwelling, apartment building, hospital, lodging house, hotel, motel, mobile home, tent, trailer, motor home, camper, or recreational vehicle of any type;

u) **"Residential Development"** means any land that is the site of one or more residential buildings, excepting farms, ranches, and other land which is used for primarily agricultural purposes;

v) **"Town"** means the municipal corporation of the Town of Claresholm in the Province of Alberta, or the area located within the Town of Claresholm's corporate limits, as the context so requires;

w) **"Unightly Premises"** means any building or property or part of either that exhibits "visual evidence of a lack of general maintenance and upkeep", as defined in this Bylaw, and includes any premises upon which there is an excessive or unreasonable accumulation of:

- i) garbage, animal or human excrement, sewage, the whole or a part of an animal carcass, dirt, soil, gravel, rocks, petroleum products, hazardous materials, containers, boxes, paper products, disassembled equipment or machinery, broken household chattels or goods;
- i) the whole or any part of any vehicle or vehicles which are not registered with the Motor Vehicle Registry for the current year and which are inoperative by reason of disrepair, removed parts, or missing equipment, or any vehicles which are otherwise not in a roadworthy condition;

- iii) equipment, household appliances, power tools or machinery which have been rendered inoperative by reason of disassembly, age or mechanical condition;
 - iv) animal material, ashes, building material, garbage, and yard material as defined in this Bylaw; or
 - v) any other form of scrap, litter, trash, junk, or waste of any kind;
- x) “**Vehicle**” has the same meaning as defined in the *Traffic Safety Act*, and includes any motorized vehicle that is unable to be moved under its own power;
- y) “**Visual Evidence of a Lack of General Maintenance and Upkeep**” includes, in relation to a premises:
- i) significant physical deterioration of buildings or other improvements, or portions of either;
 - ii) broken or missing windows, siding, shingles, shutters, eaves, or other building construction or finishing materials;
 - iii) significant fading, chipping or peeling of painted areas of buildings or other improvements;
- z) “**Weeds**” includes dandelions, nuisance and noxious weeds as defined by the *Weed Control Act*;
- aa) “**Yard Material**” means waste material of an organic nature formed as a result of gardening, horticultural pursuits, or agricultural activities and includes grass, tree and hedge cuttings, waste sod and decomposing plants, leaves and weeds.

SECTION 3 GENERAL PROHIBITION

- 3.1 No owner or owners of a premises shall cause, allow or permit the premises to become or to continue to be an “Unsanitary Premises”, as defined by this Bylaw.
- 3.2 When making the determination as to whether a particular premises constitutes an “Unsanitary Premises”, the Court’s considerations shall include any admissible evidence as to:
- a) the general condition and state of tidiness of the neighbouring or surrounding premises;
 - b) the location and permitted use of the premises and whether or not the premises is located within a residential development;
 - c) the period of time the premises has been in the state complained of;
 - d) whether or not the premises is undergoing construction or renovation, and the period of time that such activity has been ongoing; and
 - e) any other circumstances or factors relating to the premises which the Court deems are relevant to the said determination.
- 3.3 Every owner or occupier of a premises shall ensure that graffiti placed on the premises is removed, painted over, or otherwise permanently blocked from public view within fourteen (14) days of the owner becoming aware or notified of the presence of said graffiti

SECTION 4 WEEDS, GRASS, TREES, PESTS AND SMOKE

- 4.1 Every occupant or owner of any property or premises within the Town shall:
- a) eradicate or control all weeds and grass on the premises, and on any boulevard which abuts or adjoins the premises, including up to the center of lanes or alleys at the rear or side of the premises;
 - b) prune or remove any and all trees located on the premises that, due to a deterioration of condition or for any other reason, interfere with any public utility or public works, and are a public safety hazard;
 - c) remove or prune any shrub located on the premises which is, or could be, a nuisance to any person using any publicly owned or maintained sidewalk or street;
 - d) prevent stagnant water from remaining on the premises so as to avoid it becoming a potential breeding place for mosquitoes or other pests;

- e) cut or mow the grass on any boulevard or street, situated on Town owned land adjoining, or abutting or adjacent to the premises owned or occupied by them, to prevent such grass from growing to such a height as to be unsightly, having regard to the height of the grass on adjacent or surrounding premises;
 - f) remove from such property any dead grass or brush or rubbish which is clearly untidy or unsightly, or which may harbor vermin or pests therein; and
 - g) cut or mow the grass on such property before said grass reaches such a height as to be unsightly, having regard to the height of the grass on adjacent or surrounding property.
- 4.2 No occupant or owner of any property or premises, whether presently occupied or not, shall:
- a) allow weeds to grow and propagate uncontrolled or excessively on the premises;
 - b) suffer or permit trees, or other vegetation growing on the property, to interfere or endanger the lines, poles, conduits, pipes, or sewers or other works of the Town;
 - c) allow any infectious blight or disease of the trees or other vegetation located on the property to go uncontrolled or unchecked; or
 - d) allow, permit or cause any opaque or dense smoke or dust to be emitted to the atmosphere from the premises.

SECTION 5 CONSTRUCTION SITES

- 5.1 An owner of a property, or premises under construction shall ensure that building materials and waste materials on the premises are removed or contained and secured in such a manner that prevents such material from being blown off or scattered from the property.
- 5.2 An owner of a property or premises under construction shall ensure that waste building material on the premises is removed or secured within a reasonable time by means of appropriate containers.

SECTION 6 EXEMPTIONS & EXCEPTIONS

- 6.1 The provisions of this Bylaw shall not be interpreted to prevent bona fide and permitted commercial, industrial, agricultural, construction, demolition, renovation, landscaping, clean-up, storage or other related activities from being carried out on, or in relation to, a premises.
- 6.2 The owner of a premises that carries on, or permits the carrying on, of any activities referred to in Section 6.1 of this Bylaw shall ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to minimize the duration and visual impact of any resulting untidiness or unsightliness of the premises.
- 6.3 When determining whether the owner of a premises has "taken all reasonable steps" as required by Section 6.2, the Court's considerations shall include the considerations referred to in Section 3.2 of this Bylaw.

SECTION 7 SNOW AND ICE ON SIDEWALKS

- 7.1 An owner of a premises shall ensure:
 - a) the removal from any public sidewalk located adjacent to the premises, including private driveway crossings, all snow and ice deposited thereon, whether from natural or unnatural means, within 24 hours of such deposit; and
 - b) that the snow and ice removed pursuant to section 7.1(a) is not placed upon any highway or other public property administered by the Town.
- 7.2 For the purpose of Section 7.1(a), snow and ice will be considered removed when the sidewalk is cleaned for the entire width of sidewalk to the sidewalk surface as completely as reasonably possible.
- 7.3 For the purpose of Section 7.1(a), in the case of a sidewalk being below grade resulting in repeated coverage by ice or water through drainage or melted snow or rain, the sidewalk must be cleaned as completely as reasonably possible and a non-slip, non-

corrosive and salt-free material such as sand or similar material must be scattered on the surface of the sidewalk as frequently as required to maximize traction for pedestrians. The sidewalk condition must be communicated to the Chief Administrative Officer so it can be added to the list of sidewalk improvements and dealt with accordingly.

- 7.4 For the purpose of Section 7.1(a), where an owner or occupant of a premises reasonably anticipates being absent, the owner or occupant must make arrangements to ensure the sidewalks are maintained in accordance with this Bylaw.

SECTION 8 BYLAW COMPLIANCE NOTICES

- 8.1 Where an owner or occupant of a premises is found by an Enforcement Officer to be in non-compliance with any provisions of this Bylaw, the owner or occupant of the premises may be issued a Notice containing the following information:
- a) the address and/or legal description of the property where remedial action is required;
 - b) the condition or conditions that are not in compliance with this Bylaw;
 - c) the remedial action that is required to bring the property into compliance;
 - d) the deadline for completion of the remedial action required (excepting in relation to orders pursuant to Section 7 of this Bylaw), which must not be less than seven (7) days after the date of service of the Notice and must not be greater than thirty (30) days after the date of service of the Notice; and
 - e) a statement that the Town may carry out the required remedial action at the owner's expense if the required work is not completed within the allowed time.
- 8.2 An application for an extension of the deadline provided for the completion of the remedial action required in a Notice (excepting in relation to orders pursuant to Section 7 of this Bylaw) may be applied for in writing to the Enforcement Officer not later than seven (7) days after the service of the Notice. The application must include the reasons why the deadline extension is required, and the anticipated date for completion of the required remedial action. Any such deadline extension applied for may be allowed or refused at the sole discretion of the Enforcement Officer, and the extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days after the deadline provided in the Notice.
- 8.3 Any Notice issued pursuant to Section 8.1 of this Bylaw will be deemed to have been sufficiently served upon the owner or occupant of the premises when the Notice is:
- a) served personally upon the owner or occupant, or served in substitution upon any person who is 18 years of age or older who resides in the subject premises;
 - b) served personally upon the property manager or person apparently in charge of the premises, if the premises is not occupied or managed by the owner;
 - c) posted at a conspicuous location(s) near the main entry to the premises; or
 - d) mailed by regular mail to the owner of the premises using the address provided by the owner and/or on record with the Town of Claresholm as the mailing address for the owner of the premises, in which case the deemed date of service is five (5) days after the date of mailing.
- 8.4 The owner or occupant of a premises who has been served with a Notice issued pursuant to this Section shall fully comply with the Notice within either the original or extended time allowed for compliance.
- 8.5 When a Notice regarding the removal of snow or ice from sidewalks is issued and served pursuant to Section 8 of this Bylaw and the required remedial action is not completed by the specified deadline, the Town may take all reasonable measures to remove the snow or ice from the subject sidewalk, at the owner's expense.

SECTION 9 ENFORCEMENT

- 9.1 Where an Enforcement Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, the Enforcement Officer may commence enforcement of the Bylaw in relation to that person by:

- a) issuing the person a Violation Ticket pursuant to the provisions of Part 2 of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act;
 - b) swearing out an Information and Complaint against the person; or
 - c) in lieu of prosecution, issuing the person a Bylaw Violation Tag, in a form as approved by the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 9.2 Where an Enforcement Officer issues a person a Violation Ticket in accordance with Section 9.1(a) of this Bylaw, the officer may either:
- a) allow the person to pay the specified penalty as provided for in Section 11 of this Bylaw by indicating such specified penalty on the Violation Ticket; or
 - b) require a Court appearance of the person, pursuant to the provisions of Part 2 of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, where the Enforcement Officer reasonably believes that such appearance is in the public interest.
- 9.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bylaw, an Enforcement Officer, upon receiving and reviewing a nuisance or unsightly premises complaint, shall take reasonable steps to assess the condition of the premises that is the subject of the complaint. The Enforcement Officer shall then recommend or take whatever actions are considered appropriate to address the complaint, in all of the circumstances.
- 9.4 No provision of this Bylaw or any action taken pursuant to any provision of this Bylaw shall restrict, limit, prevent or preclude an Enforcement Officer or the Town from pursuing any other remedy in relation to a premise or nuisance as provided by the Municipal Government Act, any other law of the Province of Alberta, or any other Bylaw of the Town of Claresholm.

SECTION 10. GENERAL PENALTY PROVISION

- 10.1 Any person that violates any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable upon conviction to a maximum fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or in default of payment of the fine to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or to both fine and imprisonment in such amounts.

SECTION 11. MINIMUM AND SPECIFIED PENALTIES

- 11.1 The minimum and specified penalty for a violation of any provision of this Bylaw (excepting the provisions of Sections 4, 7, and 8.4) is a fine in the amount of:
- First Offence: \$350.00
 - Second Offence: \$700.00
 - Third Offence: \$1,500.00
- 11.2 The minimum and specified penalty for a violation of a provision of Sections 4 and 7 of this Bylaw is a fine in the amount of:
- First Offence: \$250.00
 - Second Offence: \$500.00
 - Third Offence: \$1,000.00
- 11.3 The minimum and specified penalty for a violation of Section 8.4 of this Bylaw is a fine in the amount of:
- First Offence: \$500.00
 - Second Offence: \$1,000.00
 - Third Offence: \$1,500.00
- 11.4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, if a person violates the same provision of this Bylaw four (4) times or more, the minimum and specified penalty allowable for the Fourth and each subsequent offence shall be a fine in the amount of one thousand five-hundred dollars (\$1,500.00).
- 11.5 The penalty in lieu of prosecution for a violation of any provision of this Bylaw proceeded with in accordance with Section 9.1(c) is one-half (50%) of the minimum and specified penalty provided for the particular offence by this Section.

SECTION 12 GENERAL

- 12.1 It is the intention of the Council of the Town of Claresholm that each provision of this Bylaw should be considered as being separate and severable from all other provisions. Should any section or provision of this Bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted, then such section or provision shall be regarded as being severable from the rest of this Bylaw and that the Bylaw remaining after such severance shall remain effective and enforceable.
- 12.2 It is the intention of the Council of the Town of Claresholm that all offences created pursuant to this Bylaw be construed and considered as being Strict Liability Offences.
- 12.3 Whenever the singular and masculine gender is used in this Bylaw, the same shall include the plural, feminine and neuter gender whenever the context so requires.

SECTION 13 REPEAL OF PREVIOUS BYLAW

- 13.1 Bylaw No. 1406, the "Nuisance Bylaw" and any amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 14 PASSAGE OF BYLAW

- 14.1 This Bylaw shall come into effect upon passage of Third Reading.

Read a first time in Council this day of 2008 A.D.

Read a second time in Council this day of 2008 A.D.

Read a third time in Council and finally passed in Council this day of 2008
A.D.

Rob Steel, Mayor

Kris Holbeck, CAO

**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
BYLAW # 1520**

A Bylaw of the Town of Claresholm to amend Bylaw #1384 being a bylaw setting out land uses for the Town of Claresholm.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and proper pursuant to the provisions of The Municipal Government Act that the Council of the Town of Claresholm shall issue a Bylaw to amend its existing Land Use Bylaw.

NOW THEREFORE under the authority and subject to provisions of The Municipal Government Act the Municipal Council of the Town of Claresholm duly assembled does hereby enact;

1. The Town of Claresholm Land Use Bylaw #1384 shall be amended as follows:

LAND USE MAP

Lot 3, 4, 5, & 6, Block 10, Plan 147N, be amended by changing the "R1" (Residential) designation to an "R2" (Duplex Residential) designation.

2. This Bylaw shall take effect on the date of final passage.
3. Bylaw #1384 is hereby amended.

Read a first time in Council this day of 2008 A.D.

Read a second time in Council this day of 2008 A.D.

Read a third time in Council and finally passed in Council this day of 2008 A.D.

Rob Steel, Mayor

Kris Holbeck, CAO

TOWN OF CLARESHOLM DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

P.O. BOX 1000
221 – 45th AVE W
CLARESHOLM, AB T0L 0T0



Land Use Amendment Bylaw Report

Date: December 8th, 2008
Applicant: Shiraj & Almas Billawala
Municipal Address: 4613 2nd Street West, Claresholm
Legal Address: Lot 3,4,5 & 6, Block 10, Plan 147N

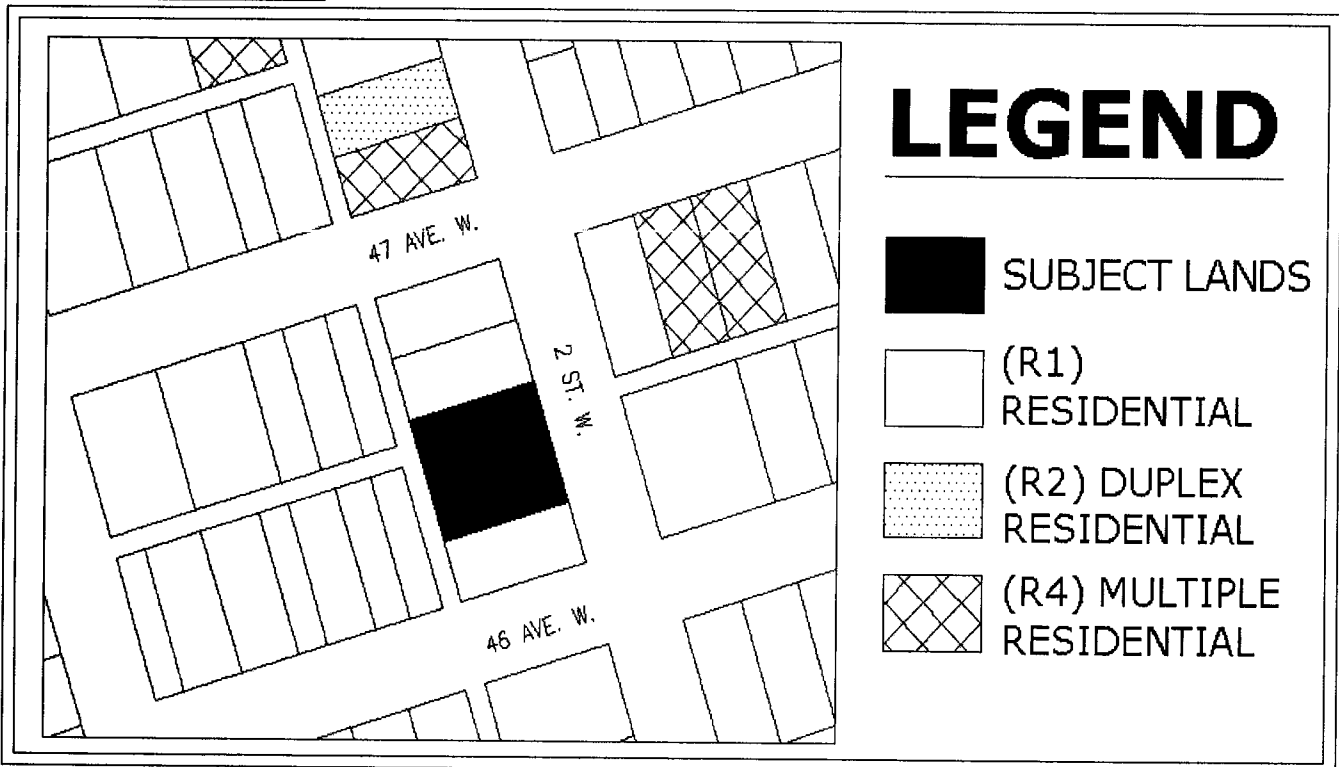
SYNOPSIS

The applicant would like to rezone the subject lands from Residential (R1) to Duplex Residential (R2) designation.

BACKGROUND

The subject lands have an area of 1449.3 square metres (15600 square feet). The land is currently used as a residential dwelling. Surrounding zoning is Residential (R1), however there are properties that are zoned Duplex Residential (R2) and Multiple Residential (R4) in the surrounding area. The surrounding residential uses are single family residential dwellings

LAND USE MAP



CHRIS COOPER
BOX 2649
Clareholm, AB
TOLOTO

Nov. 28, 2008

To the Council
of the Town of Clareholm
Clareholm, AB. TOLOTO

Re: Account NO. 168 2002 - water consumption

According to your last invoice and the previous ones, I am paying \$4.35 for 1 m³ of water. I believe that you are charging three times the amount of the going rate.

You have installed watermeters in order to charge for the consumption of a household, you are obviously not recognizing the amount of the water consumption according to the meter. I would like to know why you have installed meters to begin with if you don't go by the reading.

I will never use up 50 m³ of water unless I let 35 m³ run down the road.

The power supplier goes by the number on the meter for consumption, so does the gas company. I don't pay them three times as much as it shows on their meters.

Your charging system is unfair and requires a new way of charging a household for the exact amount of water that shows on the meter.

Right now I am paying for 2 other households on top of my charges.

If a gas station would charge you 50 litres for fuel although you only filled up 20 litres, you would not go for that kind of charging either.

I would like to ask you to adjust your billing for water consumption according to my water meter. Nowhere in the country anybody is paying \$4.35 for

1 m³ of water.
Why don't you charge \$40.- for up to 25 m³
and \$60.- up to 50 m³. At least there would
be some fairness in the system.

Yours truly,

G. Simpson

INFORMATION ITEMS

Claresholm and District Museum Board
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, October 23, 2008

Present: Rae Trimble, Don Clark, Doug Leeds, Harold Seymour
Doug McPherson, Bob Mackin, Rita Burton and Bernice Case.

Absent: Bette Slovak and JoAnn Peach

1. Chairman Rae Trimble called the meeting to order at 7.35 P.M.
2. Approval of Agenda – moved by Don Clark. Carried.
3. Approval of Sept. Regular Meeting Minutes. Moved by: Harold Seymour.
Carried.
4. Correspondence:
 1. Grant Application for construction supplies for new displays received by AMA. Should hear in November if approved.
 2. Letter from the Garden Club- They are interested in assisting Planning, and Landscaping the area if front of the expansion building.
5. Collections Assistant Report- by Jo-Ann Peach. Everyone received a copy.
2008- Donations, Sales and Tea on the Lawn combined Totals= \$6137.40.
Visitor Stats are down this year 5975 in total to date. (Oct.22)
6. Old Business:
 - 6.1 Expansion: Door hardware is being changed to Brass. There are a few things that need to be corrected.
Request for keyed door on the East side of building and electronic eye beam at main entrance to announce people entering building.
 - 6.2 Operational Staffing Grant- for 2009. Is complete and ready for Kris to read and be submitted to AMA. 40 weeks Budget \$17,631.00 requested. We should hear in Jan. if full amount will be granted. (extended weeks)
 - 6.3 Historic Resources – replication of platform Grant Application, we should hear by Feb. /09. (up to 50% of cost). Fraser Shaw and Reno Basso will visit the Museum on Nov. 6 at 4.00 P.M.
 - 6.4 Painting of windows- no reply (Neil Travnerner)

6.5 Acquisitions-Doug Leeds will replace George Bishop on large Acquisitions Committee. (Harold Seymour, Bob Mackin and Doug Leeds)

7. New Business:

7.1 Communities in Bloom- Claresholm evaluation 4 Blooms, this is very high for first time entries.

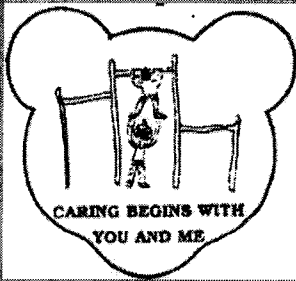
7.2 Remembrance Day Presentation at the Museum Nov.6, 7, &8 - 2-4 P.M.
Rae Trimble will give a power point presentation at 3 PM.

7.3 Staff Thank You luncheon was on Oct.15.

Donations: for expansion: \$877,180.45

Adjournment: moved by: Rita Burton Carried

Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008. 7:30 P.M. Town Chambers.



Principal's Update

Claresholm Elementary School

Monday, November 24



Principal
Mr. K.
Hewson

This weekly update is intended to keep parents and community informed of the learning and events happening at Claresholm Elementary School. If you would like to be added to the email list for this update or have any questions or comments, please email Mr. Hewson at hewsonk@lrzd.ab.ca or phone the school at (403) 625-3371.

Week at a Glance

Monday, Nov. 24	
Tuesday, Nov. 25	Hot Dog Day <i>Deadline for Operation Christmas Child items</i>
Wednesday, Nov. 26	
Thursday, Nov. 27	Pizza Day
Friday, Nov. 28	<i>Crazy Hair day</i> Gr. 3 Field Trip— Galt Museum Assembly—12:20

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Farewell to Mrs. Gish

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Mrs. Gish.

Although we will be sad to see her leaving our staff team, we do wish her all the best in her retirement! Mrs. Gish will continue to work in the Learning Supports program until the end of December.

In the coming weeks leading up to the Christmas break, we will be finalizing our plans to ensuring that our afternoon Reading Supports program remains a valuable support for readers in our school. Once the details are finalized, we will be announcing our plans for the new year.

Over the next few weeks, we will have an opportunity to recognize Mrs. Gish's valuable contribution to our school and wish her all the best as she begins this newest phase in her life!



Operation Christmas Child

The deadline for bringing items for Operation Christmas Child has been extended to Tuesday, November 25. There is a drop bin in the front entrance to collect any items coming to the school. The shoeboxes will then be packed by grade three students the following day to prepare for shipping.



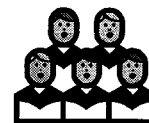
Looking Ahead...

- Dec. 11** Final Day for Student Teachers
- Dec. 18** Christmas Concert
- Dec. 19** Staff Planning Day
- Dec. 19 -** Christmas Break
- Jan. 4**
- Jan. 5** First day back

Progress Reports

A reminder to please return the colour progress report covers to your classroom teacher this week.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the progress report, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher or myself.



Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert is being planned for December 18, the final day of school for students prior to the Christmas Break. This year, with the increase of students and lack of gym performance space, we will be hosting our concert at the Community Center and is currently scheduled for 1:00 pm. We will share more details as the planning develops over the coming weeks. We are looking forward to a great concert!



Claresholm Elementary News

December
2008



Farewell Mrs. Gish

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the upcoming retirement of Mrs. Gish. Although we will be sad to have her leave our staff team, we do wish her all the best in her retirement. Thank you for your dedication and efforts to help students succeed in our school! You will be missed!



Mrs. Gish will continue to work in the Learning Supports program until the end of December. In January, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Christy Rossiter will be replacing Mrs. Gish in the Learning Supports program. Mrs. Rossiter brings a wealth of reading instructional skills to the program and will continue providing exceptional support for readers at the primary level.

Mrs. Rossiter will continue to teach in the grade three classroom in the morning, assuming the new Learning Supports role in the afternoon. We will be hiring a half-time teacher for the afternoon, to begin teaching when students return in January. A letter will be sent home to students in Mrs. Rossiter's classroom further explaining the transition that will occur in January. Students currently in the afternoon Reading Supports program will continue to work with Mrs. Rossiter upon their return in January.

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Mark Your Calendar

December 2

Cookie Dough arrives

December 11

Final Day for Student Teachers

December 18

Christmas Concert

1:00 pm—Community Center

Followed by Family Social

December 19

Staff Planning Day

No School for Students

December 19—January 4

Christmas Break

January 5

First Day Back to School

A few reminders for families for winter weather

Please ensure students are dressed appropriately to be outside at recess time. This includes two sets of footwear (outdoor boots and inside shoes).

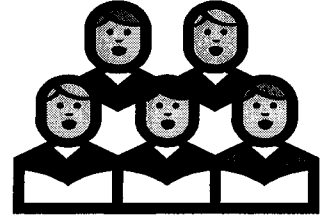
Once the snow flies, please do not send sleds to school, as this often leads to problems on the playground and busses. We have crazy carpets available for students at recess.



Christmas Concert

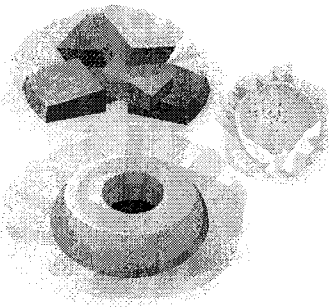
Thursday, December 18

1:00 pm—Claresholm Community Center



This year, due to reduced space in gymnasium, we will be hosting our annual Christmas Concert at the Claresholm Community Center. Due to the change in location, we will have one show at 1:00 pm for all families. We look forward to packing the Center with the sounds of Christmas!

That day, students and staff will proceed over to the Community Center by bus shortly after 10:00 am to participate in a dress rehearsal. Students will bring their backpacks and lunches with them, as we will not be returning to the school. **Please ensure that students have a bagged lunch for that day, as there will be no pizza orders.**



Following the concert, we will be having a family social, to allow everyone a chance to socialize prior to the Christmas Break. Please plan to bring along a plate of treats or goodies to share for this social time. Students may be taken home directly from the community center following the concert. Any students riding the bus will be taken over to the normal bus pick-up at the high school at the regular dismissal time.

Our students have worked very hard at learning all of their parts for this program. It is only about 60 minutes long, so we would greatly appreciate it if parents could make arrangements to stay for the whole program so as not to disrupt the children's performance by coming and going.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child was a huge success again this year! Our grade three classes packed 87 shoeboxes, a huge increase from the 47 packed last year! These boxes are then sent to children in various countries in South America. We thank all those who sent items to help fill the boxes.



Joint Council Highlights November 18



For complete minutes from the Joint Council meeting, please the website or contact the office.

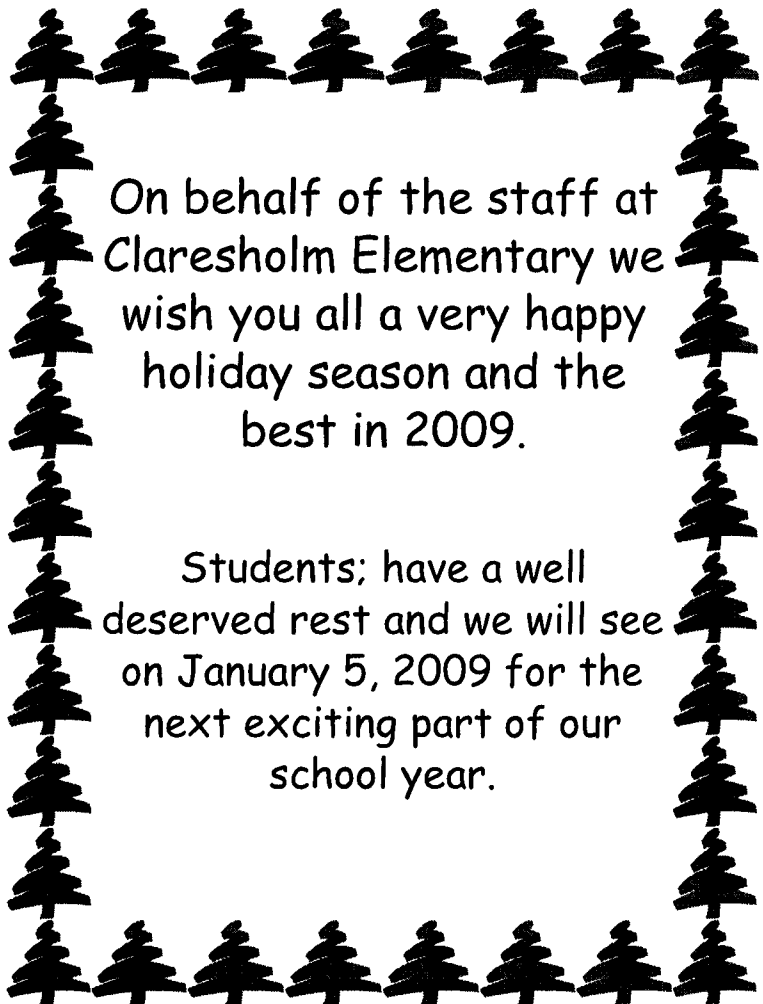
- Mike Mahaffy, Corordinator of Facility Services for the school division, provided an update on the modernization of West Meadow.
- The process for developing a K-12 vision for education in Claresholm was shared. Councils will have a chance to provide input at the January school council meeting.
- Mrs. Penniket and Mr. Hewson shared celebrations from each school from the fall.
- The proposed divisional calendars for the next two years were shared. The general consensus from the group was to suggest not having school resume prior to the Labour Day weekend and spread out the Friday planning days more evenly.
- Discussion regarding ways to bring our school communities together for a joint activity were discussed. If you have any ideas, please contact Ruth or Carmelle.

The next council meeting for Claresholm Elementary will be January 20 at 6:30 pm.

The next joint council meeting will be February 24 at 6:30 pm at West Meadow School.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Instead of exchanging gifts, the staff and students once again have chosen the Claresholm Food Bank as our Christmas Project. If you would like to help support this cause, we ask that non-perishable food items, or an unwrapped toy be brought and placed in the large container in the front lobby. The collection container will also be available at the Christmas Concert.



On behalf of the staff at Claresholm Elementary we wish you all a very happy holiday season and the best in 2009.

Students; have a well deserved rest and we will see on January 5, 2009 for the next exciting part of our school year.

December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Hot Dog Day Cookie dough arrives	3 Tristan O.	4 Pizza Day Robbie H., Connor M.	5	6 Brenndan M., Shaylan S.
7	8 Maleah D., Selena V.	9 Hot Dog Day	10 Alex T.	11 Pizza Day Last day for U of L student teachers	12 Tanner L.	13 Daniel L., Reegan M.
14	15	16 Hot Dog Day Jaimie H.	17	18 Christmas Concert Mrs. McPhail	19 Staff Planning Day No School For Students Ms. Bingley	20 Grace F., Jake S.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Christmas Holidays		
Griffin S.						Jacob B., Ian W.
28 Connor B.	29 Michael B.	30 Kristian H.	31 Tyler R.		26	

AGENDA

**WILLOW CREEK REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
COMMISSION**

P.O. BOX 2820 CLARESHOLM AB T0L 0T0
PHONE: 403-687-2603 FAX: 403-687-2606

**AGENDA
Sept.18, 2008 at 3:30PM**

822 Motion made by Barry Johnson to call Meeting to Order at 3.30 P.M.
CARRIED

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 17, 2008

8.23 Motion made by Ken Williams to accept the Minutes of Meeting July
17 as presented. **CARRIED**

2- Approval of Accounts Payable for July and August 2008.

8.24 Motion made by Walter Grippings to accept the Accounts Payables
for July and August as presented **CARRIED**

3- Loader –Invoice for repairs.

5.25 Motion made by Walter Gripping to pay CEM Mach. \$6174.21 for
Loader repairs. **CARRIED**

4- ATBBanking .Should we spread Commission Assets to protect in the event of
failure of ATB.

Table until next meeting

5- Meeting in Vulcan on Waste to Energy Project.

Meeting Cancelled.

6- Ban on plastic bags proposed by Hwy 43 East Waste Commission.

The Commission Members decided not to support this proposal at this time.

7- Employee sick day benefits-Hold program until new year.

5.26 Motion made by Walter Grippings that we hold sick day benefits
program until the New Year. **CARRIED**

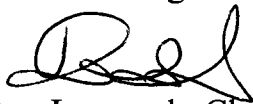
8- Jubilee Insurance .Enviroment Impairment Liability

The Insurance provided by Jubilee was reviewed and it was decided that we
ask Jubilee to provide a quote on coverage for Enviromental Impairment Ins.

- 9- Pesticide Container Pick Up end of Sept./Early Oct..
Presented as Information
- 10- Paint Recycle program.5 Bins shipped to DBS Enviro.
Presented as Information.

5.27 Motion made by Barry Johnson to adjourn at 4.10P.M. CARRIED

Next Meeting scheduled for Oct.16 at the Landfill.



Don Leonard, Chairman

Fred Goodfellow, Sec./Treasurer

Minutes of the FCSS Board Meeting October 20th, 2008 - Town Office 7 PM

Present: Shirley Isaacson, Earl Hemmaway, Connie Quayle, Danielle Slettede, Allison McKee, Tara Bishoff, Debbie Goeseels

The meeting was called to order by Shirley at 7:05 PM.

1. Earl moved the approval of the agenda; (item 7.3 was removed as motions from last month automatically pass upon review and approval of minutes), **Motion 1001:08**, carried.

2. Minutes from non-quorum meeting of September 18th, 2008 were reviewed and Connie moved to accept minutes and motions from the Sept. 18th/08 meeting; **Motion 1002:08**, carried.

3. Financial: Information was reviewed as follows:
 - Jan. 1 - September 30/08 financial statements from Town. Allison moved to accept the financial report for the period Jan. 1 - Sept. 30/08; **Motion 1003:08**, carried.
 - Shirley and Debbie presented a draft budget for 2009. Draft was reviewed, discussed, accepted for information and it was agreed that Debbie and Shirley will make some minor changes and submit for approval at the November meeting.
 - Funding Applications from community received to date; so far there were only applications from MOPS and Ranchlands Victim Services. The Senior's Drop-in had withdrawn their original application for revisions and Tara advised that the Chaplaincy Program would apply for funds as well. Applications will be reviewed all together next month.

Approved _____
Chair

Director

4. Debbie presented correspondence for general information. Motions from the FCSSAA that will go on the floor at the November meeting will be discussed next board meeting.
5. Staff reports: Debbie briefly summarized the staff reports. Tara moved to accept the verbal staff reports given by the Director. **Motion 1004:08**, carried
6. Sub-committee reports -
Policy & Procedure Committee - it's time to review and update the manual.
Financial - draft 2009 budget is complete - should be reviewed and approved by end November.
7. Old Business:
 - 7.1 Strategic Planning - review of notes from June 19th was done and Danielle made a motion to accept the Vision and Mission statements from the planning session of June 19th/08. **Motion 1005:08**, carried

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Approved _____
Chair

_____ Director

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7.2 Review and revise committees- tabled from Sept. 18 meeting (item 6).

Board members agreed to sit on committees as follows:

Policy and Procedure - Connie and Danielle,

Finance Committee - Shirley and Tara,

Personnel Committee - Earl, Shirley, and Allison

Director sits on all committees

8. New Business:

8.1 Business arising from correspondence or staff reports. Debbie had wanted clarification on having all staff and their spouses paid for the joint Christmas party to be held Dec.12th. Earl moved that FCSS pay for board members, staff and their spouses to attend the Christmas party on Dec. 12/08; **Motion 1006:08**, carried.

8.1.1 Claresholm Elementary is requesting support for a special guest (Bobby Boogaloo), promoting their Respect Education. Earl made a motion to provide \$250.00 to Claresholm Elementary School to support their Respect Education project; **Motion 1007:08**, carried

8.2 Staff pay increase for Outreach worker, Brenda Giese for her 3 month review was requested. Connie moved to increase wages for Brenda Giese .50 per hour to \$21.00/hour (\$38,220. per annum); **Motion 1008:08**, carried.

9. Other Business: Earl asked for an update about FCSS and the RCMP assisting schools with programs around bullying prevention programs or activities. Our support and the support of community constables has been offered but not much has materialized. The Elementary School has been very pro-active with

Approved _____
Chair

Director

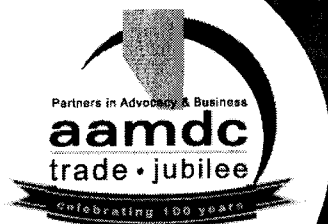
their Respect Ed program but the other schools have not been keen to develop a program. Earl suggested perhaps another avenue needs to be explored. Danielle has twice gotten involved and prevented a child from being beaten up. Allison moved her child to another school due to bullying. We all hear about bullying happening and would like to have programs in West Meadow and the High School. Debbie was asked to draft an invitation to both the RCMP and School Trustee Don Thompson to attend our next board meeting to discuss bullying prevention.

10. Next board meeting - all members were able to attend this meeting and perhaps the third Thursday does not work any longer. Monday works for most of us but conflicts with the Physician Recruitment and retention committee. After some discussion we decided to hold the next meeting on the third Wednesday next month. The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, November 19th/08 at 7 PM in Council Chambers.

Earl moved to adjourn at approximately 8:20 PM; **Motion 1009:08**, carried

Approved _____
Chair

Director



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Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Welcomes New Board Members

The AAMDC is honoured to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors, elected at the Fall 2008 Centennial Convention. We would like to welcome Gerald Soroka of Yellowhead County as our new Vice President and Tom Burton of the Municipal District of Greenview as our new Director of District 4. The AAMDC would also like to thank and send our best wishes to Carolyn Kolebaba (former Vice President) and Rennie Cauchie (former Director of District 4) as they move on to new endeavours. For information on our Board Members, [click here](#).

Speech from the Throne: Protecting Canada's Future

(from the Government of Canada website, November 19, 2008) Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, delivered the Government's Speech from the Throne to open Canada's 40th Parliament. In her speech, the Governor General outlined a broad agenda the Government of Canada will follow to protect Canada's future in a time of global economic instability. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the Government of Canada will follow a five-pronged plan to protect Canada's economic security. The plan outlined the need to reform global finance, ensure sound budgeting, expand investments and trade, secure jobs for families and communities, and make government more effective. In addition to these core economic priorities, the Throne also outlined where the Harper Government will be looking to deliver results such as securing our energy future, tackling climate change and preserving Canada's environment, and building stronger institutions. For detailed highlights or to review the full speech, [click here](#).

Alberta would Gain Five MPs Under New Plan *(from the Edmonton Journal website, November 20, 2008)* Also in the Speech from the Throne, the Federal Conservative government vowed again Wednesday to pursue legislation in the new parliamentary session that would give British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario 22 more seats in the House of Commons to reflect more accurately the rapidly growing populations in those provinces. Legislation giving 10 new seats to Ontario, seven to British Columbia and five to Alberta died on the order paper when Harper pulled the plug on his minority government Sept. 7 and sent the country to the polls Oct. 14. The bill, the Constitutional Act, 2007, would have taken effect after the next census in 2011. The government is expected to reintroduce the same legislative package within weeks. To read the full article, [click here](#).

Province Names New Alberta Health Services Board Members *(from the Government of Alberta website, November 20, 2008)* Following an extensive recruitment process, the Alberta government has named the permanent Alberta Health Services Board. Eight new individuals will join the seven interim board members to form the 15-member board, effective December 1, 2008. Ken Hughes will continue to serve as chair for a three-year term. Five board members were appointed for a one-year term with the possibility of a three-year renewal, pending approval of the chair and Minister. Another five board members were appointed for a two-year term and the remaining five members were appointed for a three-year term. To read more, [click here](#).

Alberta to Offer Transitional Royalty Rates to Promote New Drilling *(from the Government of Alberta website, November 19, 2008)* In response to the global economic crisis and a slowdown in oil and gas drilling throughout the province, the Government of Alberta will provide companies drilling certain new wells after January 1, 2009 with a one-time option of selecting new transitional royalty rates. By helping ensure companies have access to the cash flow they need to invest in new projects, this five-year program is aimed at encouraging the development of new drilling projects and keeping thousands of Albertans at work. The new program is not a royalty holiday. Industry will have the one-time option of selecting the transitional rates or New Royalty Framework rates when drilling a new natural gas or conventional oil well 1,000 to 3,500 metres in depth. All wells drilled between 2009 and 2013 that adopt the transitional rates will be required to shift to the New Royalty Framework on January 1, 2014. All current wells and all oil sands projects will move to the New Royalty Framework on January 1, 2009 as previously scheduled. To read more, [click here](#).

Province On Track to Meet Budget Commitments Despite Global Economic Downturn and Lower Oil Prices *(from the Government of Alberta website, November 18, 2008)* Despite plunging oil prices and the impact of the global financial turmoil on provincial revenues, the Alberta government will meet its spending commitments in the 2008 budget as well as new commitments to two major environmental initiatives announced last summer. The province's *2008-09 Second Quarter Fiscal Update* shows a forecast surplus of \$2 billion, a rise of \$435 million from budget, and a drop of \$6.5 billion from First Quarter. The surplus, together with other cash available, will enable the government to follow through on the vast majority of its commitment to carbon capture and storage research and the Green Transit Incentives Program Fund (Green TRIP). To view the news release, [click here](#).

Municipal News

Fort Macleod will be getting a boost from the **MD of Willow Creek** to help recruit doctors. The MD has agreed to pay \$10,000 toward efforts to recruit doctors in Fort Macleod. The money will be paid to three doctors and the Fort Macleod medical clinic.

Leduc County has received recognition for its role in pioneering the creation of the Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative; specifically honouring ten years of creating local solutions to local issues.

Russ Pawlyk, long-time manager of **Strathcona County's** Recreation, Parks and Culture Department, has been given a Wild Rose Award, which recognizes dedication, long-term service, and impact on recreation. Under Pawlyk's leadership, the Recreation department has won several awards including the Emerald Award and the Communities in Bloom national championship.

Announcements

Alberta's Solid Waste Industry – Training Needs Survey

To support innovation in waste management, the Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence (EWMCE) is conducting this online survey into solid waste training needs in the province. Your input will help EWMCE and other training providers organize the most useful learning opportunities for industry employees. To complete the survey, just click on the link below and follow the prompts. The survey closes December 10, 2008. Your response will help shape Alberta's solid waste industry training into 2011. To respond to this survey, click here.

The Community Spirit Program Toolkit

The Community Spirit Program Toolkit, an online resource for non-profit and charitable organizations, is now available online at www.communityspiritprogram.ca. Print copies are available upon request. This resource is provided to assist non-profit and charitable organizations with their ongoing efforts to raise funds to support their mission, programs and services. The toolkit contains information on the provincial enhanced charitable tax credit, as well as the donation grant program. If you have questions about the program in general or around the completion of your application form, please call 780-644-8604 (toll-free by dialing 310-0000).

Community Spirit Awards

On April 30, 2008, Premier Stelmach and Minister Blackett launched the new Community Spirit Program to benefit the non-profit/voluntary sector. This program has two components – the enhanced charitable tax credit and the new donation grant program. The non-profit/voluntary sector has expressed considerable interest in this program and applications are coming in every day. However, based on feedback, Minister Blackett has extended the application deadline date for the donation grant program from October 1 to December 31. The new application deadline date will also apply to future years. For more information, click here.

Announcements

Employment Opportunities

Town of High Level, resumes@highlevel.ca

- Director of Finance

MD of Rocky View, careers@rockyview.ca

- Planning Technician, Policy and Land Use
- Engineering Sustainability Supervisor

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo,

www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca

- Legislative Assistant
- Deputy Chief -Training & Recruitment

Strathcona County, <mailto:jobs@strathcona.ab.ca>

- Executive Director

City of Leduc, resume@leduc.ca

- Community Peace Officer Level 1
- Curling Rink Attendant

Clearwater County, hgray@county.clearwater.ab.ca

- Finance Officer

Red Deer County, jerichson@reddeercounty.ab.ca

- Community Facilitator - Social Planning

MD of Bonnyville, j.mcewen@md.bonnyville.ab.ca

- Accounting Clerk

Genivar, hr@exheng.com

- PSAB3150 Specialist - Accounting

Detailed information on classified postings is available on the AAMDC website at www.aamdc.com.

To subscribe to this newsletter, please e-mail aamdc@aamdc.com.



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Grant Program will Help Rural Communities Adapt and Diversify *(from the Government of Alberta website, November 27, 2008)* Almost \$20 million over the next three years will be available to rural communities and regions to help them address economic, environmental and social challenges. The Rural Community Adaptation Grant Program is designed to assist rural communities that are experiencing or are facing future hardship caused by global economic volatility, a significant environmental event, or reliance on a single industry or employer. The three-year, \$15-million program will support community-based projects that result in more diverse economic opportunities. Grant amounts range from \$10,000 to a maximum of \$500,000 per project. Another \$4.9 million in grant funding will also go directly to 12 rural-based Regional Economic Development Alliances across Alberta to support community and regionally led transition projects. The funding is part of the Government of Alberta's Community and Regional Adaptation and Transition initiative to help communities and regions adjust to changing economic conditions. Overall funding for the initiative was made available through The Government of Canada's \$1-billion Community Development Trust to help provinces and territories assist communities, organizations and workers move toward greater economic self-reliance. To read more, click here.

Alberta and British Columbia Release Report of Joint Expert Panel on Pension Standards *(from the Government of Alberta website, November 28, 2008)* The Alberta and British Columbia governments have released the report of the Joint Expert Panel on Pension Standards which provides recommendations to harmonize and modernize the pension standards legislation of the two provinces and improve access to pension plans. Interested members of the public are invited to review the report and provide feedback about the recommendations. This feedback and the panel's recommendations will be carefully considered by both governments before any new policy is set. Three experts from Alberta and three from British Columbia were appointed to review and report on each province's existing pension legislation. As part of the review, the panel accepted more than 100 written submissions from stakeholders and met with more than 40 stakeholder groups. The report provides 125 recommendations to improve pension standards in both provinces. To read more, click here.

Alberta Education Minister Seeks Student Input on Changes *(from the Edmonton Journal website, November 26, 2008)* Minister of Education Dave Hancock issued a province-wide invitation at Harry Ainlay High School after a morning session that saw about 50 students tell Alberta Education officials what they would do to the school system if they were minister for a day. Alberta Education has been holding forums with a range of students across the province this fall, asking for their opinions. A conference with 200 youth is slated for May 2009 and Hancock is soliciting applications for a 22-member student advisory council. The group of 14- to 19-year-olds will periodically advise the minister on issues that affect students. Minister Hancock has invited students to visit the website (www.speakout.alberta.ca) and post their comments. To read the article, click here.

Program Helps Link Rural Albertans to High-Speed Internet *(from the Government of Alberta website, November 27, 2008)* Over the next three years, \$9 million in grant funding will help rural and remote communities join the digital information age. The Rural Connections: Community Broadband Infrastructure Pilot Program is designed to help economically vulnerable rural communities adapt to change by investing in their future. Eligible activities include infrastructure projects benefiting from Alberta SuperNet, a high-speed, high-capacity broadband network linking government offices, schools, health-care facilities and libraries; evaluating technologies to expand or improve broadband service; feasibility studies to support broadband infrastructure projects; and outreach and extension programs to promote broadband use. Eligible applicants include municipalities; First Nations and Metis Settlements; and not-for-profit community organizations and co-operatives. Grant amounts range from \$10,000 to a maximum of \$500,000 per project. The funding will encourage skills training, entrepreneurship, and innovative ways to keep pace with a digital economy in a knowledge-based society. To read more, click here.

Emergency Medical Services Transition Business Plan *(from the Alberta Health Services website)* Alberta Health Services recently posted their Emergency Medical Services Transition Business Plan to their website. To read Alberta Health's plan and to find more information on how this plan could affect your community, click here.

Municipal News

On November 24, 2008, **Parkland County** joined forces with the Coalition for Cell Phone-Free Driving and kicked off the partnership by applying cell Phone-free bumper stickers to County vehicles. Employees and Council members demonstrated their personal commitment by applying stickers to their own vehicles as a message of the importance to drive safe.

The Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI) has proposed an industrial growth study that would encompass the entire JEDI region – the City of Wetaskiwin, the **County of Wetaskiwin** and the Town of Millet. The study would include a look at the impacts of industrial development throughout the region.

Announcements

2009 FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards

The 2009 FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards celebrate excellence in sustainable community development by highlighting the best municipal initiatives that link environmental, social and economic goals. The award-winning projects demonstrate that Canadian municipalities are not just thinking about sustainability — they are making it happen. FCM profiles all winners in a video and interactive DVD to share their lessons and encourage other communities to follow their lead. Awards will be granted in eight categories: brownfields, buildings, energy, planning, residential development, transportation, waste and water. Applications will remain open until December 11, 2008. For more information E-mail: awards@fcm.ca.

Workplace Drug and Alcohol Programs Seminar

Join the legal, technical, industry and government experts at McLennan Ross as they explore the current state of the law, the science of testing, Human Rights Commission approaches, and best practices. You will hear about the latest legal and industry developments in workplace drug & alcohol programs and testing. This comprehensive seminar will cover topics such as AADAC's Drug & Alcohol Addiction Treatment Programs: Human Rights Complaints: Administrative Practices and Policy Concerning Complaints of this Nature, Occupational Health & Safety Perspective to Alcohol & Drug Testing, and much, much more. This seminar is taking place on February 3rd at the Chateau Louie Conference Center in Edmonton. For more information or to register, click here.

Alberta's Solid Waste Industry – Training Needs Survey

To support innovation in waste management, the Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence (EWMCE) is conducting this online survey into solid waste training needs in the province. Your input will help EWMCE and other training providers organize the most useful learning opportunities for industry employees. The survey closes December 10, 2008. Your response will help shape Alberta's solid waste industry training into 2011. To respond to this survey, click here.

Employment Opportunities

Wheatland County, terry.nash@wheatlandcounty.ca
▪ Chief Financial Officer

Strathcona County, jobs@strathcona.ab.ca
▪ Coordinator, Financial Planning

MD of Big Lakes, pwsuperintendent@mdbiglakes.ca
▪ Project Supervisor

Village of Rycroft, ph: 780-765-3652
▪ Assistant Public Works Foreman

MD of Rocky View, careers@rockyview.ca
▪ Financial Analyst
▪ Planning Technician, Policy and Land Use

Parkland County, employment@parklandcounty.com
▪ Heavy Duty Mechanic

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo,
www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca
▪ Legislative Assistant

Strathcona County, jobs@strathcona.ab.ca
▪ Executive Director

City of Leduc, resume@leduc.ca
▪ Community Peace Officer Level 1
▪ Curling Rink Attendant

Clearwater County, hgray@county.clearwater.ab.ca
▪ Finance Officer

Red Deer County, jerichson@reddeercounty.ab.ca
▪ Community Facilitator - Social Planning

MD of Bonnyville, j.mcewen@md.bonnyville.ab.ca
▪ Accounting Clerk

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Claresholm Child Care Society
Regular Board Meeting
Friday, Sept 19, 2008

Present: Chairperson: Crystal Cooper, Vice Chairperson: Karine Wilhauk, Secretary: Julie Ling, Director: Deanna Bray

1. **Call to Order** 4:55 pm
2. **Approval of Agenda:** as amended Karine Wilhauk
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Deanna Bray
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 1.1. Taste of Heaven – food preparation/firing
 - 1.1.1. Incident should have been reported differently
 - 1.1.2. Learned from the mistakes
 - 1.2. Daycare taking over Food Preparation/ Food Safety Course
 - 1.2.1. Going well so far
 - 1.2.2. Need occasional help
 - 1.2.3. Have Staff take Food Safety Course when convinced they are permanent
 - 1.2.4. Currently a parent is helping out once every week or two
 - 1.3. Cleaning
 - 1.3.1. Looks great, smells good, working well
 - 1.4. Front Step/ Play ground/ pea gravel
 - 1.4.1. Front step has been prepared and looks good
 - 1.4.2. Pea gravel is getting low, will look into cost to get more
 - 1.4.3. An inspector came and checked out the playground it meets all codes. It was suggested that because it is on town property, Town should be inspecting and maintaining it as it does the other town playgrounds.
 - 1.4.4. Concern was expressed over Playschool using the playground and not cleaning up. A letter will be written and sent to the Playschool board and Carol concerning this issue.
 - 1.4.5. Talked of redoing yard in the spring including adding more cement, or paving stones, new fence and more pea gravel. Quotes are being sought for this work.
 - 1.5. We have our Casino Money – sign, cribs, mats storage (mats), sink
 - 1.5.1. The Daycare received \$35000 from the Casino
 - 1.5.2. Deanna showed what she and the staff had picked out to spend the casino money on, board approved of her decisions. Also had quotes for carpet. More quotes will be inquired after.
 - 1.5.3. It was suggested to get more quotes for the new Daycare sign. Karine will get the phone number for John Dudley
 - 1.6. After School Program (Drop Zone)
 - 1.6.1. There is a program now in place, contact has been maintained and in the event of an emergency the Drop Zone children will come to the Daycare.
5. **Correspondence**
 - 1.7. Health Inspection Letter – Communicable Disease form
 - 1.7.1. We need to post a letter to parents that we will close daycare to do a thorough cleaning when daycare has been affected by various communicable diseases. Letter will be posted as well as put in the Parent Handbook.
 - 1.7.2. The letter from the Health Inspector will be posted.
 - 1.8. Space Creation Form – New Baby Room – License Change

1.8.1. Bonnie has OK'ed bringing in Babies into the Daycare, and Deanna's Current office will be transformed into the Baby room, her office will be relocated into the current Staff Room, and the Staff room will be shifted into the back room, currently storage. Funding is available through a program, up to \$4500 to assist in establishing this new room. The Board approved of these changes

1.9. Parent's Letter - A parent sent a letter concerned about money that she felt should have been refunded when she pulled her child out of daycare. The matter was discussed and decided that Karine and Crystal would reply to the letter. They will use the parent's logic based on a charge of \$25/day to see if the child used up the \$500 that was paid that month.

6. Reports

1.10. Financial – Sibblad account (\$524.36) and MacPherson Account (\$500)

1.10.1. Both of these accounts owe due to mix ups with subsidy. Letters will be written to parents.

1.11. Manager – Queen's Printer and Licensing Act

1.11.1. There have been a number of changes to the Licensing act that will go into effect starting in November.

1.12. Chairperson – nothing to report

7. New Business

1.13. Dee's News – Deanna is expecting, and due March 7, 2009. She is currently planning to take very little time off after her child arrives.

1.14. Freezer (\$545.00) Bought a new freezer from Home Hardware earlier in the month. It is filling up fast.

1.15. Robert Jensen - helping- what should pay be? Cook pay \$11.50/hr mostly just needed for up to 3 hours for preparation.

1.16. Carpet and Prices – quotes have been received but more will be looked into.

1.17. Jo-Ann Callbeck to help new accountant for the end of Sept.

1.17.1. It was decided to invite Jo-Ann back to see if she can help to train the new accountant and show her how things are supposed to be done. Also how to do year end.

1.18. First Aid Course – Linda Smiley taught several staff Child Care First Aid

1.19. New Staff – Michelle, possibility of bringing in Miranda Part time

1.20. Need of an Emergency Number outside – Bonnie said, "Cell phone"

1.20.1. Karine will check with Kris Holbeck (Town CAO) to see if the town is willing to donate the Pool Cell Phone. Board Agreed a "Pay as you go" plan would be the most money saving.

1.21. Rebekahs donation to us (\$1000.00) Kim is going to send a "thank you" card

1.22. Taking on new families several families will be starting soon

1.23. New parents being on board – will look into changing the bylaws to see what can be done so new parents can join the board on other occasions besides the date of the Annual General Meeting

Adjourned 6:34pm

Next Meeting: TBA

Respectfully Submitted by Julie Ling

Claresholm Child Care Society
Regular Board Meeting
Friday, Nov 14, 2008

Present: Chairperson: Crystal Cooper, Vice Chairperson: Karine Wilhauk, Secretary: Julie Ling,
Director: Deanna Bray, Town Councillor: Connie Quayle

1. **Call to Order** 4:55 pm
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Karine Wilhauk
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Crystal Cooper
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 1.1. Cell Phone –new card needed – approval to buy new more minutes, and reminder to send Thank you note to town for the donation of the phone.
 - 1.2. Dee's Office (Baby Room) – Need to apply for the grant to change office to baby room. Need Bonnie to come to take measurements. Dee will look into grant again.
 - 1.3. Carpet – is to be installed Dec 20, need to send quote to Casino People for approval. Letter must be signed by Chair and Co-chair of Daycare Board
 - 1.4. Jo-Ann –hopefully will be able to come Nov 26 to help with books.
 - 1.5. By-Laws – We now have a copy.
 - 1.5.1. Parents want on the board right now. We will ask parents to wait until AGM which will take place in January 2009
 - 1.6. Daycare was closed for Remembrance Day – no complaints
 - 1.7. Roberta - Cooking – She is ok with pay, not regular but helpful
 - 1.8. Sign – Roger to design, still waiting to see it.
5. **Correspondence**
 - 1.9. Playground – Quotes for various playground surfaces, need more information
6. **Reports**
 - 1.10. Financial – Information needs to be brought up to date
 - 1.11. Manager –
 - 1.11.1. Vulcan came for Workshop, needed for accreditation
 - 1.11.2. Government raises have gone through for staff
 - 1.11.3. Michelle has finished her Level 1
 - 1.11.4. Children's Christmas Party Dec 19
 - 1.11.5. Furniture will be moved after carpet has been laid
 - 1.11.6. Kim and Dee have an upcoming workshop to attend
 - 1.11.7. Explanation of what parents are being charged for before school drop off
 - 1.11.8. We have room for more children, currently most families are part-time (17 children is average)
 - 1.11.9. Ordered things from our Casino/Accreditation list
 - 1.12. Chairperson – nothing to report
7. **New Business**
 - 1.13. Getting a Credit Card with a limit – No
 - 1.14. Christmas Party for Board/Staff
 - 1.14.1. Douros, Dec 1, 4, or 15
 - 1.15. New Staff Member – starts Tuesday, Kim will job shadow
 - 1.16. License Renewal Forms – Cost \$200
 - 1.17. Need an electrician, Call Willow Creek Electrical, Karine will send info, find out if we can support new sink

Adjourned 6:09

Next Meeting: AGM in January

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