

TOWN OF CLARESHOLM PROVINCE OF ALBERTA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2013 AGENDA

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

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA: <u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u>

MINUTES: <u>REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 28, 2013</u>

DELEGATIONS:

ACTION ITEMS:

COMMITTEE FOR EAST ROUTE CONSERVATION

- 1. <u>CORRES: Alberta Transportation</u> RE: Municipal Grant Payment
- 2. <u>ALTALINK: South Foothills Transmission Project</u>
- 3. <u>CORRES: Claresholm & District Museum</u> RE: Welcome to New Council
- 4. STAFF REPORT: Wood Burning Appliances & Nuisance Smoke
- 5. MAYOR ROB STEEL: Community Survey
- 6. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Members at Large
- 7. STAFF REPORT: Offer to Purchase Land Sale
- 8. ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS
- 9. <u>IN CAMERA: PERSONNEL</u>

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 1. Cheque Listing for Accounts Payable October 2013
- 2. Seniors Week 2014 Request for Proposals
- 3. Oldman River Regional Services Commission Council Orientation / Organizational Briefing
- 4. Oldman Watershed Council Save the Date! Draft Headwaters Action Plan
- 5. Oldman Watershed Council October 16, 2013 Membership Renewal Request
- 6. WCCHS Navigator November 2013
- 7. West Meadow Elementary School Newsletter November 2013

ADJOURNMENT



TOWN OF CLARESHOLM PROVINCE OF ALBERTA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 28, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:50pm by Mayor Rob Steel.

PRESENT: Mayor Rob Steel; Councillors: Jamie Cutler, Chris Dixon, Betty Fieguth, Shelley Ford, Mike McAlonan and Lyal O'Neill; Chief Administrative Officer: Kris Holbeck; Secretary-Treasurer: Karine Wilhauk; Manager of Regulatory and Property Services: Jeffery Gibeau

ABSENT: None

AGENDA: Moved by Councillor Ford that the Agenda be accepted as presented.

MINUTES: <u>REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2013</u>

Moved by Councillor Fieguth that the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2013 be accepted as presented.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. DRAFT: South Saskatchewan Regional Plan

Received for information.

2. <u>CORRES: FortisAlberta Inc.</u> RE: FortisAlberta 2014 Distribution Tariff Rates Filing

Received for information.

3. <u>CORRES: Alberta Health Services</u> RE: Calgary Zone EMS Operations Update October 2013

Received for information.

- 4. <u>CORRES: Royal Canadian Legion Br.41</u>
 - RE: Remembrance Day Service, Monday, November 11, 2013

Received for information.

5. <u>CORRES: Norman Bergh</u>

RE: Residential Wood Burning Appliance Exhaust

Referred to administration.

6. <u>CORRES: Katharine Balbar</u> RE: Mezzanine Rental

Moved by Councillor Ford to allow SwingBeat (a competitive rope skipping group) to rent the mezzanine of the Claresholm Arena up to three evenings per week for the first six months for \$20 per evening or until the membership of the group meets or exceeds ten members, at which time the cost would go back to \$30 per evening, with the stipulation that the group must restrict their use to the painted concrete side.

CARRIED

CARRIED

7. <u>CORRES: Alberta Urban Municipalities Assocation</u> RE: Annual Convention

Received for information.

8. <u>CORRES: Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development</u> RE: 2013 AUMA Convention & Trade Show

Received for information.

9. <u>CORRES: Alberta Municipal Affairs</u> RE: Grant Meetings at AUMA Convention

Received for information.

10. CORRES: Alberta Transportation

RE: 2013 AUMA Convention & Trade Show

Received for information.

11. EOEP: Elected Officials Education Program – November 18, 2013

Received for information.

12. MAYOR ROB STEEL: Council Visioning & Community Survey

Received for information.

13. ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS

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

14. IN CAMERA: PERSONNEL

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Fieguth that this meeting go In Camera.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Fieguth that this meeting adjourn at 9:54pm.

CARRIED

Mayor – Rob Steel

Chief Administrative Officer – Kris Holbeck

DELEGATIONS

Committee for East Route Conservation (CERC) Claresholm, Alberta TOL 0T0 October 11th, 2013

Claresholm Town Council 221 - 45 Avenue West P.O. Box 1000 Claresholm, AB TOL 0TO

Dear Town Council,

Members of the Committee for East Route Conservation (CERC) request to appear as a delegation at the next Town Council meeting on October 15th, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

On October 7th, 2013, the Alberta Utilities Commission rendered Decision 2013-369 regarding the alignment of the upgrade to the 911 L transmission line which currently sits parallel and adjacent to 8th Street West. The Commission approved the Preferred Route. However, the Commission did not finalize the line location for the area around Claresholm.

The Commission requires Altalink to examine the route west of Town (known as the CERC route) according to Rule 007. A part of Rule 007 involves Public Consultation.

Our Committee has concerns about the lack of Town communication and open discussion within the community, **before** the Town Council advocated to have the line relocated to the east side of Town. We feel that once it was known that the airport was not constraint, the Town should have made more effort to inform Town residents of this, and to specifically solicit input from east side residents who are severely impacted by the route change. Now that this issue is being brought back to our community we would like to discuss with Council how we can ensure these important steps in public consultation are not overlooked at this time, before Council updates Altalink with its position on this issue.

For your convenience a small part of the Alberta Utility Commission Decision 2013-369 is attached to this letter. You will find the entire document on the AUC web site. Should you also wish to read the Hearing Transcripts or view the hearing exhibits you can find them under the Submissions Tab on the AUC website under Proceeding 2001, or AUC Application 1608861.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to meet with Town Council.

Sincerely,

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Attachments :Excerpt - Alberta Utilities Commission Decision 2013-369, October 7th, 2013Additional information

Excerpt - Alberta Utilities Commission Decision 2013-369, October 7th, 2013

PDF pages 177 & 181 - Full Document of this Decision is available on the Alberta Utilities Commission web site-

784. The Commission finds that AltaLink's preferred route may be the lower impact route of the two, given its lesser residential impact. In the longer term, the preferred route will be paralleling a major linear structure; whereas, the CERC route will not. The preferred route also more adequately aligns with the Town of Claresholm's development plans and is supported by the M.D. of Willow Creek. The preferred route is however a greenfield route, in a location where an existing transmission line is not present, while the CERC route would be situated next to an existing transmission line where land use has evolved with the presence of the line. The Commission does find the argument for the CERC route to be compelling, because the route parallels the 911L line as it passes the town of Claresholm, resulting in a shorter and less expensive route. Further, the Commission took into account the submissions of AltaLink regarding the paralleling of the 911L line and the reduction in impacts in relation to a greenfield route. The Commission considers that paralleling an existing transmission line or using an existing right-of-way results in fewer impacts as discussed above and finds merit in the CERC submissions. However, as AltaLink did not apply for the CERC route, additional information on this route such as stakeholder consultation is not on the record. Consequently, while the Commission approves the preferred route over the alternate route in this area, the Commission also directs AltaLink to examine the CERC route in accordance with the requirements of AUC Rule 007.

785. AltaLink is directed to file a report with the Commission describing the progress of this investigation by December 31, 2013. If the CERC route can be achieved with a reduction in overall impact, the Commission will determine whether AltaLink will be required to file an amendment to the permit and licence.

811. Lastly, with respect to Application No. 1608861, the south Foothills transmission project, the preferred site is approved for the proposed Windy Flats 138S substation and the preferred route is approved for the proposed 1037L/1038L line. However, the approval is subject to the following:

• AltaLink will examine the CERC route in accordance with the requirements of AUC Rule 007 and is directed to file a report with the Commission describing the progress of this investigation by December 31, 2013. If this route can be achieved with a reduction in overall impact, the Commission will determine whether AltaLink will be required to file an amendment to the permit and licence.

Dated on October 7, 2013.

For Councils convenience we have provided them on a memory stick. Also on the memory stick is hearing evidence Exhibits 547 and 769 that Altalink has known since 2009 that the airport is not a constraint to locating the 911L upgrade paralell to the existing route west of Town.

Overview Map of Claresholm Area - if you zoom in the details are quite visible

22-Mar-2013	0590.00.CERC-2001		Expert report from Greg Donaldson of Brown & Associates Planning Group and 4 appendices
21-Mar-2013	0588.00.CERC-2001		Expert report from Bob Berrien of Berrien Associates Ltd. and 32 appendices (Part 2)
21-Mar-2013	0587.00.CERC-2001	Intervener Evidence	Expert report from Bob Berrien of Berrien Associates Ltd. and 32 appendices (Part 1)

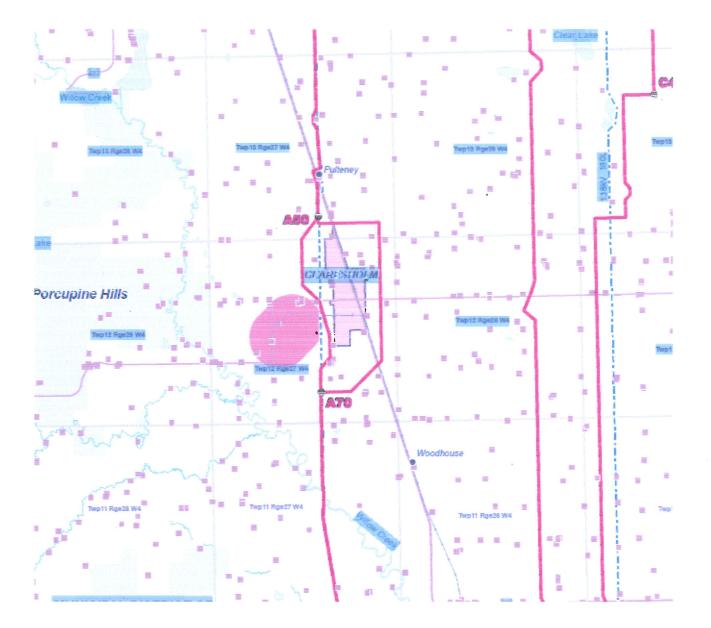
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01-Mar-2013 0547.00.AML-2001 External Correspondence AML Letter to AUC March 1 2013 (Advanced Costs

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Application #1608861 Appendix N pdf page 11/313

Excerpt of Map Circulated by AltaLink Nov 2009 Stakeholder Packages The preliminary 911L Parallel Route identified Route options to the west and east of Claresholm as shown in the figure below. Consultation with stakeholders on the western side of Claresholm suggested that staying parallel and adjacent to 911L was a better alignment in this location. An additional residence was identified south west of A67 close to the preliminary Route. A "stair step" Route was used to avoid this residence. A review of pipeline setbacks, and Alberta Transportations Highway Bypass shifted the eastern alignment slightly to the west.

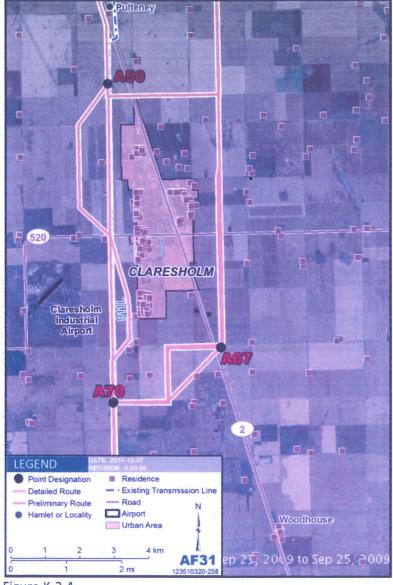


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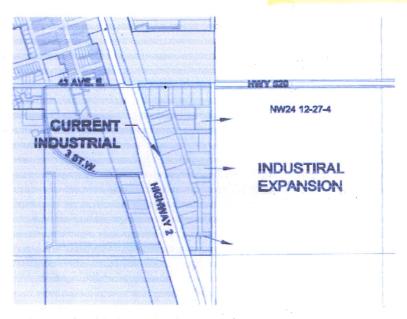
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FROM AltaLink's application Appendix K Sept 25,2012 Application# 1608861



Now you're Living ... Now you're Home

- 11.4.24 The Town and M.D. shall negotiate a formula for the determination of compensation on annexation. Negotiation may occur on any or all of the following:
 - revenue or tax-sharing,
 - off-site levies and levy transfers, and
 - municipal reserve transfers.
- 11.4.25 The Town will apply a three-pronged approach to determining land acquisition. This approach is based on three general land use categories: residential, commercial and industrial. The timing for land acquisition of any one category is based on differing market forces and therefore must be flexible.
- 11.4.26 The Town's initial industrial annexation focus is for the NW24 12-27 W4M (Map 2).

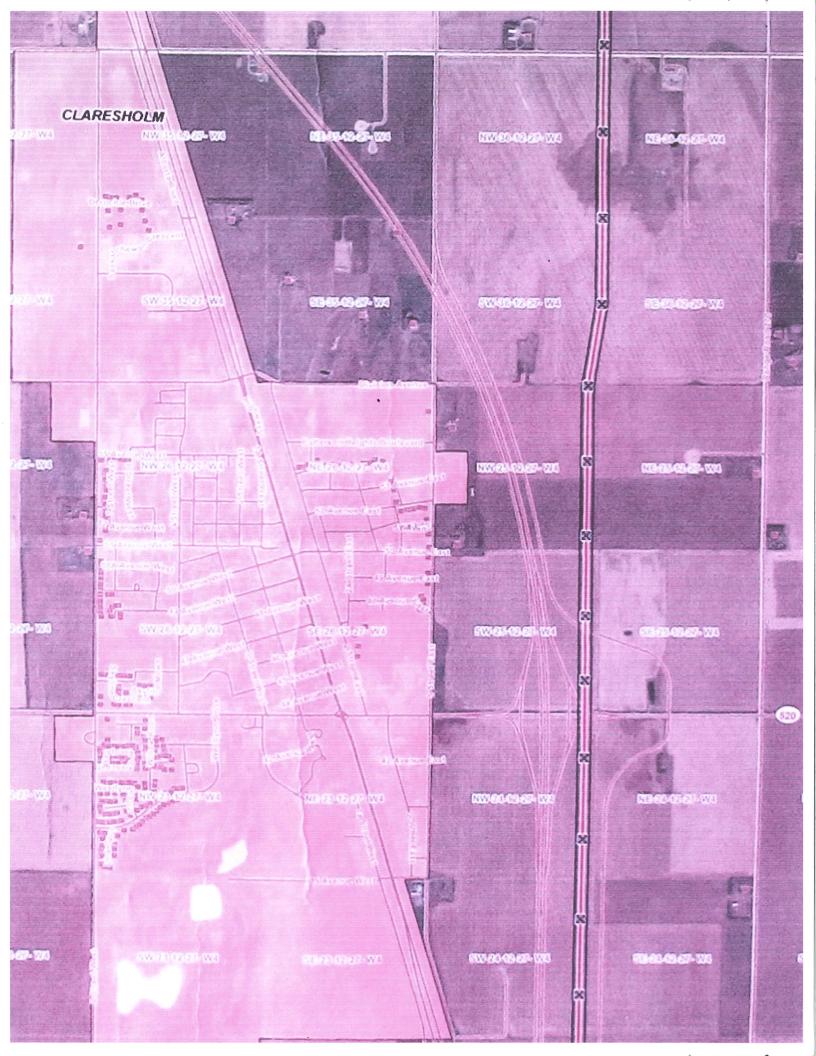


Map 2: Direction of Potential Industrial Expansion

Town of Claresholm Municipal Development Plan



Bylaw 1490 Amended to Bylaw 1551 11.0 Growth Strateg





ALTAL NK 2611– 3rd Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta T2A 7W7 www.altalink.ca

March 1, 2013

Alberta Utilities Commission Fifth Avenue Place 4th Floor,425 – 1 Street S.W. Calgary, AB T2P 3L8

Attention: Indra Maharaj, Commission Counsel

Dear Ms. Maharaj:

Re: AltaLink Management Ltd. (AltaLink) Foothills Area Transmission Development (FATD) Application No. 1608861, Proceeding ID No. 2001 **Committee for East Route Conservation (CERC) Advanced Costs Application**

AltaLink is in receipt of CERC's Application (Exhibit No. 516) for advanced costs in this Proceeding. At paragraph 3(a) of that Application, CERC indicates that it has retained an aviation expert (Mr. McDonald, Jet Pro Consultants Inc.) to review the validity of Claresholm Airport as a reason for rejecting a route west of Claresholm, parallel to the existing 240 kV line (911L).

AltaLink has advised CERC, through its counsel, that an expert aviation report is unnecessary. As explained in response to CERC Information Request 10(f), AltaLink was advised from the Claresholm Airport operator that it has no concerns with a route paralleling the existing 911L line west of Claresholm. As such, the location of the Airport would not preclude AltaLink from siting a transmission line along such a route.

In the interest of a more efficient hearing process, we request that any costs pertaining to an expert opinion on this issue be denied.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by)

Zora Lazic Senior Vice President Law & Regulatory, General Counsel

Exhibit 547.01 AML-2001 Mar 1,2013 AML Letter to AUC Mar 12013 (Alvanced Costs)

Undertaking Number: 004

ALTALINK

Transcript Reference: Volume 3 Page 483

Undertaking:

Q. Can you undertake to let me know when you had that consultation that's referred to in Ms. Lasic's (phonetic) letter?

A. MR. FOLEY: Yes.

Response:

The consultation that is referred to in Ms. Lazic's letter was held on December 3, 2009.

Ethibit 769.01, AML-2001 May 17, 2013 AML Response to Undertaking 004

May 17, 2013

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Cross-examined by Mr. Secord

1	option moves the line further away from the Claresholm
2	airport.
3	There's your number one proposition, and yet a
4	moment ago, you told me in the as soon as you put the
5	preliminary stage through and did the detailed routing, you
6	learned early on from the airport that putting the line next
7	to the existing line was a nonissue?
8	A. MR. FOLEY: No, it is a nonissue. We don't
9	dispute that. We're simply saying that moving it away isn't
10	necessarily a bad thing either; right?
11	Q. And you were aware that we appeared before Commissioner
12	Michaud here in November of 2012, correct, at a process
13	meeting?
14	A. MR. FOLEY: Yes.
15	Q. And you'll you are aware that CERC filed submissions
16	in that process meeting indicating that in light of what was
17	written in the application, they wished to retain an aviation
18	expert, a Mr. McDonald (phonetic)?
19	A. MR. FOLEY: That's my understanding, yes.
20	Q. Right. So in September of 2012, you filed an
21	application and you have as a principal reason for moving to
22	the east of Claresholm the fact that you're going to move the
23	line further away from the Claresholm airport?
24	A. MR. FOLEY: So, no
25	Q. So that's in your application in September of 2012. We



Cross-examined by Mr. Second

1	appear here before Commissioner Michaud. We indicate that
2	CERC wishes to retain an aviation expert, Mr. McDonald. We
3	put in an advance cost budget for Mr. McDonald.
4	Would Elizabeth please turn up <mark>Exhibit 547.01</mark> ?
5	After our advance cost application, AltaLink
6	writes this letter and states that: (as read)
7	"CERC indicates that it has retained an
8	aviation expert to review the validity
9	of the Claresholm airport as a reason
10	for rejecting the route west of
11	Claresholm parallel to the existing
12	240 kV line. AltaLink has advised CERC
13	through its counsel that an expert
14	aviation expert is unnecessary.
15	As explained in response to CERC
16	information request 10(f), AltaLink was
17	advised from the Claresholm airport
18	operator that it has no concerns with
19	the route paralleling the existing 911L
20	line west of Claresholm. As such, the
21	location of the airport would not
22	preclude AltaLink from siting a
23	transmission line along such route."
24	Can you tell me when was this consultation with the airport
25	operator?



Cross-examined by Mr. Secord

1	A. MR. FOLEY: So just before we go there, I
2	just wanted to correct the premise that you put forward is
3	that that was our principal reason, and it wasn't. It was
4	simply a factor, as I said.
5	Q. No, I was just following your suggestion there was a
6	hierarchy, Mr. Hudson, and that somehow residences was the
7	least of the issue. I was simply saying, well, the first
8	reason you give is the airport. That's all.
9	A. MR. FOLEY: That's what I'm trying to
10	clarify, sir, if you allow me.
11	Q. I was just using your analysis that residences wasn't
12	the primary driver because it was later in the paragraph.
13	A. MR. FOLEY: I don't think I said
14	"hierarchy." What I did say was that the primary driver
15	between us choosing the east route over the west was an
16	unique opportunity to align two major infrastructure projects
17	on the landscape. Having and also to align with the
18	municipal planning authority and their wishes, including the
19	town itself.
20	Having located in the common corridor, along
21	with pipelines and major highway was the single biggest
22	driving factor here.
23	We do mention the airport, as I said. I fully
24	concede that through consultation we learned that it wasn't a
25	specific issue to them. As I mention, though, that it still



1	doesn't remove the context that removing a line from
2	proximity to an airport isn't necessarily a bad thing either.
3	Q. And when was the consultation with Claresholm?
4	A. MR. FOLEY: With Claresholm?
5	Q. With the airport.
6	A. MR. FOLEY: Oh, with the airport. I
7	thought you were talking about the town. Just bear with me.
8	Q. I just wonder why it took a month three weeks before
9	we had the filed evidence to let us know that we didn't need
10	to retain an aviation expert.
11	A. MR. FOLEY: It would have been sometime
12	likely in early 2010, after the first round started, when we
13	started going to talk to the individual stakeholders.
14	Q. September of 2010?
15	A. MR. FOLEY: I'm not sure it was September,
16	but it would have been our first round of consultation
17	started November of 2009. So, again, I don't know the exact
18	date, but we would have started talking to landowner
19	stakeholders.
20	Q. Can you undertake to let me know when you had that
21	consultation that's referred to in Ms. Lasic's (phonetic)
22	letter?
23	A. MR. FOLEY: Yes.
24	Q. Thank you. And we'll certainly be looking at the MDP.
25	All right. If we could turn to let's look



Decision 2013-369



Alberta Electric System Operator, AltaLink Management Ltd. and ENMAX Power Corporation

Foothills Area Transmission Development

October 7, 2013

Decision 2013-369 (221 pages) can be found on the Alberta Utilities Commission website. We have included the portion indicating the Commission Findings for the Preferred (west) Route vs the CERC Route. Note the Key points are in Paragraph 784

	WEST PARALLEL(CERC)	EAST PREFERRED	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
Length	14.8 km	20.1 km	
Structures	41 Towers, most	56 Towers, some very	
	standard size	large for right angles	
	Brownfield, parallels	Greenfield, all new	
	existing line,	impacts,	
	incremental impacts,	significant impacts from	
	intensification in use	change in use	
en e		Longer multi-	
		directional line	
		increases risk of bird	
		strikes causing injuries	
		or death	
		More overhead lines	
		and towers in multi-	
		directions more	
		challenging for pilots	
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RESIDENTAL			
	0 %Newly Exposed,	100% Newly Exposed	
	known before		
	developed or purchased		
	Proximity to line	Not chosen, imposed	
	location chosen by		
	landowners		
COST			
	Lower cost expected	At least \$10 M more	
		than west route, Plus is	
		Altalink Guaranteed	
		8.75% Return on	
		investment	
	Majority of towers are	Large number of heavy	
	standard size		
	standard size	Deadend Right Angle	
		towers increase cost	
		significantly	
	Costs less to maintain	Longer length requires	
		more maintenance and	
		easement costs over	
		lifetime of line, passed	
		on to consumer	6.
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ratepayers	
RE-ALIGNMENT OF AN	Current Land uses not	Fortis line re-alignment	
FORTIS EXISTING LINE	significantly impacted	on east route will be	
		costly, unnecessary if	
		west parallel route	
		chosen, estimated	
		\$200,000	

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	WEST PARALLEL(CERC)	EAST PREFERRED	
VISUAL			
	Known to 8 th Street	Not chosen by 5 th Street	
	West residents	East residents	
	Commission finds	New residential and	
	incremental residential	visual impacts	
	and visual impacts	(Decision 2013-369,	
	(Decision 2013-369,	para780)	
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	One viewscape	Many viewscapes	
	impacted	impacted	
	straight	Zigzag or stairstep	
ELECTRICAL	Chantan lina magna	Loss cost officitive and	
	Shorter line more	Less cost effective, and extra 5 km of line less	
	efficient transfer of		
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		safety concerns	
	safety concerns	acceptable as per	
	acceptable as per AltaLink experts	AltaLink experts	
	EMF impacts same for	EMF impacts same for	
	all	all	
	EMF concerns	EMF concerns new,	
	incremental,	public perception may	
	incremental impact on	impact change in	
	property desirability	property desirability	
ENVIRONMENTAL			
	Brownfield, 14.8 Km	Green field, 21.8	
	Shorter	Longer	
		Crosses more wetlands	
AGRICULTURAL			
	Virtually none as	All new Agricultural	
	farming patterns have	impacts	
	accommodated the towers		
	Relatively straight, can	Corners difficult for	
	be farmed both sides	equipment	
		management and aerial	
		spraying	

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	WEST PARALLEL(CERC)	EAST PREFERRED	
AIRPORTS	Town and Altalink say	Markle submitted	
	this is not a concern.	concerns saying line	
	Commission accepted	renders his airport	
	this	useless, additional cost	
		to relocate	
	Possibility that some		9
	airport users concerned		
	for potential future		
	expansion		
HIGHWAY BYPASS		Location and timing for	
	-	bypass unapproved,	
		Provincial budgets	
		strained. Future	
		location conflicts could	
		be extremely costly to	
		relocate line	
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Issue/Sub-Issue: Tower cost

Request:

Please provide a table of the cost for each type of tower structure proposed in the application.

Response:

Tower Name	Tower Type	Tower Cost*	
RA22A	Tangent (0°-1°)	\$305,000	
RA22B	Light Angle (0°-6°)	\$370,000	
RA22C	Medium Angle (6°-15°)	\$425,000	
RA22E	Light Deadend (0°-45°)	\$1,165,000	
RA22F	Heavy Deadend (45°-90°)	\$1,340,000	

* Costs are based on material, construction labour, right-of-way prep/brushing, survey, and engineering only, in 2011 dollars.

Muncipal Delvelopment Document online at website for Plan(MDP) Oldman River Regional Services Commission

Town of Claresholm Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 1551 September 2010

Excerpts in **bold** with CERC comments

This information is provided with the sincere desire to be accurate to the best of our understanding and ability. We have tried to be brief, but if supporting information is required we can provide more information or discussion.

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3.4.3 The Town will encourage residential development on the west and south side of the existing town boundary, and in areas where vistas of the Porcupine Hills can be maximized.

CERC view: The stairstep zigzag of the preferred route severely impacts the south viewscape. In addition to the multi-directional jumble of lines and towers producing a screening effect, the many right angle directional changes require that extra large Heavy Deadend towers. The extra large towers intensify the impact of the line and greatly increasing the cost. It should be noted when looking to the future, not only does Claresholm hope to grow residentailly on the west, there is also has a very large residentially zoned block of land on the south east corner of Town as well. With a sanitary sewer main nearby already, it may make sense one day that this SE area could fill out with homes before Prairie Shores.

3.4.5 The Town supports the infilling of vacant lots and the rehabilitation of existing homes as an alternative to the development of new residential areas.

CERC view: Good planning. This is another reason why it is unlikely Claresholm will sprawl beyond the west alignment during the life of the new line.

3.4.16 The Town opposes any utility development that could negatively impact future residential development.

CERC view: The West parallel (CERC route) is not in town, it is in the MD. Historical growth patterns and realistic future development and growth projections, do not indicate that development will be hindered by a line located in the MD at a distance from Town deemed safe by utility planners in Alberta.

7.3.5 To maintain the focus of the Claresholm Airport as a facility for aviation.

CERC view: In the information distributed to our community and even in Altalink's AUC application #1608861, Altalink indicated the west aligment had potential to impact the airport. CERC's anecdotal information and understanding was that a west parallel alignment would not impact the current use of the airport.

Nonetheless, CERC retained an aviation expert to provide an independent assessment of airport impacts of the East and West alignments. Part way through the Proceeding, Altalink submitted a letter saying the airport operator said the west alignment was not an issue so the independent was not done.

Exhibit 0547.01.AML-2001

" AltaLink has advised CERC, through its counsel, that an expert aviation report is unnecessary. As explained in response to CERC Information Request 10(f), AltaLink was advised from the Claresholm Airport operator that it has no concerns with a route paralleling the existing 911L line west of Claresholm. As such, the location of the Airport would not preclude AltaLink from siting a transmission line along such a route."

An independent assessment would have helped everyone discover whether or not any potential impact implied was realistic or improbable, but as the record stands with the Alberta Utilities Commission, the airport is not a constraint.

IMPACT OF EAST ROUTE (Excerpt from AUC Decision 2013-369, paragraph 746)

746. Mr. Markle submitted concerns that the transmission line would cross the west end of his primary aircraft runway, rendering it unusable. Mr. Markle wished to relocate the runway, but deemed AltaLink's compensation to be inadequate to secure the land required to develop a new runway.

8.4.3 In order to maximize the efficiency of existing infrastructure, infill development will be encouraged before the extension of services to new areas.

CERC view: As stated in 3.4.5 above, this is another reason why Claresholm will probably not grow beyond the west parallel alignment during the life of the new line.

10.3.2 To continue the commitment of a high level, overarching document that guides the environmental, ecological and sustainable decision making for the community.

CERC view: Did Council consider the fairness to benefits and disadvantages of the whole community when advocating for moving the line and increasing the length around the Town and throughout the rural neighbourhoods.

10.3.9 To support programs and initiatives that increase awareness and public involvement in environmental management and conservation.

CERC View: More kilometers of lines and towers (large ones) on a greenfield route does not seem better for the environment, wildlife, agriculture, viewscapes.

11.3.7 To eliminate the Transmission line west of Town (Figure 2) and support the relocation of the line to the Highway 2 bypass corridor east of Town.

CERC view: Why? In what way is the east route better for the overall community? If the west line is so undesirable, why would our community want even more kilometers of towers and lines near it? Moving the line from west to east appears to give preferential treatment to those who have chosen to locate near the line on the west, only to shuffle it onto those who did not choose it on the east side of town. We know of no development or planning principles to support that.

11.4.1 The Town's growth strategy will be based on the general land use framework as outlined in Figure 5.

CERC view: Figure 5 indicates that the east preferred route will be **WITHIN** town if the Town annexes that land to the east, as is now being considered. Does it not seem like the town will be more impacted and constrained by a line within Town than a line out of town in the MD, which would be the case if the line stays parallel on the west side?

11.4.4 The Town is opposed to any utility development that could negatively impact future growth, as defined in the Growth Strategy (figure 5). Specifically, the Town opposes the proposed realignment of the existing electrical transmission line west of Town. The Town supports the realignment option east of Town.

CERC view: These sentences seem to contradict each other. See comment to 11.4.1 directly above. The parallel line on the west side of Town would be within the MD, and is not in an area that is part of the Town's next annexation plans. More west side annexation or the need for more residential annexation is not a reasonable probability during the 60 to 70 year life expectancy of the new line.

11.4.7 The Town will protect the right of agricultural operations to continue within the Town boundaries following annexation until urban land development occurs.

CERC view: Advocating for more transmission lines winding through agricultural land adjacent to Town does not fulfill this objective.

11.4.26 The Town's initial industrial annexation focus is for the NW24 12-27 W4M (Map 2).



Map 2: Direction of Potential Industrial Expansion

CERC View: The east alignment is within the annexation area of NW 24 -12-27 W4

1.4 Geographic Setting (page 4)

Atmospherically, a dominant characteristic of the region is the wind. With an average yearly wind speed of 16.2 km/hr from the west and southwest, maximum gusts can reach speeds of up to 150 km/hr. The climate of the area can be described as continental with moderate climate that enjoys four distinct seasons, including warm summers and mild winters.

CERC View: Many people in Claresholm find it necessary to either fully or strategically shield their west yard from the wind in order to have more enjoyment outdoors. In a general sense, the west viewscape is often somewhat obscured, and east yards and views less exposed to wind are more likely to be left open.

CERC understands that Public Consultation for transmission lines is the responsibility of the applicant, in this case AltaLink. However, since the position of a Municipality appears to carry more weight than other stakeholders, CERC feels the Town could have made a more personal effort on our local level to ensure affected landowners were aware of Council's intention. The re-location supported by the town is not farther east, as the community was led to believe, but actually a very similar distance on the opposite side of town. The line was often represented as "further east" which misled people to believe the Town had advocated for the alternate route (near Clear Lake). Even if a legal requirement was not there, it is always prudent for local government to help residents clearly understand details of developments that may impact them. Council may expect rate payers to be more development savy, but shuld understand that many are not, and make an extra effort to communicate information clearly and simply.

If the Town felt strong enough that a transmission line located within the MD justified changes to the town's MDP, CERC members feel Town residents would have preferred if the reasons had been clearly spelled out to the community, so they could evaluate the implications. They would have appreciated if the Council had been more vocal about discussing the implications with east side residents before the west line was removed from AltaLink's consideration.

In a general sense, a suggested improvement for this Council would be to work to improve communications and to make increase efforts to report details to the community before, rather than after, motions and significant developments are approved.

742. Mr. Berrien stated that, although the primary driver for the preferred route is the paralleling of a future highway alignment, the highway alignment is not approved and has no start date. Except for transmission utility corridors, transmission lines paralleling highways is not seen as viable routing.¹⁶⁹ Mr. Berrien testified by putting the transmission line in first, there is a risk that it would have to be moved if it interfered with the highway.¹⁷⁰ He also recommended the use of monopole structures due west of the populated area of Claresholm.¹⁷¹

743. CERC argued that the absence of consultation should not be viewed as a shortcoming in Mr. Berrien's approach. According to Mr. Berrien, individual preferences should not trump good siting principles.¹⁷²

744. Mr. Wallis stated that the CERC route was shorter in length and intersected significantly less native habitat than the preferred route.¹⁷³

745. CERC requested that the Commission send AltaLink back to investigate the CERC route and require it to file an amendment to the application.

746. Mr. Markle submitted concerns that the transmission line would cross the west end of his primary aircraft runway, rendering it unusable. Mr. Markle wished to relocate the runway, but deemed AltaLink's compensation to be inadequate to secure the land required to develop a new runway.

747. The Conners filed submissions on the location of the Windy Flats 138S substation along the common portion of the preferred and alternate route. The Conners, who operate a cattle operation, and whose lands are used for grazing and growing hay, objected to the proposed Windy Flats 138S substation location because the transmission line would dissect their land. The transmission line would also traverse their gravel desposit which is excavated by McNally Contractors (2011) Ltd. The Conners argued they would suffer a material reduction in their income due to the loss of grazing land and, more significantly, from the impact to their mining operation. The Conners stated that 50 per cent of their income comes from gravel royalties, and they were unsure how these royalties would be affected by a loss in the mineable area of the gravel deposits.

748. The Conners also expressed concerns with noise, stating their lands already contain wind turbines and transmission lines, and the noise would increase with the new line.

749. The Conners submitted that should the transmission facilities be approved, they would suffer encumbrances on the affected sections of land where there are none currently; they would lose the ability to develop these sections of land, and would suffer visual impacts.¹⁷⁴ They also stated that their residence is within close proximity of the proposed substation location and would be subjected to visual and noise impacts.

¹⁶⁹ Exhibit 587.02, page 45.

¹⁷⁰ Transcript, Volume 5, page 768, lines 17-23.

¹⁷¹ Exhibit 587.02, page 47.

¹⁷² Exhibit 587.02. page 46.

¹⁷³ Exhibit 591.02, page 1.

¹⁷⁴ Exhibit 853.01, page 7, paragraph 41.

776. The Commission considers that while the raw number of residences within 150 metres and 800 metres appear to favour the Hybrid B route, Hybrid B would newly impact more residences. The potential environmental impacts appear to be similar between the preferred route and the Hybrid B route with the exception of the observed listed species metric. As a significant proportion of the preferred route is parallel to the 911L line, many potential impacts on wetlands and native prairie along the preferred route are incremental. Along the Hybrid B route potential impacts on wetlands and native prairie would be new. More listed species were observed along the preferred route than the Hybrid B route, but approximately half of the preferred route is parallel to the 911L line. Where the observed listed species are viewed along the section of the preferred route which parallels the 911L line, observed species on the equivalent segment of the Hybrid B route would be along a greenfield route. However, the evidence submitted was that hawks, which were the observed species, are able to relocate their nests in a similar area on the preferred route, which offers an additional reduction of environmental impacts.

777. The Commission finds that the preferred route has lower agricultural impacts because it crosses less cultivated land, both overall and where there is no existing parallel transmission line. The Hybrid B route crosses much more cultivated land where no existing transmission line is present. For lands with historical resource value, the equivalent south portions of the Hybrid B route and the preferred route contain the same number of sections of land with a historical resource value of 1, 2, 3 and 4 while the preferred route has more HRV 5 lands, which tend to be less significant. AltaLink estimates that both the preferred and Hybrid B routes will be similar in cost; therefore cost is not a significant factor in choosing the better route.

778. The Commission finds that overall, the preferred route will be of lower impact than the Hybrid B route. In the longer term the preferred route would result in incremental impacts, where the line would be sited next to the existing 911L line, followed by a substitution impact, once the 911L line is salvaged; whereas for portions of the Hybrid B route, there would be a new impact on a greenfield route. In addition, the approval of the Hybrid B route would result in a delay in construction and the AESO has stated that the need for the 911L line rebuild is urgent.¹⁹⁰

10.5.4 Preferred route versus CERC route

779. The proposed CERC route appears to be a shorter option compared to the preferred route, and would parallel the 911L line. However, the preferred route has lower agricultural impacts because there are fewer towers in cultivated fields.

780. The preferred route does not have any residences within 150 metres, while the CERC route has two residences within 150 metres. Similarly, the preferred route has considerably fewer residences within 800 metres. While the new towers are larger than the existing 911L line towers, the CERC route would generally result in similar visual impacts to what is currently experienced. On the preferred route, the transmission line would result in a new visual impact. AltaLink's evidence was that there are more unobstructed views of the transmission line along the CERC route than there would be on the preferred route. There are more residences on the west side of Claresholm and many of the residences on the east side have trees and buildings obstructing the view of the line on the proposed route to the east. The future Highway 2 bypass will be situated between the residences along the east side of town and the transmission line. Based on the above, the Commission finds that the overall residential impact is lower on the

¹⁹⁰ Transcript, Volume 2, page 235, lines 1-11.

M.D. NOW NEUTRAL preferred route and that the visual impact is similar along both routes, given the subjective nature of visual impacts. Despite the fact that more residences are situated along the CERC route than the preferred route, the Commission finds that the CERC route would generally result in incremental residential and visual impacts due to the existence of the 911L line. Further, the preferred route is a greenfield route, which would result in new residential and visual impacts.

781. The Commission finds that the environmental impact is slightly greater on the preferred route because it crosses more wetlands and is longer. The preferred route is also a greenfield route, despite the fact that a future highway will be situated nearby.

782. The Commission encourages the paralleling of existing linear disturbances because it reduces impacts. The CERC route parallels the 911L line for the entire length. While the preferred route moves away from the 911L line near the town of Claresholm, it will be parallel to the future Highway 2 bypass. The Commission agrees with AltaLink and the Town of Claresholm that transmission lines are compatible with commercial and industrial land uses. The Commission does not agree with CERC that the transmission line will interfere with commercial and industrial development because it views them as compatible developments.

783. CERC argued that there is uncertainty that the Highway 2 bypass will be built and that the transmission line could impede the highway because it would be built first. The Commission has not heard evidence regarding the status of the highway project, but notes that Alberta Transportation supports the preferred route. Further, AltaLink's evidence is that it has worked, and will continue to work, with Alberta Transportation on the alignment of the transmission line with the highway.

784. The Commission finds that AltaLink's preferred route may be the lower impact route of the two, given its lesser residential impact. In the longer term, the preferred route will be paralleling a major linear structure; whereas, the CERC route will not. The preferred route also more adequately aligns with the Town of Claresholm's development plans and is supported by the M.D. of Willow Creek. The preferred route is however a greenfield route, in a location where an existing transmission line is not present, while the CERC route would be situated next to an existing transmission line where land use has evolved with the presence of the line. The Commission does find the argument for the CERC route to be compelling, because the route parallels the 911L line as it passes the town of Claresholm, resulting in a shorter and less expensive route. Further, the Commission took into account the submissions of AltaLink regarding the paralleling of the 911L line and the reduction in impacts in relation to a greenfield route. The Commission considers that paralleling an existing transmission line or using an existing right-of-way results in fewer impacts as discussed above and finds merit in the CERC submissions. However, as AltaLink did not apply for the CERC route, additional information on this route such as stakeholder consultation is not on the record. Consequently, while the Commission approves the preferred route over the alternate route in this area, the Commission also directs AltaLink to examine the CERC route in accordance with the requirements of AUC Rule 007.

785. AltaLink is directed to file a report with the Commission describing the progress of this investigation by December 31, 2013. If the CERC route can be achieved with a reduction in overall impact, the Commission will determine whether AltaLink will be required to file an amendment to the permit and licence.

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ACTION ITEMS

berta Transportation

Regional Services, Southern Region Box 314, 909 3 Avenue North Lethbridge, Alberta T1H 0H5 Telephone: 403-381-5426 Fax: 403-382-4412 www.transportation.alberta.ca

File: 1560-WWP-CLAR Sewage Treatment and Disposal Phase 1

October 17, 2013

His Worship David Moore Mayor Town of Claresholm P.O. Box 1000 Claresholm, AB T0L 0T0

Dear Mayor Moore:

Subject: Municipal Grant Payment

Please be advised that a grant in the amount of \$350,000 is being electronically transferred to the Town of Claresholm under the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership for the Sewage Treatment and Disposal Phase 1 project. This is the second progress payment for the town's project.

We look forward to working with your town in continuing to meet your capital infrastructure needs. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this program, please contact Mr. Keith Schenher, Infrastructure Grants Technologist, at 403-382-4069.

Yours truly,

Darrell Camplin, P.Eng. Regional Director

cc: Municipal Programs

Alberta

ALTALINK

Electric system improvements near you

South Foothills Transmission Project – AUC directed investigation of the potential route west of Claresholm (the CERC route)

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

You're invited to attend our upcoming open house on November 13 about the potential west route option.

Please go to page 5 of this newsletter for details.

We began consulting on the South Foothills Transmission Project (SFTP) in 2009. Over a three year period we gathered valuable stakeholder feedback that was included in the application we filed with the **Alberta Utilities Commission** (AUC) for the project in September 2012.

In May 2013, a public hearing was held before the AUC regarding the application. During the hearing, an alternative route west of Claresholm was suggested by an intervener group known as the Committee for East Route Conservation (CERC). The AUC approved AltaLink's application for the project on October 7, 2013. While the AUC has approved AltaLink's preferred route on the east side of Claresholm, the AUC directed AltaLink to gather additional information on the CERC suggested route, including stakeholder feedback. The AUC has directed AltaLink to investigate the route and submit a report on the suggested route to the AUC by December 31, 2013.

As a result of this direction from the AUC, AltaLink has identified a preliminary route based on the suggestions of the CERC group, identified as the "CERC route". We want to gather your feedback about the CERC route to include in the report to the AUC. Based on the report, the AUC has indicated that it will determine if AltaLink will be required to file an amendment with the AUC to incorporate the CERC route into SFTP.

We want to provide you with:

- details on the CERC route
- information about how you can provide your input
- anticipated schedule
- maps of the CERC route

DEFINITION Alberta Utilities Commission

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) ensures the fair and responsible delivery of Alberta's utility services. AltaLink submits applications for new transmission projects to the AUC and the AUC reviews them in a public process.

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DEFINITION Transmission

Transmission lines make up Alberta's electric highway, linking the places where power is generated to where power is used. Transmission lines transport large amounts of power over long distances across the province. The transmission system connects diverse sources of power generation including wind, high-efficiency coal, natural gas and more.

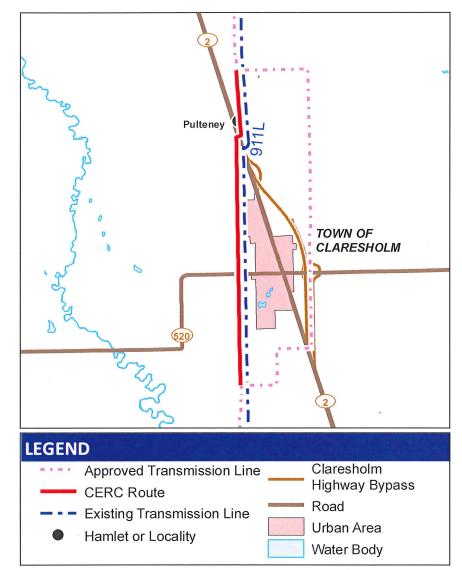
DEFINITION

Circuit

A circuit is a group of wires that electricity flows through. The wires are strung along power line structures. Transmission line structures can be described as single or double circuit. In a single circuit transmission line, three single or bundled wires are strung along the transmission structures. A double circuit transmission line has six single or bundled wires strung along the structures.

DEFINITION Substation

Substations are the connection points between power lines of varying voltages and contain equipment that controls and protects the flow of power. Substations include transformers that step down and step up the voltage so power can be transmitted through transmission lines or distributed to your community through distribution lines.



This map shows the location of the approved transmission line route and the CERC route, which are both described on the right. Please refer to the maps included in this package for a detailed view of these routes.

Project Details

The approved South Foothills Transmission Project includes:

- building approximately 123 kilometres (76 miles) of new double circuit 240 kV (240,000 volts) transmission line from south of Fort Macleod to east of High River (to be called 1037/1038L)
- building a new substation, called Windy Flats, southwest of Fort Macleod
- a new series capacitor station (similar in appearance to a substation) to be located adjacent to the existing Stavely South 349S Substation

AUC decision

In the AUC's decision about AltaLink's application, they approved the preferred transmission line route with the following condition:

811. Lastly with respect to Application No. 1608861, the south Foothills transmission project, the preferred site is approved for the proposed Windy Flats 138S substation and the preferred route is approved for the proposed 1037/1038L line. However, the approval is subject to the following:

• AltaLink will examine the CERC route in accordance with the requirements of AUC Rule 007 and is directed to file a report with the Commission describing the progress of this investigation by December 31, 2013. If this route can be achieved with a reduction in overall impact, the Commission will determine whether AltaLink will be required to file an amendment to the permit and licence.

You can also read the AUC's decision (on page 173) at http://www.auc.ab.ca/applications/decisions/Decisions/2013/2013-369.pdf

Route comparison

When AltaLink originally assessed the CERC route against the route that has now been approved, we noted the following:

Approved route in the Claresholm area

- is approximately 20 kilometres (12 miles) long
- parallels the proposed future Highway 2 bypass east of Claresholm
- has fewer residences within 150 metres and 800 metres than the CERC route
- aligns with the Town of Claresholm's future development plans locating the transmission line in future commercial and industrial areas

The CERC route west of Claresholm

- is approximately 14 kilometres (nine miles) long
- parallels the existing 911L for its entire length (the 911L will be salvaged and removed upon the completion of SFTP)
- has higher numbers of residences within 150 metres and 800 metres than the approved route east of Claresholm
- is estimated to have a lower cost than the AUC approved route

OUR TRANSMISSION LINES TRANSPORT THE POWER YOU USE EVERY DAY

AltaLink's transmission system efficiently delivers electricity to 85% of Albertans. Dedicated to meeting the growing need for electricity, AltaLink connects Albertans to renewable, reliable and low-cost power. With a commitment to community and environment, AltaLink is ensuring the transmission system will support Albertans' quality of life for years to come. Learn more at www.altalink.ca.



DEFINITION AUC Rule 007

AUC Rule 007 is a set of guidelines to follow when applying for the construction or alteration and operation of power plants, substations, transmission lines and industrial system designations. AltaLink follows the guidelines of Rule 007 when planning, consulting and applying to the AUC for transmission projects.

DEFINITION Permit and Licence

When the AUC approves a transmission project, it grants AltaLink Permits and Licence to build and operate the project.

Route selection

In addition to stakeholder feedback, the AUC will consider these additional factors:

- agricultural
- residential
- environmental
- electrical
- cost
- visual
- special considerations

Please let us know what other factors are important to you, including others that are not on this list, so we can include them in the report to the AUC.

Transmission structures

The transmission structures for the new transmission line will be steel lattice structures and will typically have a:

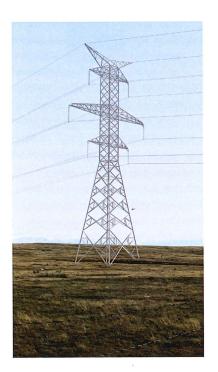
- height of 44 to 60 metres (144 to 197 feet)
- width of 22 to 24 metres (72 to 92 feet) at the widest arm
- base of 10 x 10 metres, up to 14 x 14 metres (32 x 32 feet, up to 46 x 46 feet)
- right-of-way width of 60 metres (197 feet)
- distance between structures averaging 365 metres (1,198 feet)

Compensation

We believe people with transmission facilities on their property deserve to be fairly compensated. We provide compensation in the form of a onetime right-of-way agreement payment and annual structure payments to landowners with facilities on their property. We review our compensation every five years to ensure that we continue to offer a fair compensation package consistent with the changing market. We welcome your questions about compensation. Please feel free to contact us.

DEFINITION Right-of-way

The right-of-way is a strip of land required for the construction and safe operation of a transmission line. A right-of-way refers to the physical space a transmission line encompasses including areas on either side of the line. The majority of the right-of-way can still be used by the landowner. Buildings cannot be placed on the right-of-way, but can be built up to the edge of the right-of-way.



The steel lattice structures for the new transmission line will look similar to the structure pictured here

How to provide your input

Stakeholder input is critical to identifying the solution for this project.

ATTEND OUR OPEN HOUSE

Please join us at our open house below. We will be available to share information, gather your input and respond to any questions or concerns you might have.

Date	Time	Location	Address
Wednesday,	4 - 8 P.M.	Claresholm	59 Avenue and
November 13,2013	4 - o P.IVI.	Community Centre	8 Street West

PARTICIPATE IN A ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATION

We will contact all occupants, residents and landowners who are on or directly adjacent to the CERC route, as well as first row residences in the Town of Claresholm to gather input through one-on-one consultations.

During the one-on-one process we will document the information you provide and respond to any questions or concerns you may have.

AltaLink is committed to sharing information about its projects and working with the public to gather and respond to stakeholder input and concerns. A summary of stakeholder comments will be incorporated into the report we file with the AUC.

CONTACT US DIRECTLY

You can contact us by telephone, email, mail or through our website. Our contact information is on the front and back pages of this newsletter.

Why is this project needed?

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) determined this project was needed as part of the Southern Alberta Transmission Reinforcement (SATR) and filed an application with the AUC. The AUC reviewed the application and approved the need. The SATR includes new transmission lines and upgrades to the electric system in southern Alberta to connect new wind-generated power to Alberta's electric system and strengthen the transmission system in the area.

For more information about why this project is needed, please contact the AESO. Their contact info is on the back page of this newsletter.

PRIVACY COMMITMENT

AltaLink is committed to protecting your privacy. Your collected will be protected under AltaLink's Privacy Policy and the Freedom of Information and **Protection of Privacy Act. As** part of the regulatory process for new transmission projects, AltaLink may provide your personal information to Alberta more information about how AltaLink protects your personal information, visit our website at www.altalink.ca/privacy or contact us directly via e-mail at privacy@altalink.ca or phone at 1-877-267-6760.

DEFINITION Alberta Electric System Operator

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) is an independent, not-forprofit organization responsible for the safe, reliable and economic planning and operation of the provincial transmission grid. For more information about why this project is needed, visit www.aeso.ca. If you have any questions or concerns about the need for this project you may contact the AESO directly.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since the energization of AltaLink's southwest 240 kV transmission line, Albertans now have access to twice as much clean, green wind power. Transmission lines make up Alberta's electric highway, linking the places where power is generated to where power is used. AltaLink's transmission system connects Alberta's wind power to the electric grid, allowing you to power your homes, farms and businesses with renewable energy.

Anticipated project schedule (based on current approved route)

Notify and consult with stakeholders	October/November 2013
File report with Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)	December 2013
AUC decision about route	January/February 2014
Start construction (if the current approved route is maintained)	February 2014
Complete construction	Summer 2015

Although we attempt to follow the anticipated project schedule it is subject to change. We will continue to provide you with updated schedule information as the project progresses.

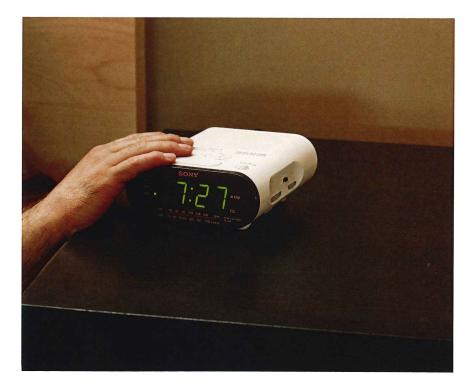
Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)

AltaLink recognizes that people have concerns about exposure to Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) and we take those concerns very seriously.

Everyone in our society is exposed to EMF from many sources, including:

- power lines and other electrical facilities
- electrical appliances in your home
- building wiring

National and international organizations such as the Health Canada and the World Health Organization have been conducting and reviewing research about EMF for more than 40 years. Based on this research, these organizations have not recommended the general public take steps to limit their everyday exposure to EMF from high voltage transmission lines.



If you have any questions about EMF please contact us. Website: www.altalink.ca/emf Email: emfdialogue@altalink.ca Toll-free phone number: 1 -866-451-7817

DID YOU KNOW?

The average four-person family in Alberta today has 20 'instanton' electronics such as laptops, DVD players, music device players and cell phone chargers. This is in addition to the other appliances necessary to run a home – fridges, stoves, microwaves, washers and dryers – all of which require a reliable supply of electricity.

INCLUDED IN THIS INFORMATION PACKAGE:

- Project maps
- AUC brochure: Public Involvement in Needs or Facilities Application

To learn more about the proposed project, please contact: AltaLink at 1-877-767-4484 (toll free) Email: ftps@altalink.ca

To learn more about Alberta's electric system and the need for the project, please contact:

Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) at 1-888-866-2959 Email: stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca

To learn more about the application and review process, please contact: Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) at 780-427-4903 (You can call toll-free by dialing 310-0000 before the number.) Email: consumer-relations@auc.ab.ca



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403-625-1742 museum@townofclaresholm.com www.claresholmmuseum.com

October 30, 2013

Claresholm Town Council Box 1000 Claresholm, AB T0L 0T0

Dear Rob Steel:

On behalf of the Claresholm & District Museum and Visitor Information Centre, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the newly elected mayor and councillors.

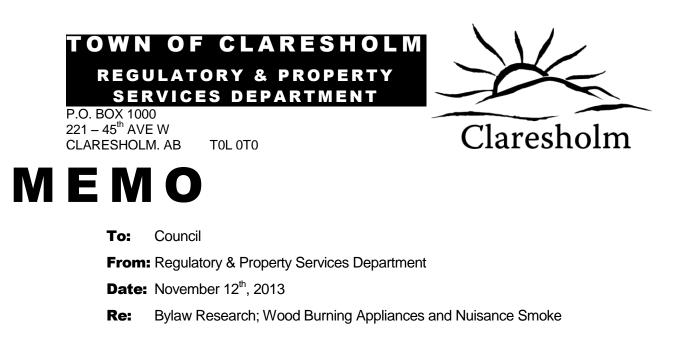
The Museum had an exciting and productive 2013 summer season which brought 5205 visitors to Claresholm who donated \$3141 to the Museum and spent \$3205 in our gift shop that was upgraded this year to feature the works of local artists, authors and artisans. In the last school year we provided curriculum-based education programs to 6 schools with a total of 227 student participants. We have also done 8 outreach programs so far in 2013 that have reached 96 people. Four new exhibits were installed this year, special events were held, volunteers have put in 700 hours so far in 2013, researchers are using the archives, new artifact acquisitions are being processed and administrative operations are ongoing. The Claresholm & District Museum is too multi-faceted to fully explain in a letter, it would be better to see and experience it.

I invite you to organize your councillors and any other related parties to come to an open house and tour at a time of your choosing. It will be my pleasure to tour you through our exhibits, show you what goes on behind the scenes in our work and storage areas, and ensure that you enjoy the precious resources we have here at the Museum.

Please get in touch with me at your earliest convenience to arrange a day for your group's special visit to the Museum.

Sincerely,

Trisha Carleton, BA, MA Executive Director, Claresholm & District Museum 403-625-1742 trisha.carleton@townofclaresholm.com



🗆 Urgent	For Review	Please Provide Direction	For Information

At the direction of Council, the Regulatory & Property Services Department has commenced preliminary research of surrounding municipalities with regards to:

- a. How wood burning appliances are regulated, and
- b. How nuisance smoke is address in the context of a bylaw.

Research Results:

1. Fort Macleod

- a. Bylaw No. 1636 Open Burning Bylaw Section 3(ii) states that it shall not be an offence under this section to conduct burning in fireplaces in or attached to dwellings. Confirmed with a Fort Macleod Bylaw Officer that they do not have any specific bylaw regulations that limit or restrict wood burning appliances. Installations of wood burning appliances are regulated through the Provincial Safety Codes Act. In addition, the Fort Macleod Fire Bylaw does not include indoor burning fireplaces/appliances.
- b. Confirmed with a Fort Macleod Bylaw Officer that they do not have any specific bylaw regulations concerning nuisance smoke.

2. Nanton

- a. Nanton does not have any specific bylaw regulations that limit or restrict wood burning appliances. Installations of wood burning appliances are regulated through the Provincial Safety Codes Act. In addition, the Nanton Fire Bylaw does not include indoor burning fireplaces/appliances.
- b. Bylaw No. 1197/08 Nuisance and Unsightly Premises Bylaw Section 4.2(d) states that no occupant or owner of any property or premises, whether presently occupies or not, shall allow, permit or cause any opaque or dense smoke to be emitted to the atmosphere from the premises. Specified Penalties in accordance with Section 10.2; First Offence \$150.00, Second Offence \$250.00, Third Offence \$500.00.

3. Pincher Creek

- a. Confirmed with Pincher Creek officials that they do not have any specific bylaw regulations that limit or restrict wood burning appliances. Installations of wood burning appliances are regulated through the Provincial Safety Codes Act. In addition, the Pincher Creek Fire Bylaw does not include indoor burning fireplaces/appliances.
- b. Confirmed with Pincher Creek officials that although the applicable Bylaw #1574-11 Nuisance and Untidy and Unsightly Premises does not specifically mention smoke, Section 26 states that no person being the owner, agent of the owner, lessee or occupant of land or premises shall cause or permit any opaque or dense <u>dust</u> to be emitted to the atmosphere from any operation of the premises from that land or premises. This provision is used to control smoke. Specified Penalties in accordance with Section 41; Not less than \$200.00, not more than \$500.00, voluntary bylaw violation payment \$75.00.

4. Claresholm

- a. Claresholm does not have any specific bylaw regulations that limit or restrict wood burning appliances. Installations of wood burning appliances are regulated through the Provincial Safety Codes Act. In addition, the Claresholm Fire Bylaw does not include indoor burning fireplaces/appliances.
- b. Bylaw 1534 Unsightly Premises and Snow Removal Bylaw Section 4.2(d) states that no occupant or owner of any property or premises whether presently occupied or not shall allow, permit or cause any opaque or dense smoke to be emitted to the atmosphere from the premises. Specified Penalties in accordance with Schedule "A"; First Offence \$250.00, Second Offence \$500.00, Third Offence \$1000.00.

Conclusions:

- 1. How wood burning appliances are regulated: Claresholm is comparable with surrounding municipalities in terms of the regulation of wood burning appliances.
- 2. How nuisance smoke is address in the context of a bylaw: Claresholm is comparable or more progressive then surrounding municipalities in terms of how local bylaws are set up to address nuisance smoke.

<u>Jeff Gibeau</u> <u>Manager of Regulatory & Property Services</u> <u>Town of Claresholm</u>



townofclaresholm.com Phone: (403) 625-3381 Fax: (403) 625-3869 Town of Claresholm Administration;

Would you please distribute this request to all council and mayor candidates as soon as practical.

Request to new council:

Mayor Moore or Steel.

Councillors Cutler, Dixon, Fieguth, Ford, Hanselmann, Hubka, MacPherson, McAlonan, O'Neill. Sutter, Van Amerongen or Wall.

The constitution of Canada gives us the right to breath air that is as clean as the average of the area we live in. As residents of Claresholm, Alberta, Canada we can be subjected to wood smoke from wood burning appliances in homes that are, at best, a visible comfort on a cold day for occupants of a home that is heated with natural gas. The solid fuel appliances, in most cases, are considered safe inside a structure. The exhaust is not safe to breath. Some catalytic devices that can be installed in the chimney reduce particulate matter to improve it, but still not fit for breathing.

The province of Alberta has no regulations governing residential wood burning appliance exhaust. Claresholm has none either. I brought up the matter with a neighbour whom generates smoke that sometimes comes to the ground and follows the wind around our home into the makeup air vents of our home. I told the neighbour that my wife has developed a cough since coming to Claresholm less than three years ago. The neighbour advised me that his smoke couldn't be any part of the cause. Besides, he says, the neighbour on the other side of him also makes smoke that he can do nothing about.

I talked to the Claresholm by-law office. The man said that if the by-law officer "happens by" when there is visible smoke coming from a chimney he will talk to the property owner. Me reporting smoke annoyance will get nothing done.

The Canadian Council of Ministers of the environment have a Code of Practice for Residential Wood Burning Appliances PN 1479, ISBN 978-1-896997-87-2 PDF. When we get you all elected and settled as a governing unit will you see that there is enacted by-laws that will make wood burning rules known to all.

Thank you, Norman Bergh, P.O. Box 2736

Claresholm, Alberta

#209 52 Ave. W.

Dear Claresholm Resident:

Your Town Council is planning to engage in a visioning session early in the new year. The purpose of this endeavour is to help us establish the goals and priorities for our community over the next four years of this council term.

To help us facilitate this process, we would like your input. We would like to know what you like best about Claresholm. As well, we would like to know what you think are our main concerns. We welcome feedback to include your support and/or concern about any community facility, program, service, rate or issue that is important to you.

Essentially, we are asking for your top two "likes", and your top two "dislikes" with our town. Point form answers would be appreciated, and responses can be anonymous.

What I like most about Claresholm:

1.

2.

What I don't like, or am most concerned about in Claresholm:

1.

2.

Thank you for your feedback. We on Town Council believe that the town agenda should reflect the will of the people, and your participation is greatly valued.

Completed forms can be dropped off at the Town Office or the Library.

Board & Committee Applications - October 2013

Museum Board (4) Sharon Duncan **Donald Glimsdale** Jane Marsh Library Board (7) James Schovanek Lisa Anderson Trisha Carleton Marika Thyssen Arden Dubnewick FCSS Board (5) Lita Richards Sharon Duncan Diana Ross Judy Van Amerongen Porcupine Hills Lodge (1) Judy Van Amerongen Claresholm Housing Authority (4) - requires a vote of Council Jules Boucher (Butch) Shirley Isaacson Sharon Duncan Judy Van Amerongen Lisa Chilton Municipal Planning Commission (2) - requires a vote of Council Grant Jordan Sharon Duncan Judy Van Amerongen Local & Composite Assessment Review Board (2) Doug Kemery **Robert Milton** Facility & Infrastructure Planning Committee (1) Peter Duerholt Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (3) Peter Duerholt Gerry McGuire

Sharon L. Duncan P.O. Box 2601 Claresholm, Alberta, TOL 0T0 Home: 403 – 625-3816 Cell: 403 - 680-3879 sduncanj@telus.net

October 25, 2013

Town of Claresholm MPC & Subdivision Authority Box 1000 Claresholm, AB. TOL 0T0

Attention: Kris Holbeck, CAO

Dear Ms. Holbeck,

Please accept my expression of interest for an appointment as a Member at Large of the following Boards. Municipal Planning Commission, Claresholm Housing Authority, Family and Community Support Services Board, Claresholm & District Museum Board as advertised in the Claresholm Local Press.

As demonstrated in the past, I am a committed committee member. Through my continued support I have acquired a strong knowledge and appreciation of the pulse of issues that can affect the future growth of a community and am confident that I could make a significant contribution if given the opportunity.

I look forward to volunteering with other members of my community to work together in a cohesive fashion that benefits all elements of the community.

I ask that you consider my application and look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Sharon L. Duncan

Sharon L. Duncan

From:	Jane Marsh <janeclaresholm@gmail.com></janeclaresholm@gmail.com>
Sent:	November-05-13 9:45 AM
То:	Karine Wilhauk
Subject:	Board Member for Claresholm Museum Board

Dear Karine:

Would you please consider this email, my application to serve another term on the Claresholm Museum Board. I enjoyed the few months I was on the Board previously, so would like the opportunity to continue on for the next term.

I've lived in Claresholm for some 27 years, retired from the Claresholm Care Center as a social worker about 8 years ago. I've always been relatively active in the Community, serving on the FCSS Board, being a charter member of the Garden Club, maintaining one of the Town planters for at least 6 years now, being a Friend of the Library, volunteering there often. I enjoy history and the Museum setting, and would like to continue there, if approved or appointed by the new Town Council.

Thank you.

Yours truly, Jane Marsh Town of Claresholm 221 - 45 Avenue Claresholm AB TOL 0T0 November 1, 2013

Attention: Karine

This is to inform you that I am willing to let my name stand for appointment to the board for the Claresholm & District Museum.

Donald L. Glimsdale

From: Sent: To: Subject: Arden Dubnewick <Arden.Dubnewick@shaw.ca> October-09-13 11:22 AM Karine Wilhauk Library Board of Directors

Please accept my application for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Claresholm Public Library.

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Thank you,

Arden Dubnewick

PO Box 1957

Claresholm, AB T0L 0T0

Phone: 403-625-2717

From: Sent: To: Subject: Trisha Carleton October-23-13 12:28 PM Karine Wilhauk Library Board

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Karine,

Hello. I'll put my name forward to stay on the Library Board.

Thanks,

Trisha Carleton, BA, MA Executive Director Claresholm & District Museum 5126 1st St. E (HWY 2) & 5115 2nd St. E, Box 1000 Claresholm, AB TOL 0T0

403-625-1742 <u>trisha.carleton@townofclaresholm.com</u> www.claresholmmuseum.com

From: Sent: To: Subject: Josh Thyssen <gerto@telusplanet.net> November-01-13 7:02 PM Karine Wilhauk Library Board

Hi Karine,

I have been a library board member for the last term of town council. I hereby wish to submit my name for another term on the library board.

Regards, Marika Thyssen

From: Sent: To: Subject: LISA ANDERSON <lisamaria@shaw.ca> November-04-13 10:40 AM Karine Wilhauk Library Board

Good Morning Karine,

I would like to submit my name for the Claresholm Public Library Board again. Please let me know if you need further information.

Best Regards,

Lisa Anderson

From: Sent: To: Subject: Fr. James Schovanek SSC <revjim@telusplanet.net> November-06-13 3:26 PM Karine Wilhauk Library Board Application

I would like to be appointed as a member of the Claresholm Library Board. I have been a resident of Claresholm for the past sixteen years and am a regular library user. As a Anglican minister, I have come to know a large portion of the residents of Claresholm and district and am quite well aware of their tastes and concerns. I have also served on several local committees sponsored by the Ministerial Association. Before coming to Claresholm, I was an administrative officer at the University of Alberta Library System.

I am a committed supporter of the Claresholm Library and would very much like to serve it now that \i am retired and have the time to give membership in the Board the attention it needs

Sincerely,

(Rev.) James Schovanek Box 1363, Claresholm

Oct. 25/2013 Town of Clareshorm forth my mame as member-at-large for the board of FCSS (Family & community Support Dervices). Manks in advance Judy Van amerongen

From: Sent: To: Subject: Kris Holbeck October-11-13 4:06 PM Karine Wilhauk FW: FCSS standing board & committee appointments 2013

From: Diana Ross [mailto:Diana.Ross@gov.ab.ca]
Sent: October-11-13 2:14 PM
To: Kris Holbeck
Cc: dianaros@telusplanet.net
Subject: re: FCSS standing board & committee appointments 2013

Hi Kris,

I would like to continue to be active on the Family Community Support Service board. I work for AB Works in Claresholm, the programs on this committee meet needs in the community. I look forward to serving this community. Please except my letter for this position.

Thanks,

Díana Ross Claresholm AB ToL oTo Tel: 403 625 2391

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From:	Lita Richards <alrichards@xplornet.ca></alrichards@xplornet.ca>
Sent:	November-01-13 7:49 PM
То:	Karine Wilhauk
Subject:	Application for Committee Appointment

Good afternoon Karine,

Thank you for the information on the Committees seeking members at large.

I am interested in applying for the Family & Community Support Services.

I am new to Claresholm, having just moved here from Ontario in September.

I was a Municipal councillor in a small rural township in Eastern Ontario for two terms, (2000-2006, Montague Township). We operated as a Committee of the Whole, so did not have a lot of sub-committees, however, I served on the Airport Commission and Recreation Committee as a Council Liaison. I also represented council at many community functions and events.

I believe in giving back to my community, so I also assisted the Fire Department with planning and executing many of their fund-raising activities and community events; I was a member of School Council for 7 years and served in many capacities, including Chair for a number of years. I also served as an Executive on the Ottawa Insurance Institute Council.

I was an Executive member of the Lanark County Western Horse club, and assisted many other community organizations with special events.

I would be interested in serving on the Family & Community Support Services Board in order to learn more about the Claresholm community and assist it's residents through the many services offered.

I believe my past experience and skills would be of benefit to the Board, as I am familiar with the challenges facing small rural communities, and the coordination required between municipalities and various levels of government.

I thank you for your consideration.

I can be reached via e-mail: alrichards@xplornet.ca or by cell: 613-558-5218.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Lita Richards

October 22, 2013

Town of Claresholm Box 1000

Dear Mayor and council members;

I would like to put forth my name, Judy Van Amerongen, to sit on the Porcupine Hills Lodge Board as member at large. I very much enjoyed the last three years on the board, growing attached to many residents, and would like to continue my service to those wonderful people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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Judy Van Amerongen

403-625-2535

October 25, 2013

To Town of Claresholm Mayor and Council

I would like to put my name forward to serve on the Claresholm Housing Authority as a member at large. I believe my years of Human Resources experience as well as dealing with sensitive issues with seniors and the public, can bring a helpful perspective to this board. I thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Yours Truly

Lisa Chilton Box 2224 Claresholm, Alberta TOL OTO 403-625-3650

Oct. 25/2013

Town of Claresholm

C, Judy Van amerongen, would like to put my mame forward to sit on The Claresholm Housing authority band as member at large. Judy Van amercen

From: Sent: To: Subject: Shirley Isaacson <sisacson@telusplanet.net> October-29-13 4:25 PM Karine Wilhauk Committee Appointment

Karine:

I would like to apply to be member of the Claresholm Housing Authority Board. I was previously on this board for two years.

Shirley Isaacson

November 5, 2013

Claresholm Town Council

Re: Committee Appointments

Please consider this as my application to become a member of the Claresholm Housing Authority.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve my community.

Sincerely,

Jules Boucher (Butch)

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Town of CLARESHOLM. 200 OCT, 2013 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DEAR MADAM. I would like To OFFEL MY SERVICES AGAIN ON THE M.P.C. FOR A FURTHER TERM. I VERY MUCH ENJOY THE OPERTUNITY TO SERVE THE REOPLE OF OUR FINE COMMUNITY IN SUCH A WAY TO MAINTAIN THE STANDARD THAT MOST PEOPLE LOOK FORWARD 700 AHANK You. GRANT, JOBDAN. Infoide____

October 22, 2013

Town of Claresholm Box 1000

Dear Mayor and council members;

I would like to put forth my name, Judy Van Amerongen, to sit on MPC as member at large. I very much enjoyed the last three years on the committee, and would like to continue my service.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Judy Van Amerongen 403-625-2535

October 22, 2013

RE: Request for Reappointment to the Town's Assessment Review Board

To Claresholm Town Council;

Please consider this as my willingness to be considered for a reappointment to The Assessment Review Board for the Town of Claresholm. I retired to Claresholm almost 2 years ago, and have become involved in the community as a volunteer with a number of organizations. I am at present sitting on this board and have completed the required training.

My last assignment with my former employer, the Solicitor General and Protective Services, was Disciplinary Hearing Administrator. In this role I ensured guidelines from provincial policy and principles of administrative justice were used in the disciplinary process and their outcomes. This included the smooth flow of information for the appeal process according to provincial guidelines when the need arose. My experience in this role has proven my ability to understand provincial regulations and apply them appropriately.

I remain cool headed in stressful situations, and see things to a positive conclusion. I have worked on many committees, communicating information and helping to set goals and objectives for projects. This required liaising with various agencies, gaining insight to help with the decision making process.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration,

Bob Milton 403-625-4502 Doug Kemery P.O. Box 1182 Claresholm, Alberta TOL 0T0

Town of Claresholm 221 – 45th Ave. West P.O. Box 1000 Claresholm, Alberta T0L 0T0

RE: Application for Assessment Review Board

As a long time resident of the Town of Claresholm I am applying to become a member of your Tax Assessment Review Board. I have been a member of this board for the last three years and have heard appeals in Claresholm and Nanton during this time.

I have been employed by the Provincial Government for over thirty-six years in the Property Management Branch and am presently working as a Project Manager. Throughout my career I have had plenty of experience with government policies, procurement practices, maintaining accurate documentation and the importance of confidentiality and fairness.

I believe my contributions on your Tax Assessment Review Board will yield positive results in an atmosphere of openness, fairness and cohesiveness and as a result pronounce this review board as being successful.

Sincerely,

Douglas Kemery

MY NAME IS PETER DUERHOLT. I AM MARRIED AND LIVE AT 106 DEROCHIE DRIVE. SINCE OUR ARRIVAL INCLARESHOLM 5 YEARS AGO. I HAVE BEEN MOSTRY OCCUPYING MY TIME IN LANDSCAPING, GARDENING, GOLFING AND FISHING. PRIOR TO MOUND TO CLARESHOLM I WORKED FOR TELUS AS REGIONAL MANAGER FOR 22 YOARS. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT I WORKED IN MY WIFES ACCOUNTING OFFICE AS OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR FOR 4 YEARS.

I would BE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTES!

FACILITY & INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

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the addit Peter Duerholt

(403) (25 - 1538)

From: Sent: To: Gerry McGuire <gnmcg@telus.net> November-08-13 12:05 PM Karine Wilhauk

To whom it may cocern:

I am appling to be on the subdivision and appeal board if there is a opening still available Regards Gerry McGuire

TOWN OF CLARESHOLM REGULATORY & PROPERTY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

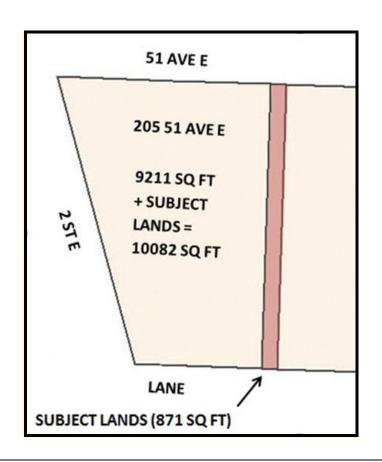






🗆 Urgent	$\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ For Review $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ Please Provide Direction $\ensuremath{\square}$ For Information
Re:	Offer to Purchase - Land Sale
Date:	November 12 th , 2013
From:	Jeff Gibeau, Manager Regulatory & Property Services
То:	Council

Subject Lands



Proposal

Owner of 205 51 AVENUE EAST has submitted an offer to purchase of 3000.00 for the 871 ft² subject lands located directly east of the land owners existing parcel. A 10% deposit (300.00) has been received by the Town of Claresholm.

Property Details

- SUBJECT LANDS:
 - **871** ft²
 - Owner is Town of Claresholm
 - This 7 foot wide strip of land is a remnant parcel left from the original 1914 subdivision. The parcel is currently being used by both neighbours.
 - There is no other municipal use for this land.
- 205 51 AVENUE EAST:
 - 9,211 ft²
 - Owner is Danny & Elizabeth Egger
 - Assessment for 9,211 ft² Land is \$77,070.00
 - \circ The Town of Claresholm Assessor has calculated that if the existing lot size is increased from 9,211 ft² to 10,082 ft² the land valve would increase from \$77,070 to \$80,690.00. An increased in assessed value of \$3,620.

<u>Jeff Gibeau</u> <u>Manager of Regulatory & Property Services</u>

Claresholm

townofclaresholm.com Phone: (403) 625-3381 Fax: (403) 625-3869

INFORMATION ITEMS



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general email

From:	Susan McCarthy <susan.mccarthy@gov.ab.ca></susan.mccarthy@gov.ab.ca>
Sent:	November-06-13 10:00 AM
Cc:	Leslie Sorenson
Subject:	Seniors Week 2014 Request for Proposals

Good Day,

Each year, the Government of Alberta and the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta (SACA) join with Albertans across the province to celebrate seniors and their contributions to our communities. Seniors' Week is held Monday to Sunday during the first week of June.

Alberta Health is offering a unique opportunity for your community to partner with Alberta Health to co-host the Provincial Launch of Seniors' Week on Monday, June 2, 2014. Organizations and/or communities interested in hosting the Launch Event are encouraged to apply indicating their interest.

Co-hosting the Provincial Launch will increase your profile in the community and give you an opportunity to collaborate with government, as well as other organizations in your community.

Please see the attached Request for Proposals and the link below to the web site page.

The Deadline for submissions is December 6, 2013.

Thank you for your interest.

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta 780-422-2321 Long distance call 310-0000 and then dial the number

http://www.health.alberta.ca/seniors/SACA.html

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COUNCIL ORIENTATION / ORGANIZATIONAL BRIEFING

<u>WHO</u>

The Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC) is a shared-service owned by its member municipalities. We are independently managed with member oversight and as a creation of the Municipal Government Act report directly to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

We provide land-use planning, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and subdivision services on your behalf. With 41 member municipalities your Commission is uniquely suited to service the needs of your municipality.

ORRSC was recreated and renamed in 2003, from the previous Oldman River Intermunicipal Service Agency (ORISA) – which was established in 1995 as a successor organization to the Oldman River Regional Planning Commission. The Municipal Government Act, 1994 was amended to dissolve all regional planning commissions in the province and our organization was formed by the member municipalities to carry on the same functions, ensuring consistency in terms of staff and planning advice to our members. ORRSC has a long planning history in southern Alberta and, in 2015; we will celebrate over 60 years of dedicated professional service!

<u>WHAT</u>

Planning Services

- Advice and Consultation
- Statutory Plans
- Land Use Bylaws
- Bylaw Amendments
- Design and Concept Plans
- Community Visioning
- Subdivision and Development Appeals
- o Conference Room for Retreats and Workshops

GIS Services

- Web-based GIS
- Mapping
- Plotting
- GPS Data Acquisition

Subdivision Services

- o Process (Summaries and Recommendations)
- o Fees
- Finalization (upon conditions being met to the satisfaction of the municipality)

Regional Assessment Review Board Services

- Secretarial Process
- o Hearing Management

<u>WHEN</u>

Each member municipality has an appointed member (42 board members) sitting on the ORRSC Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meet the first Thursday evening of March, June, September and December (4/year @ 7 p.m. at ORRSC offices in Lethbridge). Board members are responsible for acting in the best interests of the Commission when making decisions and are highly encouraged to participate in meeting discussions and decisions, guest speaker presentations, and workshops. Our meetings are an opportunity for municipalities to discuss land use planning issues and related concerns on a regional level and, in some instances, to voice the collective opinion of all municipalities. Of equal importance is your liaison with your respective municipality and the disseminating of information back to them.

The Executive Committee (7 members) is selected from the Board of Directors and is responsible for financial and administrative concerns including budget preparation, approval of accounts, procedures and policies for hiring and dismissal of staff and specific issues affecting administration or policy. The Executive meet the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the ORRSC offices in Lethbridge. Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Committee are conducted at the December Board Meeting.

WHERE

3105 – 16th Avenue North Lethbridge, Alberta T1H 5E8 Phone: (403) 329-1344 Toll-free phone: 1-877-329-1387 Fax: (403) 327-6847 Email: <u>admin@orrsc.com</u>

<u>WHY</u>

The Municipal Government Act requires municipalities to manage land use, subdivision and development by preparing bylaws and statutory long-range planning documents. ORRSC exists to assist municipalities in this regard. We provide the professional planners, GIS technicians/analysts, and support staff to satisfy these requirements – keeping you compliant and focused on the future.

<u>HOW</u>

Your regional service commission is a SHARED cooperative effort between member municipalities in southwestern Alberta who have created an organization to provide municipal planning services to its members.

We are contracted by you to provide advice to administration and Council regarding land use planning matters. We are also available as a resource to landowners as well, but we do not engage in the preparation of any work for the private sector. We represent and work exclusively for you – the municipality.

One major duty of ORRSC is to process applications for subdivision on behalf of our member municipalities and their ratepayers. Although the processing is conducted by this organization, the decision is always made at the local level by a municipal subdivision authority.

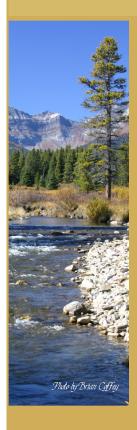
Please visit our website at <u>www.orrsc.com</u> for more information.

Karine Wilhauk

From:

Sent: To: Subject: Oldman Watershed Council <bev@oldmanbasin.ccsend.com> on behalf of Oldman
Watershed Council <shannon@oldmanbasin.org>
October-29-13 2:36 PM
Karine Wilhauk
Save the Date - We need your feedback!





We need your feedback on the draft Headwaters Action Plan!

Draft plan is coming soon! We will send it out a.s.a.p.

Over the past year and a half we have been working on a Headwaters Action Plan, as part of a larger Integrated Watershed Management Plan, to address key issues along the Eastern Slopes of the Oldman watershed, the source of 90% our water. To develop the plan we looked at the best available science through the Headwaters Indicators Project, worked with a Partner Advisory Network of willing stakeholders and held 17 *Source to Tap* community meetings with Water Matters.

The draft plan focuses on 3 indicators of headwaters health - native fish (a surrogate for water quality), linear features density and aquatic invasive species - and lays out <u>targets</u> the community wants to achieve in relation to those 3 indicators, <u>actions</u> needed to achieve the targets and <u>recommendations</u> to the Government of Alberta that will help achieve the targets.

Please join us at one of the following locations:

Cardston Senior's Centre - November 13 Springpoint Community Hall - November 18 Nanton Community Hall - November 19 Cowley Hall - November 20 Lethbridge - Country Kitchen Catering - November 21

Agenda for all meetings:5:30 - 6:30pmFree Supper6:30 - 6:45pmIntroductions6:45 - 7:15pmPresentation on the draft Headwaters Action Plan7:15 - 8:30pmFacilitated discussion and feedback

More details will be coming soon but for now please save the date!

For more information please visit http://oldmanbasin.org/index.php/teams-and-projects/integrated-watershed-management-plan-team/



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Shannon Frank, Executive Director

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October 16, 2013



"<u>Taking care of riparian areas just makes sense to me</u>." – Brian Hamilton, OWC Watershed Legacy Program recipient

Town of Claresholm Box 1000 Claresholm, AB T0L 0T0

Dear Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Claresholm,

A key part of the OWC mission is to **empower people with the knowledge, tools and practical skills to take on-theground actions** that make a difference in the Oldman watershed. These actions are critical for improving the health of our watershed and to support a strong economy. The OWC is praised for our education and stewardship programs that inspire and support people in protecting and improving our water supply and water quality. We need your support to continue this vital work.

Armed with a strong volunteer base of over 75 people on 4 teams; the Urban, Rural, Watershed Science and Integrated Watershed Management Plan Teams, the OWC tackles environmental challenges in the basin and brings people together from all sectors in the community to make our watershed a better place to live, work and play for all southern Albertans. By working together and sharing experiences and expertise we achieve more.

In order for us to keep providing information, tools and support to stewards in our watershed, we need to raise \$130,000 for our programs in the next fiscal year, April 2014 – March 2015. The highlights of our accomplishments so far this year is enclosed to give you a better understanding of our programs and what your donation would be supporting.

We are asking each municipality/county within the Oldman watershed to contribute \$0.30 per resident. For the Town of Claresholm that would be an investment of \$1,110. Your investment will go directly towards our on-the-ground programs.

We also request that you renew your annual membership with the Council. A membership form is enclosed and must be filled out and returned to us before April 30th. Please indicate on the membership form the delegate you have appointed to vote on your behalf at our Annual General Meeting.

We need your help to continue raising awareness about watershed issues and supporting stewardship actions in the watershed.

If you would like a presentation or have any questions please contact Shannon Frank, OWC Executive Director by phone at 403-382-4239 or email: <u>Shannon@oldmanbasin.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Terry Kerkhoff OWC Chairman

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MISSION

The Oldman Watershed Council is a not-for-profit organization of southern Albertans that maintains and improves the Oldman watershed by:

- Improving and sharing knowledge
- Building and strengthening stakeholder partnerships
- Promoting community action and stewardship
- Developing and implementing integrated land and water plans

GOALS

Our five long-term overarching goals are:

- 1. We understand our watershed.
- 2. Residents are well informed and actively engaged.
- 3. Basin stakeholders have defined the desired outcomes for the Oldman Watershed that will form the basis for the Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP).
- 4. The Oldman Watershed Council and stakeholders put into action the capacity and commitment to achieve defined outcomes.
- 5. Practices that are beneficial to the health and function of the watershed are adopted.



RETURN TO: 100, 5401 – 1st Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 4V6 Phone: 403-382-4239 Fax: 403-381-5765 info@oldmanbasin.org www.oldmanbasin.org

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership in the Oldman Watershed Council is inclusive, participatory, and active and is open to any interested individual or organization living or working within the Oldman Basin. Your membership will need to be renewed on an annual basis by April 30. Membership is categorized as follows:

- Individual Public Members
- Organizational Members
 - Municipal Government
 - o Provincial Government
 - Federal Government
 - o Academia
 - o Industry
 - o Irrigators
 - Producer Organizations
 - o Health Sector
 - o First Nations
 - o Environmental Not-For-Profit Organizations

Mailing List only

Name:	Membership Type:	Organizational
Organization (if applicable):		Individual
Address:		
City/Town:	Postal Code:	 <u></u>
Phone:	Fax:	
E-mail:		
Organizational Representative:		

Please Note: As an Organizational Member, we will need the name of the delegate who is authorized to vote on your behalf at the Annual General Meeting. A representative (Mayor/Reeve, Councillor, CAO) can sign the statement below on your behalf.

Currently, there is no membership fee although a voluntary contribution is appreciated.

I______, agree with the Goals of the Oldman Watershed Council on the attached page. The Council has an obligation to conduct its business in an effective and efficient manner. This cannot occur in the absence of member participation. Members must clearly recognize and understand that the expectation is that they will take an active role in Council operations (e.g. project support, communications, fundraising, administration).

Signature:

Date:

OLDMAN WATERSHED COUNCIL

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Highlights of Accomplishments this Year

This year so far has been an exciting and successful one! We have started, continued and completed studies and activities that help inform our action-oriented programs and the Integrated Watershed Management Plan. All of which work toward our mission of a healthy, resilient watershed where people, wildlife and habitat thrive. The environmental goods and services provided by a healthy watershed are the foundation for our resource based economy and are a source of pride for Albertans. Here are some highlights of our accomplishments this year so far:

Headwaters Action Plan

The process to build an action plan to achieve goal 3 of the Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP); to "protect the integrity of headwaters and source waters", was initiated. The current health of the headwaters was assessed based on available data for selected environmental indicators and the relationship between headwaters health and the impacts of human activities was explored. We are now in the process of continuing to engage the public and Partner Advisory Network (PAN) (including First Nations, all levels of government, industry, agriculture, not-for-profits and individuals), to set specific targets for linear features density, native fish and aquatic invasive species and to identify actions that the OWC and stakeholders will commit to in order to achieve the targets. Through the Headwaters Action Plan the OWC will facilitate stewardship actions and influence policy changes to protect the integrity of the headwaters.

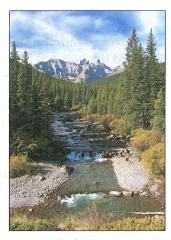


Photo credit: Richard Burke



Holding the Reins

In February, 2013, the Rural Team hosted the 7th annual event themed, "Fire Impacts and Stewardship in the Watershed" in Fort Macleod. The event provided 120 guests with insight into rural issues and opportunities. We heard presentations on the impacts of the Lost Creek, Granum and Milk River fires in the Oldman watershed. The event offers an opportunity for landowners to learn from each other through watershed stewardship group updates, digital stories, and informal conversations. It is truly inspiring to see what landowners are doing for the benefit of the environment and how they are making their operations more sustainable.

Watershed Legacy Program

Provided funding to 12 watershed stewardship projects including 5 off-stream livestock watering systems and 2 fencing projects to protect riparian areas, 2 bioengineering projects to maintain or improve riverbank stability, 2 weed pulls and 1 event to initiate another stewardship group in the basin. The program provides producers with the financial, technical and communication assistance necessary to be watershed stewards and inspires and encourages producers to adopt sustainable practices on their land.



Crowsnest Watershed Groundwater Report

Compiled existing groundwater information to paint a picture of what is currently known about groundwater in the Crowsnest watershed and to set the stage for what needs to be done in the near future to fill knowledge gaps. One of the key objectives of the study was to get recommendations for a long term monitoring plan to fill the groundwater knowledge gap. Recommended were five monitoring locations as well as management actions such as improving the Government of Alberta's current data collection and coordination system and promoting groundwater stewardship to well owners. The OWC will be looking at ways to act on these recommendations in partnership with landowners, all levels of government, academic institutions, and others.



Fort Macleod Nitrates Study

Initiated a study to find the source of high nitrogen concentrations that have been found in drinking water wells and to identify solutions that will improve drinking water for residents in the area.

Research and Monitoring Directory

Released the updated Research and Monitoring Directory featuring current surface and groundwater research and monitoring projects occurring in the Oldman watershed. The directory encourages collaboration and raises awareness of issues and solutions in the watershed while providing inspiration for future research to help fill the knowledge gaps in our watershed.



Photo credit: Jollin Charest

Lethbridge Stormwater Outfalls Monitoring Report

In collaboration with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Lethbridge College and the City of Lethbridge, the OWC Urban and Watershed Science Teams completed the second year of a three year study to monitor 9 Lethbridge stormwater outfalls for bacteria, nutrients and pesticides. Results from the study will be compared to a similar study done 10 years ago and further inform the Urban and Watershed Science Team's educational and action-oriented programs.

Prairie Urban Garden Workshop and Tour

The OWC Urban Team held their first ever Xeriscape Your Yard Workshop to provide people with the knowledge, resources and practical skills to conserve water and protect stormwater quality by xeriscaping. Xeriscaping utilizes several principles including using native plants and grasses that naturally thrive in our dry prairie environment instead of non-native plants that may require pesticides, fertilizers and excessive water inputs in order to survive. Eighty people attended our 4th self-guided Prairie Urban Garden Tour that showcases Lethbridge local xeriscape gardens – and if the floods in June hadn't hit days before the tour, attendance would have been the usual 125 plus!



Watershed Science Tour

The tour, held in October, featured visits to current research and monitoring projects and beneficial management practices (BMPs) happening in the Oldman watershed. We visited feedlots to see BMPs that producers are implementing in their operations, such as capturing manure runoff and applying it efficiently, according to crop nutrient requirements, in irrigation. The science tour is held biennially and helps improve our watershed by improving knowledge and promoting and facilitating community and institutional stewardship action.

DR. KENDRA MASSIE - WCCHS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2013

On October 30, 2013, Willow Creek Composite High School inducted the newest member of our Distinguished Alumni,



Graduated - 1997

Inducted - 2013

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FROM SCHOOL? Call the school

403-625-3387

Dr. Kendra Massie. She is a worthy candidate who has given back to her communities and represents WCCHS in a very positive light. Dr. Kendra Massie was a very successful student while she attended Willow Creek Composite High School. WCCHS staff remember Massie as a kind, compassionate student with a keen sense of humor. Upon graduation in 1997, Kendra attended the University of Lethbridge ('03) and convocated with a Bachelor of Science (Honors

Thesis) in Psychology. She

continued by completing a Masters of Arts in Educational Psychology from the University of Victoria.

In Victoria, she developed an interest in pursuing a career as a psychologist. This led her to the University of Toronto, where she earned a PhD in clinical child psychology in 2010. Kendra's PhD was centered on children and teenage siblings of children with cancer and how helpful group therapy is to children and teens who have cancer or died from cancer.

Dr. Massie returned to Alberta upon graduation to work at Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary. Dr. Massie has earned many different recognitions and achievements, she has been published, and has presented at national and international conferences. Volunteer work is also important to Dr. Massie and she has worked with adolescent mothers, Toronto's Ronald McDonald House, and a local agency that provides meals and programs for homeless men and women.

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 No school for all students (Staff Planning Day)	2
3	4	5 Picture Retake Day	6	7 Claresholm Arts Society SHOWCASE	8 SH Volleyball Post S	9 eason Tournament
		Jr. Prom Parents Meeting 7 pm (Library)		ÉVENING 7 pm @ WCCHS	Remembrance Day Assembly	Jr. High Boys VB to Pincher Creek
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Remembrance Day No School			Scholarship info night for parents and graduates 7:00 p.m	Grad Photos -	Book Online!
17	18 Report Cards Handed Out	19	20	21 School Council 6:30 pm Sports Society 8 pm	22	23 Parent Tech Conference \$20 ea.
24	25 Divisional PD Day No school for all students (Staff Planning Day)	26 School Council Special Meeting Re: JH Grading 6:30 pm	27	28	29 Junior Prom Christmas Tea 2:30 pm WCCHS Foyer	30
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"I can't believe it's November already. It feels like Halloween was just yesterday." - Author Unknown.

The Navigator is produced to provide information to parents of our students on happenings within our school, and to share information with the community

TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

You won't want to miss the one day conference being held at WCCHS on Saturday, November 23, 2013, and is open to parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents or interested community members. The keynote speaker is George Couros (international speaker on the changing technology in our world today). We are having a variety of sessions ranging from Facebook, Twitter, Tablets/Laptops, Wifi and Student Owned Devices in school. The sessions offered during this day are designed to help parents learn about latest technology uses and challenges encountered with our children and in society. There is a \$20 registration fee which includes a great Latte Da lunch. We hope you will join us and this will inform your parenting as we move into the 21st Century. Registration form are available at the office. Register TODAY!

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

The community of Claresholm has many talented people that love to share their skills with others. As part of our opening celebrations, in partnership with the Claresholm Society for the Arts, we are holding an evening of performances on November 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. There are a variety of groups performing from choirs (school and community), band, authors, drama groups (improv troupes) and local visual artists. There will be catered hors d'oeuvres. If you would like to support the arts in Claresholm, memberships will be on sale that evening for \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, and \$20 for families and businesses. The membership fees allow for the fledgling group to begin looking at

our group.

Willow Creek Composite High School

such programs as putting on a musical production in the spring of 2014. Please come out and support

SCHOOL DOORS & HOURS

So that students are supervised and safe when they come to school, the school doors will be open at 8:00 a.m. every morning. This ensures that someone is around if there are concerns or issues. Please do not drop your children off at school before 8:00 a.m. particularly when it is cold outside. As well, the Foyer is open most evenings due to our variety of sports which take place every night of the week and some weekends. The rest of the school will be locked at 4:15 p.m. so student property in lockers is safe and secure. If you need something from a locker after 4:15 p.m., a custodian is on site or ask a teacher that may be here.

WE DAY ALBERTA

The WCCHS WE Team will be meeting early in November to decide what initiatives we want to be a part of! Thirty five students & staff from grades 7-12 attended



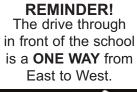
WE Day on October 24 at the Scotiabank Saddledome in Calgary, along with 16,000 other students from across the province. WE Day is a worldwide initiative to encourage students to change their world one idea/project at a time! All students are encouraged to be a part of changing the world in a positive way, either by joining the WE Team initiatives or by choosing their own project/cause to promote. Watch for more information on our upcoming projects! We Day is the movement of our time, empowering a generation of young global citizens through an inspirational event and a year-long educational initiative. - See more at: http://www.weday.com

Claresholm, AB

News and information for the parents of Willow Creek Composite High School students and the communities which make our school successful!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Parent Tech Conference
- Sports Update
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- School Hours
- Arts Evening!
- November 2013 Calendar







FROM THE **PRINCIPAL:** Ian Stewardson

We have had a very busy first couple of months, as we started the year and have been adjusting to the new surroundings. I have been really thrilled with several things which have occurred in this period.

The first celebration is the

recognition of the students who have excelled in their academics. This evening was on October 30. Dr. Kendra Massie was recognized as an Alumni of Distinction for 2013. It is very exciting to know that WCCHS is represented by such strong academic and humanitarian alumni. In our conversations, she demonstrates a calm, capable and compassionate sensibility. My hope is that all of students will gain insight into achievement and success from her example.

Another celebration is the results from the Diploma and Provincial Achievement Tests. Students performed well in all areas of these assessments. A few highlights:

• Our participation rates were higher than the provincial participation rates on all of the provincial achievement tests and many of the diploma exams.

• 3 of 4 PAT scores (students achieving at grade level) were above provincial averages.

• Our academic students achieved very well on diploma exams. 93.7% (Math 30-1), 95.7% (Biology 30) 88.9% (Social Studies 30-1) met acceptable standard. This represents a few of the exciting achievements from the core academics. • I would like to highlight our Math 30-1 (50% of the students) and Biology 30 (39.1% of the students) met the criteria for Standard of Excellence. Each year, our staff uses these assessments to review strengths and challenges. We recognize that it is the culmination of all the schooling that a student receives and we would not have the results that we do without the dedicated work from all the teachers.

I would like to recognize the great work that has been done this year by the Student Council. Claresholm FCSS was gracious in creating a fun fitness challenge with our student Council on October 25



with an obstacle course with many different additions such as dodge the ball as you run through tires at the end. The week of Halloween has been a terrific success with upwards or 1/3 of the student body participating in events like Pumpkin Carving, Wrap a Mummy and Eat a Doughnut on a string as well as the dress

up day on October 31. They will also be getting ready to set up for December's 12 Days of Giving. Watch for items around this event.

SPORTS UPDATES

Football: WCCHS Cobras will host the league championship vs Kate Andrews High School on November 1 at 7:00 p.m. The winner will host the provincial quarter-final game on November 9. The winner of that game will host the provincial semi-final November 16. Provincial Finals are in Calgary on November 23.

Volleyball: Our high school teams each have one game left in league play. The girls travel to J.T. Foster on November 4 and the boys travel to Crowsnest Consolidated on November 5. WCCHS will host the league Post Season tournament for both boys and girls on November 8 and 9. Zone playoffs will begin the week of November 11 with the finals on November 15 and 16 (boys at Immanuel Christian; girls at Picture Butte). Provincials are in Edmonton November 28 - 30.

Our Junior High teams are heading into league playoffs with our "B" Girls playing at Matthew Halton November 2. The "A" Girls still have one game at Matthew Halton on November 5 before they go to Post Season at Kainai High School on November 8-9. The boys will travel to St. Mike's on November 9 for their Post Season tournament. Both our boys and girls teams finished 2nd in zone qualifying play. F.P. Walshe will be representing our region at Zones.

Thank you to all our football and volleyball parents, fans, and coaches for making this season of events so successful! Basketball: The high school teams will start the week of November 11, and

junior high teams will start the week of November 18. Official start dates/times will be posted in the announcements. We are still looking for junior high coaches/ assistants, particularly for the girls. If anyone would like to help out with basketball this season, please contact Mr. Lybbert.

Sports Society will meet November 21 at 8:00 PM. The agenda for the upcoming meeting and minutes from the last meeting will be posted on the school website.

WCCHS REMEMBERS

On November 8, Willow Creek Composite High School will hold our Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:50 a.m. This event is designed to demonstrate our appreciation for our armed service members past and present. There will be musical selections, and a short drama production. This will be the first time in a long time that we have been able to remember in our own facility. Parents and community members are welcome to attend this special event at WCCHS.

SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

WCCHS is holding a Scholarship Information night at the school on November 14 at 7 p.m. This evening is geared at Grade 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents. Grade 10 and 11 students and their parents will benefit from the information shared during this meeting, as they plan for the upcoming final years at WCCHS.

GRAD 2014 UPDATES

Pick up times for poinsettias at Garden Soul is Saturday, November 16 between 10 am and 4 pm. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettia's at that time, please make arrangement to have someone else pick them up. Thank you to Garden Soul for supporting this grad fundraiser and to all of you who purchased a poinsettia or wreath.

All grads must have a cap and gown photo taken with Ted Dawson. This cap and gown photo is used in the yearbook, the grad video, and the Class of 2014 composite picture. Gentlemen: please wear a white collared shirt with a tie. Ladies: please wear a shirt with no collar and a

nice necklace. Photos may be booked online at http://wcchs.schoolappointments.com or through the school office, for November 15 and 16. Grads need to show up 10 minutes prior to the appointment so that they may be prepared for the photo shoot. Grads who cannot make one of those two days will need to book directly with Ted Dawson for an appointment.

There is a box in the office where grads can suggest ideas for a grad theme. On November 15 and 16 during grad photos, they will be asked to vote on a grad theme.

Final reminders that each grade 12 student needs to submit a baby picture to the office for the grad video. Please write your name on the back of the photo so that it may be returned to you.

LIBRARY NEWS

Greetings! Allow me to introduce myself, Mrs. Stacey, as the new Librarian at Willow Creek Composite High School! It's going to be an exciting year with the launch of a monthly Library newsletter in November, and new online content on the Library website in January. In the meantime, come in to check-out our new book selections, ask for assistance with information research, make a recommendation for purchase, or chat with me about your favourite reads! ~ Mrs. Stacey

SCHOOL (PARENT) COUNCIL

Our October meeting had another great turnout with a large amount of parents! Thank you! We said Good-bye and Thank You to our retiring LRSD trustees Kelly Hall and Charlene Dunlop. We appreciate their efforts and wish them well in their lives beyond LRSD. We look forward to welcoming John McKee and Brad Toone to our table as new trustees.

We discussed new staffing configurations for next year for the welding program and this year with Drama and Social Studies. Ian briefly discussed the results from the grade 9 PAT exams as well as Grade 12 diploma exams (2012-2013).

A discussion regarding the change from percentages to letter grades in the junior high report card occurred. One question was whether letter grades would continue into the High School grades and how this Staff PD - N Ir. Curling R Picture Re-ta Ir. Prom Par Celebration No School fo Grad Photos School Cound **Sports Societ** Parent Tech Ir. Prom Chi

would affect Post-Secondary entrance requirements. Due to time constraints, we did two things: (1) we registered for the Education Minister's Teleconference on Tuesday, October 22 where we were lucky enough to have our question presented and answered. Minister Jeff Johnson assured us that there is no move to change High School grades to letters. When students finish High School, they will be leaving with a percentage grade. (2) We planned a separate meeting to continue the discussion of letter grades vs. percentages at the junior high level. This meeting will take place November 26th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

More discussion time is definitely necessary so for future meetings, we will be starting at 6:30 pm rather than 7 pm. At our November 21 meeting, we will be discussing changes to funding to Distance Learning and how that affects our students at WCCHS. Attend our next meeting for great discussions, door prizes, and snacks! For more info, call Ruth at 625-3123.

PROM UPDATES

Junior Prom 2014 is underway! The first event being held is the Christmas Tea and Gift of Time Auction will be Friday, November 29 from 2:30 - 4:30 pm in the WCCHS foyer. Admission is \$2 at the door, or \$1 if purchased ahead of time from a prom candidate. There will be a Jr. Prom Parent meeting in the library at the school on Nov. 5. Prom candidates for 2014 are: * Escort

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

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- Alex B & Austin V*
- Vanessa M & Zach G
- Gloria B & Nick M
- Amanda M & Rylan K
- Holly B* & Randel H
- Jocelyn C & Colten A
- Elizabeth P & Jason J
- Jaycee M & Conner B*

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council has been very busy preparing for a variety of special events at WCCHS.

• In a shared project with Claresholm FCSS to promote fitness, we brought in an inflatable obstacle course on Oct. 25.

• Halloween Activities were organized for the students.

• We will be part of the Remembrance Day Ceremony as well.

This dedicated group of students is building morale and positive feelings at WCCHS. The energy is great!



Newsletter November 2013

West Meadow Elementary School



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Visit us online at: www.lrsd.ab.ca/school/westmeadow

From the Principal

You can tell winter is approaching. The days are shorter and a little cooler. This last week, it was very exciting to see the students riding the crazy carpets down the snow hills. Remember that there can be a 10 to 15 degree difference between the morning and at lunch. Please be sure your children are dressing warm, but also make sure they are dressing in layers.

Even though it is cooler outside, things are heating up in the school. A number of clubs, like crib club, are now in full swing, while others are just getting started. Triple ball is winding up, but basketball is right around the corner.

Please feel free to join us for our Remembrance Day ceremony on November 8. I would also like to invite all our families to our next Parent Council meeting which is on November 27, at 6:00. Your attendance and ideas are always welcome.

There are still a number of families I have not met. If you see me outside, in the halls, or in my office, please don't hesitate to grab my attention to discuss something you have concerns about.

Have a great (and hopefully warm) November!

Junior Curling Registration

Monday, November 4 from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Curling Rink. Grades 4-6 starts on January 13, 2014 For more info. Contact Bobbie-Jo @ 403-512-1820

Principal Mr. Curtis Uyesugi

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The Claresholm school community works to develop literate, life-long learners who are:

- Creative and critical thinkers
- Responsible and selfdirected
- Ethical and involved citizens
- **A**ble to adapt to change
- **T**eam-oriented
- Effective communicators

While achieving the provincially defined outcomes.



Claresholm Schools CREATE Success!

Cookie dough sales are back! - Order before November 15, 2013

Starting Nov. 04, we are selling Simply Delicious Cookies and Simply Cinnamon products.

Prices are clearly marked on each of the order forms. Each order must be accompanied with payment. If ordering from both sheets, payment can be combined.

This cookie dough is a frozen product which can be kept in a freezer for one year or in a refrigerator for 90 days. It is a quick and easy way to make as many or as few cookies as you need. It is a good quality, popular product.

Please have cheques made out to CSFS (Claresholm Schools Fundraising Society). Remember, if you collect orders, you need to deliver them as well. Delivery will be the last week of school before Christmas.

Profits raised go to the Claresholm Schools Fundraising Society. This society's purpose is to fundraise and to support programs at the school such as swimming, parent meetings, student agendas, hot lunch coordinators/program, field trips and other special events at the school. Fundraising is needed to make these programs or items possible for our children.

By supporting this campaign, you are supporting our school!

Claresholm Schools Fundraising Society is selling FundScrip Gift Cards

We have a few cards available in the office, you can pick up an order form or order on-line at fundscrip.co and invitation code 4Q2XMT. Order forms must be **returned by Dec. 5** in order to be ready before Christmas.

This is a great opportunity to surprise your friends or family with some cool gifts for Christmas and support our school! Just a few samples of cards available are:

Extra Foods

Sobeys

Subway

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- Home Depot -Canadian Tire -Wendy's
- -Wendy's -Toys R Us
- Home Hardware
- Chapters

Plus many, many, many more.



Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 8, 2013 starting at 10:10 am. All students are encouraged to dress their best or wear uniforms representing any club they may belong to. (Scouts, Guides, Sparkes, etc.).

Parents and guests are welcome to attend.

Popcorn Fridays

There will be a popcorn sale on Fridays in the common area. For a Twonie you can get a bag of Caramel, Dill Pickle or Parmesan Cheese popcorn.

All proceeds go to towards the Breakfast Program.

Motivational Media

Wednesday – November 20, 2013 At West Meadow Gym

12:15 – Heart of a Champion – Gr. K-6 1:00 – Showtime Intermediate Gr. 7-9 1:50 – Power of 3 – Gr. 10-12

These sessions are highly motivational and are open to all students and parents.



Crib Club

Our Grade 5 & 6 students play crib at lunch time twice a week. This is an awesome card game that enhances basic math skills and encourages social interaction. If any parents (or grandparents) would like to come and help our students master the game, we would greatly appreciate it. However, to do so, you will need a criminal record check. Please contact the office for more info.

Operation Christmas Child

Once again our school is putting together shoe boxes for operation Christmas Child. Gifts for children in less fortunate countries may include items such as school supplies, toys, and hygiene items that will not <u>melt, freeze, leak or break</u> and ship well. Suggestions include pens, pencils, crayons, picture books, note pads, stuffed animals, hair clips, toy jewelry, t-shirts, socks, bar soap (in a sealable bag), hard candy (individually wrapped in a sealed or sealable bag), combs, small musical instruments, etc. We will also accept donations of cash which will be used for shipping costs or for purchasing additional items should that be necessary.

Please do not donate war related toys, knives, toy guns, food, chewing gum, soft candy or decks of playing cards.

Donated items or shoe boxes already made must be at the school no later than Tuesday, **November 19.** The Grade 3 classes will be assembling the shoe boxes.

Thanks for your help with this very worthwhile cause

A huge thank-you goes out to Kelly Starling, Fire Chief and the Claresholm Fire Department for the awesome Grade One field trip during Fire Prevention Week. It was great fun to ride on the fire trucks.



WMES - Dress Up Days - In an effort to help parents organize school events we are providing a list of school 'Dress Up Days' for the rest of the school year.

November 8 - Wear your best for Remembrance Day November 29 - dress Western Dec. 18 - wear a Christmas Hat January 29 - P.J./bedhead day Feb. 12- Anti-Bullying-wear pink March 17 - green/favorite jersey

April 11 – Storybook character May 09 –backwards day

DAY We inspire

After attending We Day in Calgary on October 24, the WMES "We Team" is feeling inspired and are ready to take action! The We Team will work to plan school wide activities that bring sawareness to social issues that affect children around the world and at home. The first activity they are working on is called WE SCARE HUNGER and supports our local food bank. All WMES students are asked to bring a canned food item on Halloween so that we can fill the giant box in the entry. Some students may also choose to collect food items in conjunction with trick or treating.

November at a glance....



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 No School LRSD staff planning day!	2
3	4 Cookie dough fundraiser starts	5 Picture Retakes Gr. 4 swimming 2:00 – 3:00	6 Subway Day	7 Claresholm Art Society, Fine Arts Gala @ Willow Creek Comp. High School @ 7:00 pm	8 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:10 am	9
10	11 Remembrance Day – no school	12	13	14	15 Last day for cookie dough orders	16
17	18	19 Last day for donations for Operation Christmas Child.	20 Subway Day Motivational Media	21	22	23
24	25 LRSD PD Day No school for students	26	27 School Council meeting @ 6:00	28	29	30
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