



TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2015
AGENDA

Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Council Chambers
Town of Claresholm Administration Office
221 – 45 Avenue West

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 23, 2015

DELEGATIONS:

1. ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES - Donald Allan, Director Suburban/Rural Clinical Operations; Nicholas Thain, Executive Director, Clinical Operations, Calgary Zone
RE: EMS Update
2. YOUNG PARKYN McNAB – Darren Adamson, CA
RE: 2014 Financial Statements

ACTION ITEMS:

1. REQUEST FOR DECISION: Transfers to Reserves
2. REQUEST FOR DECISION: 2014 Financial Statements
3. DELEGATION RESPONSE: Mr. Jack Pour
RE: Claresholm Food Bank
4. DELEGATION RESPONSE: Claresholm Child Care Society
RE: Request to Increase Monthly Contribution
5. CORRES: Hon. Diana McQueen, Minister of Municipal Affairs
RE: Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital Funding
6. CORRES: Hon. Diana McQueen, Minister of Municipal Affairs
RE: Request for Submissions – 14th Annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence
7. CORRES: Alberta Seniors
RE: Property Taxes for Social Housing
8. CORRES: Workers' Compensation Board Alberta
RE: April 28 – National Day of Mourning
9. CORRES: Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin
RE: Membership Request & Financial Support
10. CORRES: Alberta Fire Chiefs Association
RE: "Volunteer Firefighters Awareness Week" May 3 – 9, 2015
11. CORRES: Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association
RE: Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Finals Sponsorship Opportunity
12. CORRES: Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Service Commission
RE: Wednesday Opening
13. CORRES: Claresholm & District FCSS
RE: Volunteer Appreciation Event – April 14, 2015
14. CORRES: Claresholm & District Transportation Society
RE: Request to Pay Interest on Loan for Van
15. REQUEST FOR DECISION: Budget Meetings
16. REQUEST FOR DECISION: POLICY #REC 04-15: Recreational Facility & Miscellaneous User Charges
17. INFORMATION BRIEF: Spring Clean-up 2015
18. INFORMATION BRIEF: Council Resolution Status
19. ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS
20. IN CAMERA: Organizational Structure; Insurance; Land; Board Appointments

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. 2013 Financial Indicator Graphs
2. AUMA Member Notice – June 17-19 Mayors' Caucus
3. AUMA Member Notice – AUMA Awards Nominations Available
4. AUMA Member Notice – May 31st Deadline for Resolutions for 2015 AUMA Convention
5. Provincial Budget 2015 – March 26, 2015 Summary Provided by AUMA
6. Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Services Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – Feb 26, 2015
7. Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Services Commission Special Meeting Minutes – Mar 4, 2015
8. WCHS Navigator – April 2015
9. Claresholm & District Transportation Society Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2015
10. Proclamation Request to Falun Dafa Day Celebration (23rd Anniversary)

11. Claresholm & District FCSS Board Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2015
12. Alberta SouthWest Bulletin – April 2015
13. Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance Board Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2015
14. Mayors & Reeves of Southwest Alberta Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2015
15. Thank you for Funds to Support Free Swim Initiative – March 24, 2015
16. Chinook Arch Regional Library System Board Report – April 2015

ADJOURNMENT



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COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Rob Steel; Councillors: Jamie Cutler, Chris Dixon, Betty Fieguth, Shelley Ford, Mike McAlonan and Lyal O'Neill.

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer: Marian Carlson, Secretary-Treasurer: Karine Wilhauk.

MEDIA PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Steel.

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

MINUTES: **REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 9, 2015**
Moved by Councillor McAlonan that the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2015 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

1. **MR. JACK POUR**
RE: Claresholm Food Bank

Mr. Pour expressed his concerns regarding the operation of the Claresholm Food Bank.

2. **CLARESHOLM CHILD CARE SOCIETY**
RE: Request to Increase Monthly Contribution

Jen Martin, Chair of the Claresholm Child Care Society, appeared before Council on behalf of the Society requesting an increase in the monthly contribution the Town makes to the Society.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **BYLAW #1601 – Traffic Bylaw Wording Amendment – School Zones**
RE: 1st Reading

Moved by Councillor Dixon to give Bylaw #1601, regarding a Traffic Bylaw wording amendment, 2nd Reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Cutler to give Bylaw #1601, regarding a Traffic Bylaw wording amendment, 3rd and Final Reading.

CARRIED

2. **BYLAW #1603 – Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw**
RE: 1st Reading

Moved by Councillor Ford to give Bylaw #1603, regarding a Regional Assessment Review Board, 2nd Reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Fieguth to give Bylaw #1603, regarding a Regional Assessment Review Board, 3rd and Final Reading.

CARRIED

3. **UPDATE: Municipal Government Act Amendments**

Received for information.

4. **CORRES: Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association**
RE: 2015 Membership Fees

MOTION #15-010 Moved by Councillor O'Neill to table the discussion of the membership fees for 2015 for the Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association until the regular Council meeting of April 27th, 2015.

CARRIED

**5. CORRES: Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC)
RE: Vulcan County & the Municipal District of Willow Creek
Intermunicipal Development Plan (Draft)**

Received for information.

**6. CORRES: Claesholm Child Care Society
RE: 2015 Commercial General Liability Insurance**

MOTION #15-011 Moved by Councillor O'Neill to pay the Claesholm Child Care Society's commercial general liability insurance, for the 2015 year only, in the amount of \$2,903.

CARRIED

**7. REQUEST FOR DECISION: Bylaw #1391 – Street Maintenance Tax
Levy Overpayment**

MOTION #15-012 Moved by Councillor Fieguth to refund the overpayment of \$16,136.69 from the Street Maintenance Tax Bylaw #1391 as presented.

CARRIED

**8. REQUEST FOR DECISION: Bylaw #1465 – Curb & Gutter
Overpayment**

MOTION #15-013 Moved by Councillor Ford to refund the overpayment of \$4,143.21 from the Curb & Gutter Bylaw #1465 to Viper Oilfield Services as presented.

CARRIED

9. REQUEST FOR DECISION: Special Tax Bylaws

MOTION #15-014 Moved by Councillor McAlonan to direct Administration to prepare the amended Special Tax Bylaws to be presented to Council along with the Mill Rate Bylaw.

CARRIED

**10. REQUEST FOR DECISION: Application for Small Communities Fund
(SCF) – Stormwater Management Plan**

MOTION #15-015 Moved by Councillor Ford to apply for grant funding under the Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund (SCF) program for Project 1 – 2015 Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$5,310,000.00 as noted in the accepted Stormwater Management Plan.

CARRIED

**11. REQUEST FOR DECISION: Application for Small Communities Fund
(SCF) – Multi-use Community Building & Town Hall**

MOTION #15-016 Moved by Councillor Cutler to apply for grant funding under the Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund (SCF) program for the Multi-use Community Building and Town Hall in the amount of \$5,063,000.

CARRIED

MOTION #15-017 Moved by Councillor O'Neill to hire Civic Solutions Inc. to write the grant application for the Multi-use Community Building & Town Hall from the Small Communities Fund (SCF) for a total of \$4,800 plus GST.

CARRIED

12. INFORMATION BRIEF: Community Committee Dossiers

Received for information.

**13. INFORMATION BRIEF: Proposed Revisions to Alberta's Drinking
Water Regulations**

Received for information.

14. CAO REPORT: March 23, 2015

Received for information.

15. INFORMATION BRIEF: Council Resolution Status

Received for information.

16. ADOPTION OF INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Ford to adopt information items as presented.

CARRIED

17. IN CAMERA: Personnel, Land Leases, Draft Strategic Plan

Moved by Councillor McAlonan that this meeting go In Camera.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Ford that this meeting adjourn at 10:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor – Rob Steel

Chief Administrative Officer – Marian Carlson

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DELEGATIONS

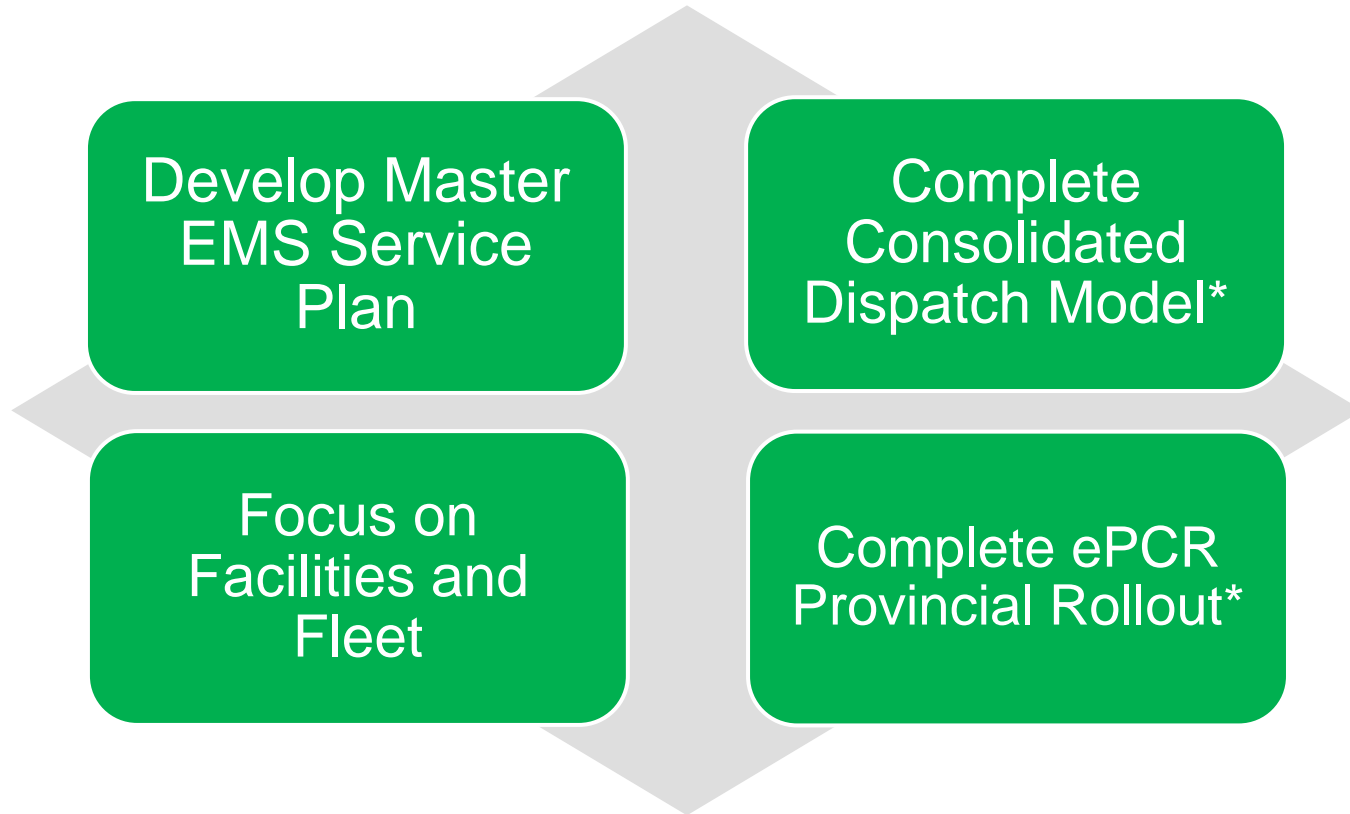
AHS EMS Update to Claresholm Council April 13, 2015



Our Strategic Direction

The 2014-2017 Health Plan and Business Plan — Better Quality, Better Outcomes, Better Value — is the critical foundation for all activity within AHS

Systemic Plan (9 to 12 months)



* Based on HQCA Recommendations

Master Service Planning

Develop a single Provincial EMS Master Service Plan that is *Provincial* in scope and *Community Based*

- Community level EMS Plans
 - Emergency call demand
 - IFT demand and type
 - Air Ambulance capacity
 - Community/Health program delivery
 - Other system components (i.e. MFR)
- Recommend short and long term solutions for EMS
- Work with Rural Service Planning Review teams

Response Statistics

Calendar Year Event Volume by Event Category

Calendar Year	Emergency Event	Non-Emergency Event	IFT	Other	Total
2012	280	108	633	8	1029
2013	287	142	630	2	1061
2014	264	122	506	11	903

Response Statistics

Event Response Interval (hh:mm:ss)

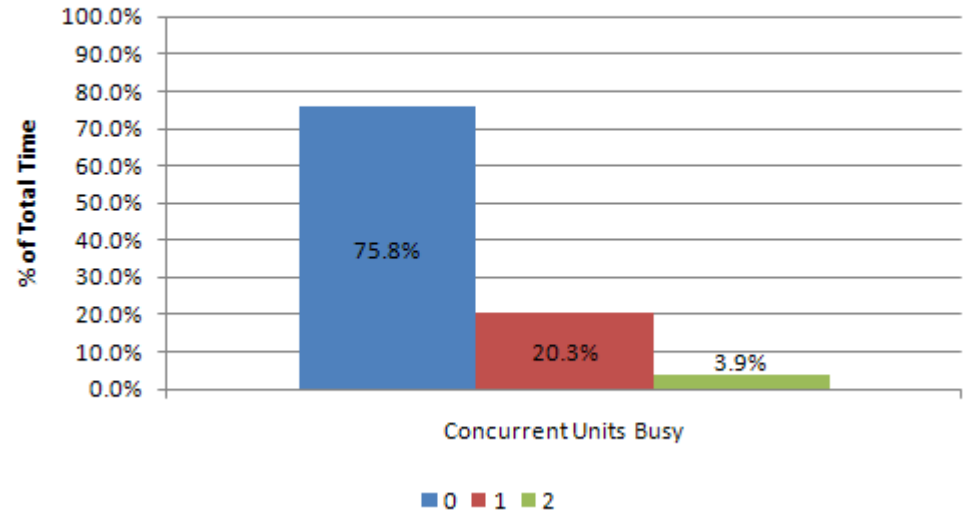
Event Response Interval (hh:mm:ss)

	Emergency			Non-Emergency 911		
	50th	90th	Count of Response	50th	90th	Count of Response
2011/12	00:08:13	00:10:56	67	00:08:46	00:22:36	23
2012/13	00:08:13	00:16:07	281	00:08:15	00:15:09	111
2013/14	00:07:18	00:17:30	277	00:07:29	00:17:37	143
2014/15	00:06:04	00:13:19	200	00:06:49	00:17:39	91

- Neither unit is actively assigned to an event 75.8% of the time
- 96.1% of the time at least one of the units is unassigned to an event

Claresholm Concurrent Unit Utilization

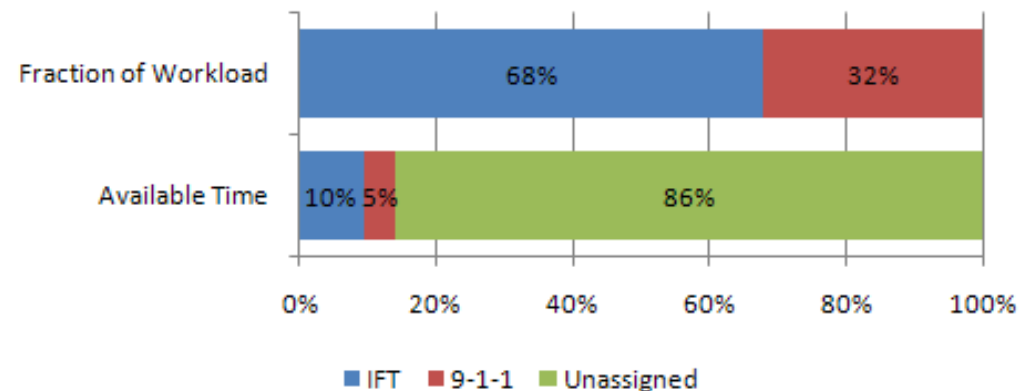
(2012-02-10 to 2013-08-28)



- Claresholm Unit Hour Utilization is ~14% of total scheduled hours
- IFT workload represents about 2/3 of activity

Claresholm Unit Utilization by Category

(2012-02-10 to 2013-08-27)



Medical First Responders

- **AHS EMS understands the importance of Medical First Responders in the chain of survival**
- **Medical First Response decisions remain a municipal responsibility.**
- **Provincial Steering Committee with extensive stakeholder membership is committed to:**
 - ✓ Understanding what is currently utilized and provide
 - ✓ Determining a standard and consistent approach
 - ✓ Aligning with community needs and abilities
 - ✓ AHS provided Medical Direction
 - ✓ Facilitated Training

BLS MFR Pilot



Key Messages

[home](#) - [target='_blank' >key messages](#)

Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Alberta Health are developing a provincial model for medical first response. It aims to formalize what medical care is provided by medical first response agencies to ensure quality patient care. Together we are working with a medical first response expert advisory panel. Their input, based on their experience and expertise, will help determine what types of training and qualifications should be required for medical first responders.

The goal is to build on the good aspects of the current services and support current medical first responder providers, to ensure safe care is provided to patients.

The advisory panel has helped to develop the following key principles for the program:

- Patient-focused and evidence-based.
- AHS accountability for the delivery of safe patient care.
- Municipalities and organizations are able to determine if they wish to participate based on their community interest, resources, capacity and ability to meet the program's patient safety standards.
- Create provincial standard level of care - determined by the level of training and AHS EMS Leadership and EMS Medical

Next Steps

- Concentrate on providing a patient focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans
 - ✓ Evidence based care
 - ✓ Response time
 - ✓ Patient satisfaction

- Ensure purposeful engagement with staff, contractors, community, and health colleagues

- Explore non-traditional roles for assisting patients in community:
 - ✓ Community Paramedic Opportunities
 - ✓ Non-Ambulance Transportation

Questions



ACTION ITEMS



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: April 13, 2015

Agenda Item: 1

TRANSFERS TO RESERVES – YEAR END 2014

DESCRIPTION:

Administration requires motion of Council in order to complete administrative transfers to and from general and capital reserves for 2014.

BACKGROUND:

On March 31, 2015, the Audit Committee made up of Mayor Rob Steel and Councillors Betty Fieguth and Lyal O'Neill met with Darren Adamson, CA and Blair Bullock, CA from Young Parkyn McNab LLP to go over the draft 2014 Financial Statements. At that point, a discussion was held regarding the balance of reserves at the end of 2013 and what transfers should be completed for 2014.

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Operating surplus to capital reserves in the amount of \$298,691.10:

1. Add a new reserve amount of \$38,597.87 for landfill closure monitoring that was not completed in 2014 due to a change in administration. The contract has been signed and work has started in 2015.
2. Add a new reserve amount of \$8,000 for a surplus of revenue earned at the airport to cover the costs of the clean-up that was undertaken in March of 2015.
3. Add \$17,093.23 to the physician recruitment reserve to be used by the Physician Recruitment Committee in the future.
4. Add \$10,000 to the parks replacement reserve in order to cover off costs for West Hill Park project that was completed in 2014, leaving a balance of zero.
5. Add \$225,000 to general capital reserves from operating surplus for future capital projects.

After the motion has been made to move operating surplus to capital reserves, the amount of unrestricted surplus at the end of 2014 is \$3,805.

Capital reserve funds transferred within in the amount of \$1,664.93:

1. There is a negative balance in the sanitary sewer capital reserve of \$1,294.93 that needs to be cleared.
2. There is a negative balance in the garbage capital reserve of \$370 that needs to be cleared.
3. The total amount will be removed from general capital reserves to bring both of the above accounts to zero.

This motion does not change the total amount of capital reserves, only where the reserves are allocated.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council pass two motions: one to transfer \$298,691.10 from operating surplus to capital reserves and the second to move capital reserve funds to cover off reserve deficits in the amount of \$1,664.93.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor _____ to transfer current year operating surpluses of \$298,691.10 to general and capital reserves for the year ended December 31, 2014 as follows:

General reserves

Landfill Closure - \$38,597.87

Airport General – \$8,000.00

Physician Recruitment - \$17,093.23

Capital reserves

General \$225,000

Parks replacement \$10,000.

Moved by Councillor _____ to reallocate capital reserve funds in the amount of \$1,664.93 from the general capital reserve to cover off reserve deficits in other capital reserve accounts.

Attachments:

None.

Applicable Legislation: Not applicable.

Prepared By: Karine Wilhauk, Secretary-Treasurer

Approved By: Marian Carlson, CAO

DATE: April 9, 2015



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: April 13, 2015

Agenda Item: 2

2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DESCRIPTION:

Council must pass a motion to accept the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014.

BACKGROUND:

Darren Adamson, CA from Young Parkyn McNab LLP has presented the draft Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 to Council with transfers to reserves included as previously noted.

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council pass a motion to accept the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 as presented.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor _____ to accept the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 as presented.

Attachments:

None.

Applicable Legislation: Not applicable.

Prepared By: Karine Wilhauk, Secretary-Treasurer

Approved By: Marian Carlson, CAO

DATE: April 8, 2015

07 March 2015

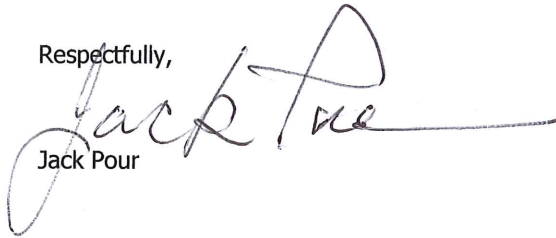
From: Jack Pour
321 – 45th Ave. W., Apt. 107
Claresholm, AB T0L 0T0
Ph: 403-620-3512
E-mail: jack.pour@shaw.ca

To: Claresholm, Alberta Mayor & Town Council

Re: Address to the Mayor & Town Council on 23 march 2015

I respectfully request permission to address the Mayor and Town Council at their meeting on 23 March 2015 , as part of a community delegation and as their spokesperson, to express concerns about the Claresholm Food Bank's operations, policies, organization, chain of authority and Board of Directors, and general operations.

Respectfully,


Jack Pour

We've also discovered what we believe to be a **serious conflict of interest**.

The food bank manager (I don't exactly know her title) is also the President of the Board of Directors. I'd never heard of this before. I don't think it's illegal, but it is, in my view, peculiar. Moreover, the Treasurer of the Board is the President's sister which would also make her the Food Bank Manager's sister.

We can tell you there's a whole lot of smoke billowing around this food bank. Some truth, I can imagine, along with rumors, innuendo and unprovable accusations. But it doesn't sound good.

We don't want our town to be passively complicit in inefficient and questionable practices or poor customer service practices by a food bank it *doesn't* operate, and out of a facility it *does* own; and exercise some oversight as a part of their no-rent agreement with the Claresholm Food Bank. This can be accomplished through your Food Bank Board Member Representatives who are already attempting to initiate some of our suggestions. There needs to be even more accountability.

Short of hitting the refresh button, sweeping the place out and starting an all new food bank with fresh leadership, which might not be a bad idea, these are some suggestions.

* Mr. Pow's requests:

Demand that they

- devise methods, first & foremost, of getting their food goods to the dinner tables of underprivileged children and other bonafide underprivileged individuals first and foremost.

This is what donors expect.

ONE HAMPER PER CHILD EVERY MONTH ^{IN LOW INCOME IT BOUNDS} sounds like it could happen

- immediately register as a member of the Alberta Food Bank Association and submit, as soon as possible, to an audit of their practices by that Association and submit the results of that audit to this Town Council.

an independent

- . immediately contract ~~a~~ financial audit of the Food Bank ~~to be conducted~~ and the results be shared at least with this Town Council.
- . post in their area a list of customer service standards for volunteer's to adhere to, as well as ensure that confidential conversations take place quietly in a private setting. And no shouting at people.
- . regularly contact by e-mail the leaders of other area social service agencies EACH MONTH and inquire with confidentiality in mind, as to any exceptional needs some of their clientele may have for the coming month.
- . start seriously networking with area churches and service organizations in the area, and initiate a serious public outreach program including community information sessions & brochures.
- . seriously consider soliciting for, interviewing and hiring a half-time, affordable salaried manager. Preferably one with a reasonable sense of decorum.
- . make their hours of operation more conducive for the working poor.
- . submit to unscheduled Council walk through inspections of their area. (Council members should also be asking more direct questions about their operations.)
- . seek to expand their volunteer services to include deliveries to the residences of clientele who are too frail or disabled to get to the food bank.

We believe also that the Council would be wise to institute a **Volunteer Ombudsman Program** for the food bank and other social service agencies to field complaints and address them to those entities as well as to this Council.

In closing I know that some very fine Food Bank volunteers feel greatly put upon and are visibly tired. They do a lot of heavy lifting and take their fair share of abuse also. It's easy to see that it's often a tough business, though their manner and ways seem to discourage rather than encourage volunteerism and fails to garner them much sympathy.

March 18, 2015

Dear Marian Carlson,

The Claresholm Child Care Society respectfully requests delegation before council at the next town council meeting. Representation will be made by Jennifer Martin, Chairperson and Denelle Cutler, Vice Chairperson.

We are requesting that consideration be made to increase annual funding to the Claresholm Child Care Society. The amount we are requesting for an increase is \$12,000. Presently the amount that the society receives is \$26,202 annually and there has never been an increase.

The society received an additional funding augmentation of \$11,000 from the town in 2014, this allowed us to effectively operate the programs without having to increase the rates to our members.

The increase in funding would benefit the programs by allowing the society to continue offer affordable child care within our community, consider pay increases to staff, professional development and educational resources for the staff as well as overall operational costs to continue to provide quality child care for the families that access our programs.

We hope this request can be considered in the 2015 municipal budget.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Martin -Chairperson, Claresholm Child Care Society

(403)625-0973



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March 25, 2015

His Worship Rob Steel
Mayor
Town of Claresholm
PO Box 1000
Claresholm AB T0L 0T0

Dear Mayor Steel,

I am pleased to confirm a significant additional funding allocation to the 2014 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital program that was announced on March 6, 2015. This funding will provide an additional \$398.9 million to Alberta's municipalities to support your local infrastructure needs and priorities, on top of the \$1.2 billion already allocated in 2014.

Your additional 2014 MSI Capital funding is \$292,067. MSI allocations for all municipalities are also posted on the Municipal Affairs MSI website at municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/MSI.cfm. Details on the allocations, as well as the application process and payment requirements for these funds, are available on the MSI website in the Addendum to 2014 MSI Capital Program Guidelines.

I remain committed to supporting you and your community, and will work together with you to ensure you have the resources you require to meet your local infrastructure needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana McQueen".

Diana McQueen
Minister

cc: Marian Carlson, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Claresholm

2015 Municipal Sustainability Initiative Allocations

Please note that the \$398.9 million in MSI capital allocations announced in March 2015, due to their release late in the 2014/15 fiscal year, will be treated as part of municipalities' 2015 MSI Capital allocations for program delivery and reporting purposes. For additional information, see the MSI Capital Program Guidelines (www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/msi-programresources.cfm).

The allocations below indicate the Budget 2015-16 allocations. To determine allocations from a calendar year 2015 perspective, add the March 2015 value (www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/LGS/March_2015_Allocations.pdf) with the MSI Capital Component below.

Municipality	Capital Funding			Operating Funding	Total Funding
	MSI Capital Component	BMTG Component	Sub-Total		
Total	\$497,100,000	\$349,789,031	\$846,889,031	\$30,000,000	\$876,889,031
Cities					
AIRDRIE	\$5,148,404	\$3,358,205	\$8,506,609	\$362,466	\$8,869,075
BROOKS	\$1,257,083	\$894,904	\$2,151,987	\$96,578	\$2,248,565
CALGARY	\$143,900,808	\$128,698,570	\$272,599,378	\$0	\$272,599,378
CAMROSE	\$1,801,277	\$1,232,359	\$3,033,636	\$133,762	\$3,167,398
CHESTERMERE	\$1,795,154	\$1,032,180	\$2,827,334	\$133,343	\$2,960,677
COLD LAKE	\$1,617,059	\$1,031,140	\$2,648,199	\$121,174	\$2,769,373
EDMONTON	\$96,774,292	\$105,298,830	\$202,073,122	\$0	\$202,073,122
FORT SASKATCHEWAN	\$2,471,948	\$1,483,806	\$3,955,754	\$179,588	\$4,135,342
GRANDE PRAIRIE	\$5,485,474	\$3,351,208	\$8,836,682	\$385,497	\$9,222,179
LACOMBE	\$1,231,073	\$831,070	\$2,062,143	\$94,800	\$2,156,943
LEDUC	\$3,011,804	\$1,754,160	\$4,765,964	\$216,475	\$4,982,439
LETHBRIDGE	\$8,462,504	\$5,677,798	\$14,140,302	\$588,912	\$14,729,214
LLOYDMINSTER	\$2,012,270	\$1,266,482	\$3,278,752	\$148,178	\$3,426,930
MEDICINE HAT	\$5,710,437	\$3,716,053	\$9,426,490	\$400,868	\$9,827,358
RED DEER	\$9,663,009	\$6,185,834	\$15,848,843	\$670,941	\$16,519,784
SPRUCE GROVE	\$2,926,522	\$1,856,208	\$4,782,730	\$210,648	\$4,993,378
ST. ALBERT	\$6,440,552	\$3,912,448	\$10,353,000	\$450,756	\$10,803,756
WETASKIWIN	\$1,164,499	\$826,805	\$1,991,304	\$90,252	\$2,081,556
Towns					
ATHABASCA	\$376,389	\$179,400	\$555,789	\$36,401	\$592,190
BANFF	\$1,200,775	\$563,160	\$1,763,935	\$92,731	\$1,856,666
BARRHEAD	\$484,138	\$265,920	\$750,058	\$138,404	\$888,462
BASHAW	\$172,696	\$52,380	\$225,076	\$59,767	\$284,843
BASSANO	\$206,653	\$76,920	\$283,573	\$79,554	\$363,127
BEAUMONT	\$1,551,803	\$949,680	\$2,501,483	\$116,715	\$2,618,198
BEAVERLODGE	\$306,849	\$141,900	\$448,749	\$82,151	\$530,900
BENTLEY	\$193,008	\$67,320	\$260,328	\$71,789	\$332,117
BLACK DIAMOND	\$319,278	\$142,380	\$461,658	\$32,499	\$494,157
BLACKFALDS	\$787,961	\$471,480	\$1,259,441	\$64,524	\$1,323,965
BON ACCORD	\$223,361	\$89,280	\$312,641	\$57,719	\$370,360
BONNYVILLE	\$792,212	\$415,260	\$1,207,472	\$64,814	\$1,272,286
BOW ISLAND	\$258,585	\$121,500	\$380,085	\$114,834	\$494,919
BOWDEN	\$200,633	\$74,460	\$275,093	\$77,392	\$352,485
BRUDERHEIM	\$213,268	\$80,880	\$294,148	\$54,040	\$348,188
CALMAR	\$285,806	\$126,060	\$411,866	\$30,212	\$442,078
CANMORE	\$2,320,020	\$784,620	\$3,104,640	\$169,206	\$3,273,846
CARDSTON	\$389,016	\$214,800	\$603,816	\$190,157	\$793,973
CARSTAIRS	\$417,932	\$206,520	\$624,452	\$39,240	\$663,692
CASTOR	\$176,332	\$55,920	\$232,252	\$62,535	\$294,787
CLARESHOLM	\$429,486	\$225,480	\$654,966	\$120,276	\$775,242
COALDALE	\$723,169	\$451,560	\$1,174,729	\$220,804	\$1,395,533
COALHURST	\$285,291	\$138,060	\$423,351	\$128,446	\$551,797
COCHRANE	\$2,232,385	\$1,242,480	\$3,474,865	\$163,218	\$3,638,083
CORONATION	\$178,619	\$56,820	\$235,439	\$63,332	\$298,771
CROSSFIELD	\$402,344	\$175,080	\$577,424	\$38,175	\$615,599
DAYSLAND	\$165,593	\$48,420	\$214,013	\$56,463	\$270,476
DEVON	\$693,236	\$399,000	\$1,092,236	\$58,051	\$1,150,287
DIDSBURY	\$522,653	\$297,420	\$820,073	\$152,245	\$972,318
DRAYTON VALLEY	\$849,121	\$422,940	\$1,272,061	\$68,702	\$1,340,763
DRUMHELLER	\$833,861	\$481,740	\$1,315,601	\$67,660	\$1,383,261
ECKVILLE	\$196,201	\$67,500	\$263,701	\$48,112	\$311,813
EDSON	\$900,486	\$518,760	\$1,419,246	\$72,212	\$1,491,458
ELK POINT	\$232,292	\$94,260	\$326,552	\$60,102	\$386,654

2014 Municipal Sustainability Initiative Allocations

Municipality	Capital Funding				Operating Funding	Total
	Initial MSI Capital Component	BMTG Component	MSI Capital (March 2015)	Sub-Total		
Total	\$871,000,000	\$338,437,288	\$398,900,000	\$1,608,337,288	\$30,000,000	\$1,638,337,288
Cities						
AIRDRIE	\$9,040,195	\$3,013,701	\$4,504,813	\$16,558,709	\$365,391	\$16,924,100
BROOKS	\$2,304,563	\$894,904	\$1,030,892	\$4,230,359	\$100,890	\$4,331,249
CALGARY	\$252,943,776	\$123,399,788	\$120,148,659	\$496,492,223	\$0	\$496,492,223
CAMROSE	\$3,270,445	\$1,187,239	\$1,516,714	\$5,974,398	\$138,819	\$6,113,217
CHESTERMERE	\$3,015,464	\$945,720	\$1,511,248	\$5,472,432	\$128,807	\$5,601,239
COLD LAKE	\$2,716,247	\$950,980	\$1,352,256	\$5,019,483	\$117,057	\$5,136,540
EDMONTON	\$169,964,137	\$100,963,463	\$80,767,968	\$351,695,568	\$0	\$351,695,568
FORT SASKATCHEWAN	\$4,399,860	\$1,423,026	\$2,115,447	\$7,938,333	\$183,170	\$8,121,503
GRANDE PRAIRIE	\$10,023,564	\$3,351,208	\$4,805,728	\$18,180,500	\$404,007	\$18,584,507
LACOMBE	\$2,129,312	\$769,810	\$1,007,673	\$3,906,795	\$94,008	\$4,000,803
LEDUC	\$5,310,075	\$1,673,640	\$2,597,395	\$9,581,110	\$218,914	\$9,800,024
LETHBRIDGE	\$15,889,143	\$5,522,578	\$7,463,428	\$28,875,149	\$634,342	\$29,509,491
LLOYDMINSTER	\$3,663,248	\$1,266,482	\$1,705,075	\$6,634,805	\$154,244	\$6,789,049
MEDICINE HAT	\$10,737,683	\$3,716,053	\$5,006,560	\$19,460,296	\$432,050	\$19,892,346
RED DEER	\$18,010,971	\$6,089,497	\$8,535,161	\$32,635,629	\$717,664	\$33,353,293
SPRUCE GROVE	\$5,192,450	\$1,757,148	\$2,521,261	\$9,470,859	\$214,294	\$9,685,153
ST. ALBERT	\$11,834,584	\$3,805,108	\$5,658,360	\$21,298,052	\$475,123	\$21,773,175
WETASKIWIN	\$2,107,847	\$821,045	\$948,240	\$3,877,132	\$93,165	\$3,970,297
Towns						
ATHABASCA	\$623,332	\$179,400	\$244,666	\$1,047,398	\$34,870	\$1,082,268
BANFF	\$2,085,334	\$494,640	\$980,625	\$3,560,599	\$92,281	\$3,652,880
BARRHEAD	\$829,103	\$265,920	\$340,858	\$1,435,881	\$140,264	\$1,576,145
BASHAW	\$238,354	\$52,380	\$62,822	\$353,556	\$58,090	\$411,646
BASSANO	\$306,227	\$76,920	\$93,137	\$476,284	\$78,716	\$555,000
BEAUMONT	\$2,711,357	\$894,960	\$1,294,000	\$4,900,317	\$116,865	\$5,017,182
BEAVERLODGE	\$492,508	\$141,900	\$182,586	\$816,994	\$81,661	\$898,655
BENTLEY	\$275,045	\$64,380	\$80,956	\$420,381	\$44,753	\$465,134
BLACK DIAMOND	\$527,578	\$142,380	\$193,682	\$863,640	\$31,110	\$894,750
BLACKFALDS	\$1,306,768	\$436,500	\$612,092	\$2,355,360	\$61,708	\$2,417,068
BON ACCORD	\$338,752	\$89,280	\$108,053	\$536,085	\$56,367	\$592,452
BONNYVILLE	\$1,367,827	\$410,220	\$615,887	\$2,393,934	\$64,106	\$2,458,040
BOW ISLAND	\$405,488	\$121,500	\$139,498	\$666,486	\$204,168	\$870,654
BOWDEN	\$293,709	\$74,460	\$87,763	\$455,932	\$76,424	\$532,356
BRÜDERHEIM	\$308,893	\$77,880	\$99,043	\$485,816	\$51,023	\$536,839
CALMAR	\$434,655	\$118,200	\$163,800	\$716,655	\$27,461	\$744,116
CANMORE	\$4,327,448	\$739,020	\$1,979,814	\$7,046,282	\$180,327	\$7,226,609
CARDSTON	\$655,829	\$214,800	\$255,940	\$1,126,569	\$193,359	\$1,319,928
CARSTAIRS	\$716,265	\$206,520	\$281,754	\$1,204,539	\$38,520	\$1,243,059
CASTOR	\$245,187	\$55,920	\$66,068	\$367,175	\$60,949	\$428,124
CLARESHOLM	\$739,703	\$225,480	\$292,067	\$1,257,250	\$39,440	\$1,296,690
COALDALE	\$1,292,381	\$451,560	\$554,249	\$2,298,190	\$226,392	\$2,524,582
COALHURST	\$457,493	\$138,060	\$163,340	\$758,893	\$129,404	\$888,297
COCHRANE	\$3,953,944	\$1,125,000	\$1,901,579	\$6,980,523	\$165,660	\$7,146,183
CORONATION	\$250,370	\$56,820	\$68,111	\$375,301	\$61,811	\$437,112
CROSSFIELD	\$679,321	\$171,180	\$267,838	\$1,118,339	\$37,069	\$1,155,408
DAYSLAND	\$230,359	\$48,420	\$56,482	\$335,261	\$54,877	\$390,138
DEVON	\$1,223,231	\$390,600	\$527,527	\$2,141,358	\$58,428	\$2,199,786
DIDSBURY	\$912,025	\$297,420	\$375,241	\$1,584,686	\$155,048	\$1,739,734
DRAYTON VALLEY	\$1,484,757	\$422,940	\$666,691	\$2,574,388	\$68,697	\$2,643,085
DRUMHELLER	\$1,496,922	\$481,740	\$653,068	\$2,631,730	\$69,175	\$2,700,905
ECKVILLE	\$285,177	\$67,500	\$83,806	\$436,483	\$46,293	\$482,776
EDSON	\$1,630,402	\$518,760	\$712,547	\$2,861,709	\$74,417	\$2,936,126
ELK POINT	\$346,012	\$94,260	\$116,027	\$556,299	\$92,969	\$649,268
FAIRVIEW	\$615,858	\$189,720	\$237,873	\$1,043,451	\$104,005	\$1,147,456
FALHER	\$265,312	\$64,500	\$75,466	\$405,278	\$115,226	\$520,504
FORT MACLEOD	\$616,631	\$187,020	\$240,428	\$1,044,079	\$103,047	\$1,147,126
FOX CREEK	\$470,498	\$126,720	\$182,515	\$779,733	\$28,869	\$808,602
GIBBONS	\$604,687	\$181,800	\$233,294	\$1,019,781	\$34,138	\$1,053,919
GRANDE CACHE	\$839,082	\$259,140	\$346,954	\$1,445,176	\$43,342	\$1,488,518
GRANUM	\$172,081	\$26,820	\$30,414	\$229,315	\$36,780	\$266,095
GRIMSHAW	\$506,272	\$150,900	\$188,461	\$845,633	\$85,495	\$931,128
HANNA	\$513,194	\$160,380	\$195,785	\$869,359	\$147,927	\$1,017,286
HARDISTY	\$218,439	\$38,340	\$52,278	\$309,057	\$18,971	\$328,028

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His Worship Rob Steel
Mayor
Town of Claresholm
PO Box 1000
Claresholm AB T0L 0T0

Dear Mayor Steel,

I am pleased to invite the Town of Claresholm to provide submissions for the 14th annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence, which formally recognizes local government excellence and promotes knowledge sharing among municipalities. These awards offer an opportunity to recognize the truly great work being done by local governments in Alberta. 2015 sees the introduction of a new category for larger municipalities (population over 500,000). The new category recognizes the different scale of services provided in these municipalities and their unique situations.

An independent review committee, comprised of representatives from various municipal associations, will recommend award recipients in five categories and one award for outstanding achievement.

Innovation Award – recognizes a leading practice embodying the first use of an idea in a municipal context in Alberta.

Larger Municipalities Award – recognizes the creative practices developed by municipalities with a population over 500,000.

Partnership Award – recognizes a leading municipal practice involving consultation, co-ordination, and co-operation with other municipalities, jurisdictions, or organizations.

Smaller Municipality Award – recognizes the innovative practices developed by communities with less than 3,000 residents.

Safe Communities Award – recognizes a leading practice that promotes or improves public safety in municipalities.

Outstanding Achievement Award – recognizes a municipality or municipal partnership that has helped to inspire action and change that has benefited local government practices in Alberta. *This award, selected by the review committee, recognizes the best submission from the other categories.*

His Worship Rob Steel

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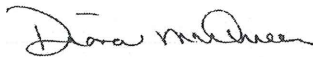
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Submission forms and additional details can be found on the Municipal Excellence Network website at www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/mc_municipal_excellence.cfm. The submission deadline is May 29, 2015. Award recipients will be announced at the 2015 fall conventions of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

If you have any questions regarding the Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence or the Municipal Excellence Network, please direct them to the Municipal Excellence Team, at 780-427-2225, or by email at menet@gov.ab.ca.

I encourage you to share your success stories, and I look forward to celebrating these successes with your communities and your neighbours.

Sincerely,



Diana McQueen
Minister

March 31, 2015

Mr. Marian Carlson
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Claresholm
PO Box 1000
Claresholm, Alberta T0L 0T0

Dear Mr. Carlson:

As part of proposed changes under Budget 2015, Alberta seniors will be eliminating municipal grants for property taxes paid to Housing Management Bodies to cover property tax assessments within municipalities for government owned and supported social housing.

Social housing provides rent based on income to low-income households pursuant to the *Alberta Housing Act*. Rental revenue does not cover operating costs including utilities, maintenance, program administration, property management and grants in place of taxes, resulting in operating deficits funded by the three levels of government.

Government has decided to eliminate these voluntary grants, consistent with treatment of taxation on seniors' lodges and nursing homes, rather than reduce spending in areas such as maintenance or reduced supports for low-income tenants.

Provincially owned assets, including social housing owned by the Alberta Social Housing Corporation, are not subject to municipal taxation per the *Municipal Government Act*.

Under the *Alberta Housing Act*, the Alberta Social Housing Corporation may pay to any municipality an annual grant in place of property taxes for the tax year. Grant amounts can be equivalent to, but not exceeding, the assessed property tax amount.

The attached document provides a summary of the properties in your municipality where the Alberta Social Housing Corporation will no longer be providing grants. The grant amount paid in 2014 was \$43,365.

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Mr. Marian Carlson
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As Budget 2015 has not yet been approved by the Legislative Assembly, this letter serves simply as information for your municipality.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, feel free to contact Christopher Zalasky, Director, Housing Financial Planning and Program Funding at 780.422.8133 or by email at christopher.zalasky@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



Mike Leathwood
Assistant Deputy Minister
Housing Division

Attachment 1: Listing of Alberta Social Housing Corporation Properties

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Municipality	Site Name	Management Body
Town of Claresholm	Claresholm 2	Claresholm Housing Authority
Town of Claresholm	Parkside Manor	Claresholm Housing Authority
Town of Claresholm	Claresholm 1	Claresholm Housing Authority
Town of Claresholm	Claresholm 4 (FCLS)	Claresholm Housing Authority
Town of Claresholm	Claresholm 3	Claresholm Housing Authority
Town of Claresholm	Heritage Manor	Claresholm Housing Authority

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March 24, 2015



Dear Mayors, Reeves and Councillors:

RE: April 28 - National Day of Mourning

On April 28, people across Canada stop to remember workers killed, injured or disabled at work.

In 2014, Alberta lost 169 men and women to workplace injury or illness.

To honour them, we have developed a memorial poster (enclosed) in recognition of the day. This poster will appear at workplaces, public places and in ceremonies across the province as a remembrance and a tribute to the workers killed or injured on the job.

We have also included a small vinyl sticker to provide a tangible reminder of the significance of April 28. If you are interested in distributing them to visitors, we would be happy to provide you with a supply.

We ask that you display the poster and use it in any events marking Day of Mourning.

If you have any questions, need stickers or additional posters, please contact Dina DaSilva, WCB Corporate Communications at 780-498-8616 or dina.dasilva@wcb.ab.ca.

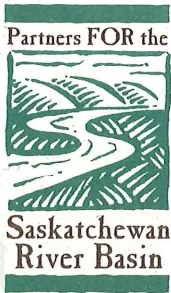
We will be lowering our flags to half-mast on April 28; we invite you to mark this important day by doing the same.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dayna Therien'.

Dayna Therien
Director of Corporate Communications
WCB-Alberta

Encl.



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March 20, 2015

Town of Claresholm
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Since 1993, Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin (PFSRB) has promoted stewardship and sustainability of the Saskatchewan River Basin, an international watershed stretching over the three Prairie Provinces and a portion of Montana. More than 3 million people live within the basin which includes the North Saskatchewan, Battle, Vermillion, South Saskatchewan, Red Deer, Bow, Oldman, St. Mary, Saskatchewan and Carrot Rivers.

PFSRB is the only non profit, non-governmental organization with a mandate to promote watershed sustainability through awareness, linkages and stewardship across the entire Saskatchewan River Basin. Our programming is developed and implemented throughout the Basin from the mountains in Alberta through to Lake Winnipeg and consists of three pillars of activity: 1) Education and Stewardship, 2) Communications and Information, and 3) Influence and Decision Making. We operate with a board of fifteen members from across the three Prairie Provinces. We are the only organization that promotes public involvement in watershed issues throughout the entire Basin. This leaves us in a very responsible yet unique position.

PFSRB would like to request your support. Our progress in building awareness and knowledge of water issues, research, and solutions in the Saskatchewan River Basin would not be possible without public support. Through our quarterly newsletter, the River Current, our annual conference, and various environmental educational programs, we promote stewardship and sustainability across the basin and beyond. Our educational programs are always available at no charge. **Your membership and financial support is very important in realizing our mission.**

In the upcoming year, we will continue to support various initiatives, including stewardship groups and individuals in our quest to support "Integrated Water Resource Management". The First Nations Initiative, a continuation of the State of the Basin report, looked at First Nations concerns and beliefs about water quality and quantity. This report has been completed. One of the outcomes learned from this project was the need to assist communities in developing their own Source Water Protection plans. Therefore, PFSRB is supporting Dr. Robert Patrick from the University of Saskatchewan in developing source water protection plans for several First Nation communities.

The South Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Rivers within Saskatchewan have been nominated as Canadian Heritage Rivers, based on their cultural history. PFSRB has completed the designation document and we are currently waiting for official designation. Achieving this designation will promote these rivers to join ranks with some of the most historically important rivers in Canada. Please go to our website www.saskriverbasin.ca for more information.

The board game, Moopher's Amazing Journey to the Sea, has been printed in both English and French. PFSRB is now working together with the Gabriel Dumont Institute to create a tri-lingual version of Moopher

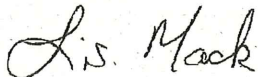
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by incorporating Île-à-la-Crosse Michif and Cree language words into the game. This revised edition is expected to be available in 2016.

Our newest environmental program, Stan the Sturgeon Fish Habitat Program, is now available to educators, school districts and families across the basin. Stan the Sturgeon Fish Habitat program is a curriculum based educational package that aims to educate teachers and students about the importance of aquatic and riparian ecosystems and fish habitat. Please contact our office to request your copy. As always, there is no charge for receiving the program, although assistance with postage is always appreciated.

We thank you for your support. Please find a membership form enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lis Mack".

Lis Mack
Manager

Enclosure



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Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin
Membership Application/Renewal
 April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Visa or Mastercard Number: _____ Expiry: _____

Signature: _____

Please send me the quarterly newsletter by:

- email mail

Please check the appropriate contribution level. Payment can be processed by Credit Card or Cheque. Please make cheques payable to **Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin**.

Contribution	Criteria
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	Individuals/Families
	Businesses with Annual Budget OR Municipalities with Population
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	\$0-\$50,000 less than 999
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	\$200,000-\$500,000 10,000-24,999
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000	\$1,000,000-\$1,499,999 50,000-99,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000	\$1,500,000-\$1,999,999 100,000-499,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000	\$2,000,000 or greater over 500,000

* Please see other side for more details



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Benefits of Membership

- Network with organizations focused on stewardship and sustainability.
- Market and promote your project or initiatives to a broader audience.
- Extend your contact beyond regional and/or provincial boundaries.
- Discover opportunities to collaborate or tap into existing knowledge or expertise.
- Highlight your organization in our quarterly newsletters.
- Actively participate on committees, the Board of Directors, or Development Teams.
- Contribute to an organization that speaks for the entire River Basin.
- Receive quarterly newsletters.

Thank you for your support!

Please note: Your contact information will be used for mailing The River Current and to keep you up to date with our organization. Your information will not be shared with any other organization.

About Partners

Since 1993, **Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin (PFSRB)** has promoted stewardship and sustainability of the Saskatchewan River Basin, an international watershed stretching over the three Prairie Provinces and a portion of Montana. More than 3 million people live within the 405,864 km² Basin which includes the North Saskatchewan, Battle, Vermillion, South Saskatchewan, Red Deer, Bow, Oldman, St. Mary, Saskatchewan and Carrot Rivers.

Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin is composed of a growing network of participating partner organizations. To date, there are over 100 active members and over 1500 on our newsletter mailing list.

You can become a Partner too! See our website for membership information at www.saskriverbasin.ca

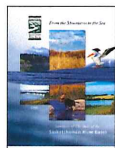


A child dips in a pond as part of PFSRB's Water Watchdog program, which teaches children about water quality and conservation.

We accomplish our mission by developing

- ◆ Education and public awareness programs to teach the importance of the basin's biodiversity
- ◆ Partnerships and networks of organizations that cross political and sectoral boundaries
- ◆ Environmental stewardship projects involving participants across the basin

Sample Projects and Programs



From the Mountains to the Sea - The State of the Saskatchewan River Basin

- ◆ Report gathering together existing current science across the Basin.

Click on Climate



- ◆ An outdoor climate change field day program for ages 8-13
- ◆ Helps understand the causes and impacts of climate change.

Water Watchdog



- ◆ An outdoor water quality monitoring field day program for ages 8-13.
- ◆ Helps understand water quality, riparian areas, invertebrates.

Moopher's Amazing Jourey to the Sea/le voyage extraordinaire à la mer



- ◆ Board game for ages 7-12+ that teaches about basin geography, ecosystems, culture and resources

Why is FOR Capitalized?



"FOR" is capitalized to remind everyone that this organization is directed toward taking action. Every resident of the basin has opportunities and responsibilities to work FOR the health and sustainability of the river basin that is home to us, and to many other living things.

For Membership Information, Contact Us at

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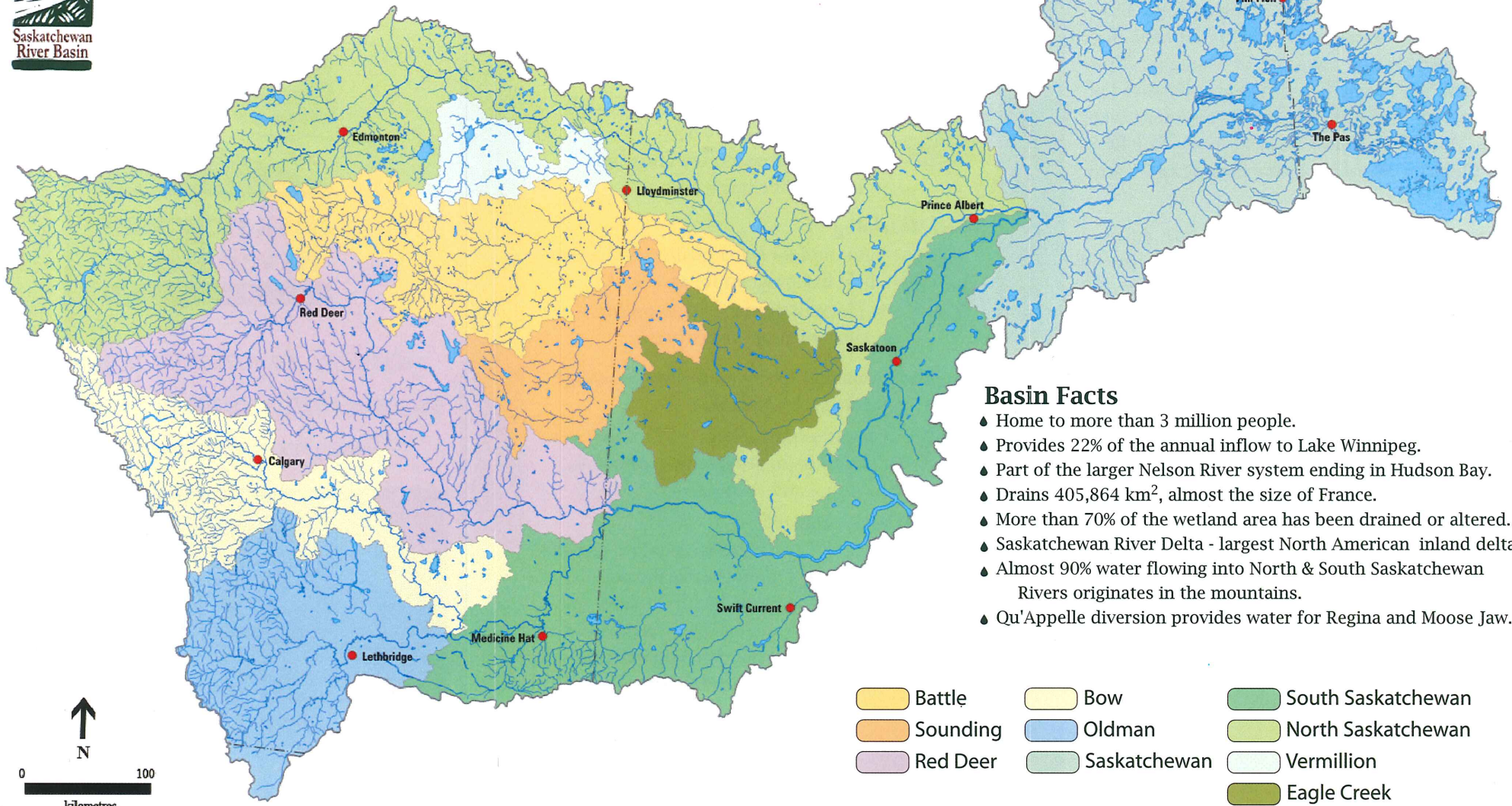
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Sub Basins of the Saskatchewan River Basin

From the Mountains to the Sea - The State of the Saskatchewan River Basin Report



Basin Facts

- ◆ Home to more than 3 million people.
- ◆ Provides 22% of the annual inflow to Lake Winnipeg.
- ◆ Part of the larger Nelson River system ending in Hudson Bay.
- ◆ Drains 405,864 km², almost the size of France.
- ◆ More than 70% of the wetland area has been drained or altered.
- ◆ Saskatchewan River Delta - largest North American inland delta.
- ◆ Almost 90% water flowing into North & South Saskatchewan Rivers originates in the mountains.
- ◆ Qu'Appelle diversion provides water for Regina and Moose Jaw.

	Battle		Bow		South Saskatchewan
	Sounding		Oldman		North Saskatchewan
	Red Deer		Saskatchewan		Vermillion
			Eagle Creek		

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Alberta
Volunteer Fire Fighters

April 1, 2015

Mayor Rob Steel and Council
Town of Claresholm
PO Box 1000
Claresholm, Alberta T0L 0T0

Dear Mayor and Council:

In 2010, the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) and Alberta Department of Municipal Affairs launched a Recruitment and Retention Review of fire departments across Alberta.

Volunteer Alberta was hired to conduct a survey of fire departments to determine if they had a sufficient number of volunteers to assist in emergencies. The results showed that many of the fire departments serving populations under 5,000 have a lack of volunteers.

In 2011 AFCA provided various tools for fire departments to recruit volunteers. This has assisted, but we have still face challenges. AFCA will launch a "Volunteer Firefighters Awareness Week" May 3 - 9, 2015. We hope that with the assistance of your Council and Administration working with your local fire department, this week will be successful and will become an annual event that will be recognized in years to come.

We are planning to arrange advertising in the local weekly newspapers and would suggest that Municipalities purchase ads and also have the local business community involved. The AFCA will be developing an information package that will be available to your fire department. We suggest that fire departments hold open houses along with additional possibilities of a barbeque, pancake breakfast or a fireman's ball as mediums to promote recruitment. As elected officials, you can support the saving to your community when the first responders are volunteers. To replace volunteer fire fighters, we have determined that the cost of 14 full time responders is 1.2 million dollars.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee is excited about this Volunteer Firefighters Awareness Week. With your participation, this event will be a great success.

Sincerely,

Peter Krich
Fire Chief, City of Camrose
Chair, Recruitment and Retention Committee, AFCA



General Delivery
Box 4 Madden, AB T0M 1L0
403-875-3242
E-Mail: info@canadaseniorrodeo.com

March 31, 2015

Town of Claresholm
PO Box 1000
Claresholm, AB
T0L 0T0

The Town of Claresholm has supported the Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association the past two years, 2013 & 2014, in the amount of \$500 per year. KW

Your Worship Mayor & Council,

RE: Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Finals Sponsorship Opportunity

The 30th Annual Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Finals 2015 Edition will be held in Claresholm, AB October 15th to 18th. Our over 250 members aged 39 to 84 years of age have enjoyed the hospitality of your residents and businesses for many years and look forward to seeing you again!

The Finals Rodeo will again be a Sudden Death format, an exciting way to culminate the rodeo year. Contestants from all areas of Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia will be participating as well as many contestants from several areas of the United States.

We would like to invite you to participate in this exciting event as a Sponsor. Our sponsors receive recognition on our CSPRA page published each month in the Rodeo Connection Magazine, on our CSPRA website with additional exposure at the Finals Rodeo. For your information your Council has graciously approved \$500. in past years.

The Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association thanks you for any support you may be able to give this event. Please contact us confirming your Sponsorship or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Glenda M Alexander
403 828 2552

Media Relations & Sponsorship Coordination
Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association

Help keep the CSPRA going so that one day I can compete too!



CANADIAN SENIOR PRO RODEO ASSOCIATION

HISTORY:

The Canadian Senior Pro Rodeo Association, formerly known as the Canadian Old Timers Rodeo Association, was formed in 1985 by a group of Cowboys who were interested in the continued growth of rodeo from the aspect of an "Old Timer" - Old Timer being forty (40) years of age or older. As well as promotion of the sport of Rodeo for the Senior Pro Cowboys and Cowgirls, it affords the opportunity for friendly social activities.

The membership in 1985 was approximately one hundred and twenty five and has been growing steadily since that time. We have members from Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia as well as the North West Territories. Our American members represent over 12 states - Nebraska in the east to Washington in the west and as far south as Texas and Oklahoma. The Association has attracted such **rodeo legends as Leo Brown of Cochrane, AB., Fred Gladstone of Cardston, AB., and Bob Robinson, Millet, AB. - all inductees into the Canadian Rodeo Hall of Fame. Bill Reeder and Jim Gladstone, who each qualified for the CFR Finals in Edmonton 11 times, are past Canadian and World Champion Calf Ropers. Benny Reynolds, Twin Bridges, Montana, is the only cowboy in North America to hold Championships in every Major Rodeo Event.**



The CSPRA will sanction rodeos in Alberta and Montana. All our rodeos are co-sanctioned by the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association. Most of the sanctioned rodeos are sponsored by service organizations or clubs and our membership will do all we can to assist committees to have a successful rodeo.

As with all non-profit organizations the Senior Pro has a limited source of income. Our major income comes from memberships and the generous sponsorship of individuals and businesses. We have the capability to and will provide a receipt for your sponsorship donation which can be used as a marketing and promotional expense to yourself and or your business.

*Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Service Commission
Box 2820 Claresholm, Alberta T0L 0T0
Phone: 403-687-2603
Fax: 403-687-2606*

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March 31, 2015

Town of Claresholm
Mayor and Council
Box 1000
Claresholm, Alberta
T0L 0T0

Re: Wednesday Opening

Mayor Steel and Council;

On March 20, 2012, the Town of Claresholm sent correspondence requesting that the WCRWMSC open the landfill on Wednesdays for use by municipalities, all local residents and contractors. The WCRWMSC denied their request.

On September 25, 2012, the Town of Claresholm sent a second request to the WCRWMSC asking that the landfill be open on Wednesdays for use by municipalities, all local residents and contractors. The WCRWMSC approved the second request with the following conditions.

- The landfill would open on Wednesdays on a two month trial basis commencing January 2013. The Commission would evaluate the functionality of the conditions at the end of the trial period.
- As the Town of Claresholm was the only member requesting the landfill to be open on Wednesdays, they would incur the cost of opening and be charged \$500.00 per Wednesday in addition to the regular charge for disposal of waste.
- The hours of operation could not exceed 4 hours per Wednesday and be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On November 14, 2012, the Town of Claresholm sent correspondence informing the WCRWMSC that at the regular meeting of Claresholm Town Council on November 13, 2012, Council of the Town of Claresholm passed a motion to agree to the WCRWMSC proposal for Wednesday openings. The Town also advised that they would require information from the Commission regarding other Wednesday landfill users.

After the two month trial period, the WCRWMSC evaluated the functionality of Wednesday opening and found that the average Wednesday tipping fees were not high enough and therefore could not excuse the Town of Claresholm from paying the fee of \$500.00 per Wednesday.

The WCRWMSC received correspondence from the Town of Claresholm dated February 9, 2015, post marked February 11, 2015, stating that effective February 9, 2015, the Town of Claresholm would no longer pay the WCRWMSC \$500.00 for each Wednesday opening. The correspondence stated that since the landfill was open to the general public on Wednesdays, the Town would no longer provide extra payment for a service that was offered to everyone.

The Town of Claresholm Council, from the onset, was aware that the landfill would be open to the public during the four hours on Wednesday. The tipping fees collected from other customers was in fact the basis of determining the functionality of the original conditions.

At the regular meeting of the WCRWMSC on February 26, 2015, the Members discussed the correspondence from the Town of Claresholm dated February 9, 2015. After much consideration, as the Town did not provide the waste Commission with any advance notice of their intent, the Members passed a motion to charge the Town of Claresholm for opening on February 4, 11 and 25, 2015. The Members also passed a motion that effective March 18, 2015, the Willow Creek Regional Waste Management facility would no longer be open on Wednesdays. Acting in good faith, and at the Commission's expense, the Members agreed to have the landfill remain open on March 4th and 11th, 2015 in order to give advance notice to their customers of the Wednesday closure effective March 18, 2015. The Commission also incurred the cost of advertising the Wednesday closure in the local newspapers.

At the regular meeting of the WCRWMSC on March 26, 2015, the Members discussed the correspondence from the Town of Claresholm dated March 16, 2015. Once again, after much consideration, the decision of the Commission to charge the Town of Claresholm for February 4, 11 and 25, 2015 remains the same. Any amount outstanding from invoice #1503 will remain and the Town of Claresholm will be charged monthly service charges.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Guenther
CAO
Willow Creek Regional Landfill
willowcreekregionallandfill@cciwireless.ca

Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Services Commission

PO Box 2820

Claresholm, AB T0L0T0

Finance Charge

Date	Invoice #
3/31/2015	FC 1

Invoice To
Town of Claresholm Box 1000 Claresholm, Alberta T0L 0T0

Terms

Description	Amount
Finance Charges on Overdue Balance Invoice #1503 for 1,000.00 on 03/02/2015	20.00
Total \$20.00	
Payments/Credits \$0.00	
Balance Due \$20.00	

Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Services Commission

Invoice

PO Box 2820
 Claresholm, AB T0L0T0

Date	Invoice #
3/2/2015	1503

Invoice To
Town of Claresholm Box 1000 Claresholm, Alberta T0L 0T0

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Qty	Description	Rate	Amount
3	Wednesday fees for February 4th, 11th and 25th, 2015 <i>per Council at the March 9, 2015 meeting, only paying until Feb. 9th.</i>	500.00	1,500.00



Sales Tax Summary	
Total Tax	0.00

Total	\$1,500.00
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\$ 500

March 20th 2015

Dear Mayor Steel and Council,

We would like to invite you to this year's Volunteer Appreciation event, and would be honored if one of you would consider saying a few words to welcome everyone and get the evening started.

When: April 14th from 7 to 9pm

Where: Faith Community Baptist Church, Claresholm

This year we are planning a fun evening with entertainment by the Claresholm Arts Society; appetizers, desserts and coffee; and small gifts for our community's volunteers. The Chamber of Commerce will also be presenting their annual awards for Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year.

This is a free community event open to everyone.

Please RSVP to FCSS.

Thank you, and hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



Barbara Bell, Director
Claresholm & District FCSS
403-625-4417
claresholmfcss@shaw.ca



April 8, 2015

Town of Claresholm

Mayor and Council

In December 2014 we obtained a loan of \$38,307 over 2 years from Chinook Credit Union to secure the remaining portion of a CIP matching grant used to replace 2 well used vans. This loan to be repaid from future revenues and from casino revenues anticipated in the last quarter of 2016. We are now requesting assistance to help pay interest costs in the amount of \$1,580/year for 2 years, total \$3,160. The principal repayment is due December 31, 2016.

This year our revenues will come in at over \$200,000. We have requested ongoing funding from all of our towns and municipalities at the rate of \$2.70 per capita. This would total \$59,715, of this we receive annual grants of \$40,238 from the municipalities.

Approx \$150,000 is from fares collected from users, growth of 42% again this year.

Letters of Request and presentations to individuals & service clubs are sent out annually. This fundraising has resulted in \$29,328 for the current fiscal year. Included is a commitment of \$8,000/year from the Lions Club to replace 1 van every 5 years.

Casino 2013 \$30,213, Casino 2016 \$30,000 (anticipated)

I have attached our operating statement to the year ended March 31, 2015. We improved our operating loss year over year by 26K, but still came up short \$10,581. Your continued support will help us achieve this without adding an interest costing line to our expense sheet! In March of this year, coming up short to meet payroll, we arranged an authorized overdraft to get us through a cashflow crunch. We consistently increase our fares by 5%/year(\$7,500) on April 1 and combined with a contribution to administration costs from our Vulcan expansion of \$14,825 we anticipate a better than breakeven for 2015-2016. (Budget attached)

Thank you for receiving this request for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Howard Paulsen, Chairman,
Claresholm & District Transportation Society

Email cltransp@gmail.com

Claresholm & District Transportation
Comparative Income Statement

	<u>Actual 04/01/2014 to 03/31/2015</u>	<u>Actual 04/01/2013 to 03/31/2014</u>	<u>Percent</u>
REVENUE			
Sales Revenue			
Revenue From Fares	138,329.00	100,900.10	37.10
EMR ATTENDANT	425.00	950.00	-55.26
Parking	15.00	146.30	-89.75
VCHC	2,312.00	0.00	0.00
HRH	378.00	0.00	0.00
Revenue Bus Fares	13,451.50	14,830.74	-9.30
Revenue From Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Municipal Funding	16,200.00	15,000.00	8.00
Donations	17,423.10	12,700.00	37.19
Charitable Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dividend/Interest Revenue	12.91	14.81	-12.83
Revenue: Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	222.90	-100.00
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>188,546.51</u>	<u>144,764.85</u>	30.24
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EXPENSE			
Payroll Expenses			
Wages & Salaries	130,470.57	111,046.04	17.49
EI Expense	3,350.60	2,893.26	15.81
CPP Expense	4,029.53	2,769.15	45.52
WCB Expense	1,773.58	2,257.91	-21.45
Benefits	2,296.30	2,444.20	-6.05
Total Payroll Expense	<u>141,920.58</u>	<u>121,410.56</u>	16.89
General & Administrative Expenses			
Accounting & Legal	400.00	400.00	0.00
Advertising & Promotions	2,577.16	1,023.00	151.92
Bad Debts	507.00	508.50	-0.29
Bank Charges	183.68	0.00	0.00
Courier & Postage	425.00	337.00	26.11
Driver Abstracts/Medicals	866.05	1,418.03	-38.93
Amortization Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	7,029.69	11,990.20	-41.37
Insurance -	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance v	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Insurance Expense	<u>7,029.69</u>	<u>11,990.20</u>	-41.37
Office Supplies	1,501.12	976.65	53.70

Office Rent	6,259.50	5,802.08	7.88
Garage Rent	600.00	1,080.00	-44.44
Miscellaneous	0.00	176.64	-100.00
Telephone	1,936.56	1,677.39	15.45
Travel & Meals	1,407.98	1,408.59	-0.04
INTERCOUNTY ADMIN	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTERCOUNTY TRANSFER	-2,983.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicles - F	18,562.59	17,468.98	6.26
Fuel- Bus	2,886.25	3,642.83	-20.77
Vehicles-Ins	2,666.97	1,730.00	54.16
Vehicles-Ma	2,640.48	2,623.39	0.65
2004 CARA	0.00	1,646.59	-100.00
2010 Grand	1,277.39	1,002.24	27.45
WCCC 94 I	1,117.11	619.20	80.41
2005 GRAN	1,736.89	1,133.11	53.29
2006 FORD	1,994.80	408.24	388.63
2013 DODG	1,842.61	679.67	171.10
2014 Dodge	561.65	0.00	0.00
2015 Dodge	301.17	0.00	0.00
Bus	276.13	1,419.53	-80.55
Vehicles-Re	633.00	787.00	-19.57
Total Vehicles Expense	<u>36,497.04</u>	<u>33,160.78</u>	10.06
Total General & Admin. Expenses	<u>57,207.78</u>	<u>59,958.86</u>	-4.59
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>199,128.36</u>	<u>181,369.42</u>	9.79
NET INCOME	<u><u>-10,581.85</u></u>	<u><u>-36,604.57</u></u>	-71.09

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YEAR	COST PER TRIP	FARES	NO of trips	\$ per trip	\$admin
	OP COST				
2005	stats not available				
2006	stats not available				
2007	\$59,498	\$31,306	276	\$216	
2008	\$100,074	\$52,596	436	\$230	\$105
2009	\$102,225	\$55,220	678	\$151	\$34
2011	\$145,768	\$76,732	859	\$170	\$65
2012	\$149,716	\$79,071	918	\$163	\$57
2013	\$153,346	\$94,578	927	\$165	\$58
2014	\$171,494	\$98,167	887	\$193	\$74
2015	\$197,237	\$153,277	1,110	\$178	\$68
INTERIM	\$199,128	154,910.50	1,110	\$179	\$68
2016	\$207,099	\$168,605	1,221	\$170	\$68
2017	\$217,454	\$185,465	1,343	\$162	\$57
2018	\$228,326	\$204,012	1,477	\$155	\$47
2019	\$239,743	\$224,413	1,625	\$148	\$37

OPERATING BUDGET	ACTUAL %	ACTUAL %	PROPOSAL %	VULCAN	COMBINEE %	
2014	2014	2015	2016	2016		
REVENUE	115,731	0.3 154,910	33.9 170,401	10.0 13,700	184,101	18.8
Lottery/Grants	0	15,000	16,200	19,038	35,238	134.9
Casino	30,213				0	
Donations	22,466	-41.2 26,623	18.5 18,800	-29.4 7,500	26,300	-1.2
Interest Earned		13				
TOTAL	168,410	9.0 196,533	16.7 205,401	4.5 40,238	245,639	25.0
EXPENSES					0	
PAYROLL	121,411	11.1 141,920	16.9 146,178	3.0 13,220	159,398	12.3
TOTAL	121,411	141,920	146,178	13,220	159,398	12.3
OFFICE EXPENSES					0	
Accounting	400	-9.1 400	0.0 420	5.0 0	420	5.0
Advertising/Promotion	1,023	-6.2 2,577	151.9 2,706	5.0 0	2,706	5.0
Bad debts	509	-6.1 507	-0.4 532	5.0 0	532	5.0
Office Rental	5,802	0.2 6,259	7.9 6,572	5.0 0	6,572	5.0
Garage Rental	1,080	600	1,200	0	1,200	100.0
Office Supplies	2,908	36.1 2,975	2.3 3,124	5.0 0	3,124	5.0
Telephone	1,677	30.1 1,936	15.4 2,033	5.0 0	2,033	5.0
Travel	1,409	302.6 1,407	-0.1 1,477	5.0 0	1,477	5.0
INTERCOUNTY ADMIN				7,020		
INTERCOUNTY ADJ		-2,983	-14,825			
TOTAL	14,408	13,678	3,239	7,020	10,259	-25.0
VEHICLE EXPENSE					0	
Insurance	11,990	15.1 7,029	-41.4 11,990	70.6 1,692	13,682	
Fuel	21,112	7.4 21,448	1.6 19,303	-10.0 3,456	22,759	6.1
Repairs	11,262	14.7 14,416	28.0 15,137	5.0 2,059	17,196	19.3
Registration	787	12.6 633	-19.6 665	5.0 96	761	20.2
Amortization/replace v	0	8,000	8,000	14,000	22,000	
TOTAL	45,151	51,526	55,095	21,303	76,398	
					0	
TOTAL EXPENSES	180,970	207,124	204,511	41,543	246,054	
NET INCOME	-12,560	-10,591	890	-1,305	-415	
RETAINED EARNING	16,103	20,579	21,469	20,164	20,164	

BASED ON 100 TRIPS
ADJ ADMIN, AMORT-D



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: April 13, 2015

Agenda Item: 15

2015 BUDGET MEETINGS

DESCRIPTION:

Now that the 2014 Financial Statements are complete, the next step is to complete the budgeting process.

BACKGROUND:

Budgeting needs to be completed in order to set the mill rate in a timely fashion. Administration would like to pass operating and capital budgets by the April 27th regular Council meeting date so that the Mill Rate Bylaw can receive all three readings by May 11th. Tax notices must be mailed out by May 15th in order to allow sufficient mailing time. Property taxes are due in full by June 30th, 2015.

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Administration is recommending that two meetings be set, one for capital budgeting with the Facility and Infrastructure Planning Committee (FIPC) and one with full Council for operating budget.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor _____ to hold the Facility and Infrastructure Planning Committee (FIPC) meeting regarding capital budget on April ____, 2015 at ____ p.m.

Moved by Councillor _____ to hold the operational budget planning meeting on April ____, 2015 at ____ p.m.

Attachments:

None.

Applicable Legislation: Not applicable.

Prepared By: Karine Wilhauk, Secretary-Treasurer

Approved By: Marian Carlson, CAO

DATE: April 9, 2015



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: April 13, 2015

Action Item: 16

POLICY #REC 04-15: Recreational Facility & Miscellaneous User Charges

BACKGROUND / DESCRIPTION:

Administration is recommending changes to the Recreational Facility & Miscellaneous User Charges Policy. This policy has not been addressed since July of 2011. At this time, we are only focusing on increases to the campground fees and aquatic centre fees as these facilities are going into their busiest part of the year. At a later date, administration will be bringing forward recommendations for fee amendments for the Ice Center, but require time to meet with the user groups to determine appropriate recommendations.

Campground fees:

Administration is recommending that the fees at the campground be increased as follows:

- FULLY SERVICED LOT \$30 / DAY – increase from \$25 / DAY
- WATER & POWER (NO SEWER) LOT 28 / DAY – increase from \$23 / DAY
- UNSERVICED SITE 18 / DAY – increase from \$15 / DAY
- TENT SITE 15 / DAY – increase from \$12 / DAY

For comparison to other local campgrounds, please see the attached spreadsheet.

Aquatic Centre fees:

Please see the attached information showing current rates, proposed rates, and comparisons from other facilities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council pass a motion to approve Policy #REC 04-15: Recreational Facility & Miscellaneous User Charges effective April 14, 2015.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor _____ to approve Policy REC 04-15: Recreational Facility & Miscellaneous User Charges effective April 14, 2015.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Proposed Policy #REC 04-15.
- 2.) Current Policy #REC 05-11.
- 3.) Comparisons from other local campgrounds.
- 4.) Current rate schedule for the Aquatic Centre.
- 5.) Proposed rate schedule for the Aquatic Centre.
- 6.) Comparisons from aquatic facilities.
- 7.) Proposed 3 month splash pass.
- 8.) Proposed 10 punch pass.

PREPARED BY: Karine Wilhauk

APPROVED BY: Marian Carlson, CLGM – CAO

DATE: April 10, 2015



Recreational Facility & Miscellaneous User Charges Policy #REC 04-15

PURPOSE: To establish a document showing user fees for recreational facilities under the control of the Town of Claresholm and other miscellaneous user charges that are not clearly defined in the Town of Claresholm bylaws or other policies.

POLICY: Recreational facility user fees and miscellaneous user fees shall be charged based on the attached schedule of costs to users of these facilities or services.

PARAMETERS: The attached schedule shows the user fees charged at the arena, aquatic center, campground, airport et cetera which are not part of a bylaw or another policy.

This policy is to be reviewed annually to ensure the user fees being charged are adequate to Council's policy on cost recovery for that item or facility.

NOTE: Fees on this policy may be changed by Council resolution and updated to the policy at the next formal review of the fees and charges.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
RECREATIONAL FACILITY & MISCELLANEOUS USER FEE/CHARGES**

DESCRIPTION	FEE
<u>CLARESHOLM ARENA</u>	
• PRIME TIME ICE RENTAL (youth only)	\$63.00 / HOUR
• NON PRIME TIME ICE RENTAL (youth)	41.00 / HOUR
• AA AND ADULT RENTAL	90.75 / HOUR
• OUT OF TOWN	110.00 / HOUR
• CONCESSION RENTAL	1,000 / YEAR
• SKATE SHARPENING BUSINESS	300 / YEAR
• STORAGE – MEZZANINE	300 / YEAR
• STORAGE – ICE LEVEL (SM)	300 / YEAR
• STORAGE – ICE LEVEL (LG)	600 / YEAR
• ARENA ADVERTISING (RINK)	400 / YEAR – 1 ST YEAR
• ARENA ADVERTISING (RINK)	275 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER
• ARENA ADVERTISING (LOBBY) SIGNS FOR FUNDRAISING	CMHA AND CSC BE ALLOWED ½ EACH
• ARENA MEZZANINE/LOBBY(non profit)	55 / DAY
• ARENA FLOOR (non profit)	55 / DAY
• ARENA MEZZANINE/LOBBY(for profit)	100 / DAY
• ARENA MEZZANINE/LOBBY(non profit)	30 / EVENING
• ARENA MEZZANINE/LOBBY(for profit)	50 / EVENING
• DAMAGE DEPOSIT	400 / GROUP
• PUBLIC SKATING	500 / SEASON FOR CORPORATE SPONSORS
• SCHOOL USE	NO CHARGE PER JOINT USE AGREEMENT
SUMMER RATES (RINK FLOOR)	
• RECREATIONAL USE	\$37.30 / HOUR, 250 / DAY
• COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT	150 / DAY
• COMMERCIAL USE	650 / DAY
<u>WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE</u>	
• PER BYLAW	
• DUMPSTER RENTAL	\$40 / MONTH
<u>CENTENNIAL CAMPGROUND FEES</u>	
• FULLY SERVICED LOT	\$30 / DAY
• WATER & POWER (NO SEWER) LOT	28 / DAY
• UNSERVICED SITE	18 / DAY
• TENT SITE	15 / DAY
<u>MISCELLANEOUS FACILITY/USER FEES</u>	
• AIRPORT TERMINAL BLDG ONLY	\$125 / DAY
• AIRPORT RUNWAY RENTAL	500 / DAY (includes terminal bldg usage)
• MAPS	COST + 50%
• DOG LICENSE (SPAY/NEUTER)	15 / YEAR
• DOG LICENSE (INTACT)	40 / YEAR
• DAYCARE RENT	100 / MONTH
• PLAYSCHOOL RENT	150 / SCHOOL YEAR
• FOOD BANK RENT	NO CHARGE
• ASSESSMENT APPEAL FEE	50 PER PARCEL REFUNDED IF SUCCESSFUL

BALL DIAMONDS

- RECREATIONAL USE – FREE FOR LOCAL USERS/GROUPS
- MILLENIUM COMPLEX (ALL DIAMONDS)
\$1,000 PER WEEKEND + 500 DAMAGE DEPOSIT
(FOR EXTERNAL USER GROUPS)

CLARESHOLM AQUATIC CENTRE

	Drop In	10 Pass	3 Month Pass	3 Month SPECIAL 25% OFF Free
Under 3 years old	Free	Free	Free	
Ages 3-7	\$1.75	\$12.00	\$24.00	
Ages 8-17	\$3.00	\$24.00	\$48.00	\$36.00
Ages 18-54	\$5.00	\$42.00	\$86.00	\$65.50
Ages 55+	\$3.75	\$30.00	\$57.00	
Family	\$12.00	\$96.00	\$192.00	\$144.00
Aquafit Drop In	\$5.00			

*A family consists of immediate family members with a maximum of 2 adults and 4 children

LESSONS

Private Lessons	\$16.50 / half hour
	\$35.00 / per hour
Lessons/Programs	\$25.00 Parent and Tot
	\$5.00 / class x # of classes Baby and Me
	\$35.00 per session (Preschool Lessons)
	\$40.00 per session (Swimmer 1-4)
	\$50.00 per session (Swimmer 5-Rookie, Ranger, Star)
	\$6.00 / class x # of classes (Junior Lifeguard club)
	\$5.00 / class x # of classes
Bronze Medallion	\$130.00
Bronze Cross	\$125.00
NLS	\$300.00
NLS Recert	\$100.00 (same as other facilities)
LSI	\$300.00
LSI Recert	\$100.00
Standard First Aid	\$125.00
SFA Recert	\$75.00
School Lessons:	\$30.00 / hr / per instructor
	*max 10 students per instructor.

RENTALS

	Pool General	Schools	Swim Club
Under 75 People	\$85.00 / hr	\$50.00 / hr	\$50.00 / hr
75-124 people	\$140.00 / hr	\$75.00 / hr	
125-200 people	\$245.00 / hr	\$100.00 / hr	

LANE RENTALS \$25.00 / Lane / hr

Half Lockers	\$5.00 / per month
Full Lockers	\$8.00 / per month



Recreational Facility & Miscellaneous User Charges Policy #REC 05-11

PURPOSE: To establish a document showing user fees for recreational facilities under the control of the Town of Claresholm and other miscellaneous user charges that are not clearly defined in the Town of Claresholm bylaws or other policies.

POLICY:
Recreational facility user fees and miscellaneous user fees shall be charged based on the attached schedule of costs to users of these facilities or services.

PARAMETERS:
The attached schedule shows the user fees charged at the arena, aquatic center, campground, airport et cetera which are not part of a bylaw or another policy.

This policy is to be reviewed annually to ensure the user fees being charged are adequate to Council's policy on cost recovery for that item or facility.

NOTE:
Fees on this policy may be changed by Council resolution and updated to the policy at the next formal review of the fees and charges.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
RECREATIONAL FACILITY & MISCELLANEOUS USER FEE/CHARGES**

DESCRIPTION	FEE
<u>CLARESHOLM ARENA</u>	
• PRIME TIME ICE RENTAL (youth only)	\$63.00 / HOUR
• NON PRIME TIME ICE RENTAL (youth)	41.00 / HOUR
• AA AND ADULT RENTAL	90.75 / HOUR
• OUT OF TOWN	110.00 / HOUR
• CONCESSION RENTAL	1,000 / YEAR
• SKATE SHARPENING BUSINESS	300 / YEAR
• STORAGE – MEZZANINE	300 / YEAR
• STORAGE – ICE LEVEL (SM)	300 / YEAR
• STORAGE – ICE LEVEL (LG)	600 / YEAR
• ARENA ADVERTISING (RINK)	400 / YEAR – 1 ST YEAR
• ARENA ADVERTISING (RINK)	275 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER
• ARENA ADVERTISING (LOBBY) SIGNS FOR FUNDRAISING	CMHA AND CSC BE ALLOWED ½ EACH
• ARENA MEZZANINE/LOBBY(non profit)	55 / DAY
• ARENA FLOOR (non profit)	55 / DAY
• ARENA MEZZANINE/LOBBY(for profit)	100 / DAY
• ARENA MEZZANINE/LOBBY(non profit)	30 / EVENING
• ARENA MEZZANINE/LOBBY(for profit)	50 / EVENING
• DAMAGE DEPOSIT	400 / GROUP
• PUBLIC SKATING	500 / SEASON FOR CORPORATE SPONSORS
• SCHOOL USE	NO CHARGE PER JOINT USE AGREEMENT
SUMMER RATES (RINK FLOOR)	
• RECREATIONAL USE	\$37.30 / HOUR, 250 / DAY
• COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT	150 / DAY
• COMMERCIAL USE	650 / DAY

CLARESHOLM AQUATIC CENTRE

	Drop in	10 Pass	3 Month
Under 3	Free	Free	Free
3-7 years old	\$1.25	\$10.00	\$20.00
8-17 years old	\$2.50	\$20.00	\$40.00
18-54 years old	\$4.50	\$36.00	\$72.00
55+ years old	\$3.25	\$26.00	\$52.00
Family	\$12.00	\$96.00	\$192.00

	Drop in	Preregistered
Aquafit	\$5.00	\$3.00 x # of Classes

	30 min lessons	45-60 min lessons
Swimming Lessons	\$33.00	\$45.00
School Rentals/hr	\$44.00	
Swim Club Rental/hr	\$44.00	
School Lessons	\$27.50/ instructor hour	
Public Rental	\$75.00	

**TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
RECREATIONAL FACILITY & MISCELLANEOUS USER FEE/CHARGES
PAGE 2**

DESCRIPTION FEE

WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE

- PER BYLAW
- DUMPSTER RENTAL \$40 / MONTH

CENTENNIAL CAMPGROUND FEES

- FULLY SERVICED LOT \$25 / DAY
- WATER & POWER (NO SEWER) LOT 23 / DAY
- UNSERVICED SITE 15 / DAY
- TENT SITE 12 / DAY

MISCELLANEOUS FACILITY/USER FEES

- AIRPORT TERMINAL BLDG ONLY \$125 / DAY
- AIRPORT RUNWAY RENTAL 500 / DAY (includes terminal bldg usage)
- MAPS COST + 50%
- DOG LICENSE (SPAY/NEUTER) 15 / YEAR
- DOG LICENSE (INTACT) 40 / YEAR
- DAYCARE RENT 100 / MONTH
- PLAYSCHOOL RENT 150 / SCHOOL YEAR
- FOOD BANK RENT NO CHARGE
- ASSESSMENT APPEAL FEE 50 PER PARCEL
REFUNDED IF SUCCESSFUL

BALL DIAMONDS

- RECREATIONAL USE – FREE FOR LOCAL USERS/GROUPS
- MILLENIUM COMPLEX (ALL DIAMONDS)
\$1,000 PER WEEKEND + 500 DAMAGE DEPOSIT
(FOR EXTERNAL USER GROUPS)

CAMPGROUND COMPARISON (as of April 10, 2015)	Pine Coulee Park Campground	Chain Lakes Provincial Park	Granview Park, Granum	Lee Creek Campground, Cardston	Nanton Campground	Cottonwood Campground, Pincher Creek	Claresholm (proposed)
Power only	\$30 / night / unit	\$30 / night				\$24 / night	
Power & water			\$30 - \$40 / night	\$28 / night *			\$28 / night
Power, water & sewer			\$30 - \$40 / night	\$30 / night *			\$30 / night
Unserviced		\$23 / night	\$20 / night	\$24 / night *	\$15 / night	\$18 / night	\$18 / night
Tenting			\$20 / night	\$24 / night *			\$15 / night
Winter		\$15 / night					
Monthly rate				\$650 * (minimum 30 day stay required)			
				*includes GST			

CLARESHOLM AQUATIC CENTRE PRICE LIST

ADMISSION

	Drop In	10 Pass	3 Month Pass
Under 3 years old	Free	Free	Free
Ages 3-7	\$1.25	\$10.00	\$20.00
Ages 8-17	\$2.50	\$20.00	\$40.00
Ages 18-54	\$4.50	\$36.00	\$72.00
Ages 55+	\$3.25	\$26.00	\$52.00
Family	\$12.00	\$96.00	\$192.00
Aquafit Drop In	\$5.00		

*A family consists of immediate family members with a maximum of 2 adults

LESSONS

Private Lessons	\$15.00/half hour \$30.00/per hour
Lessons	\$33.00 per session (PSL-Swimmer 4) \$45.00 per session (Swimmer 5-Rookie, Ranger, Star)
Bronze Medallion	\$125.00
Bronze Cross	\$125.00
NLS	\$300.00
NLS Recert	\$ 75.00
LSI	\$300.00
LSI Recert	\$75.00
Standard First Aid	\$110.00
SFA Recert	\$75.00

RENTALS

	Pool General	Schools
Under 75 People	\$75.00/hr	\$44.00
75-124 people	\$125.00/hr	\$68.00
125-200 people	\$200.00/hr	\$92.00

LANE RENTALS \$25.00/Lane /Hour

Lessons:

27.50/hr/per instructor

*max 10 students per instructor.

Half Lockers \$4.00/per month

Full Locker \$7.00/per month

PROPOSED PRICE LIST

	Drop In	10 Pass	3 Month Pass	3 Month SPECIAL 25% OFF
Under 3 years old	Free	Free	Free	Free
Ages 3-7	\$1.75	\$12.00	\$24.00	
Ages 8-17	\$3.00	\$24.00	\$48.00	\$36.00
Ages 18-54	\$5.00	\$42.00	\$86.00	\$65.50
Ages 55+	\$3.75	\$30.00	\$57.00	
Family	\$12.00	\$96.00	\$192.00	\$144.00
Aquafit Drop In	\$5.00			

*A family consists of immediate family members with a maximum of 2 adults and 4 children

**Family, No proposed rate change at this time

*** 3 month special

- aimed to bring Students, adults and Families in to swim
- would like to market it as a Sport team incentive
- Summer and fall pass promotion

LESSONS

Private Lessons	\$16.50/half hour
	\$35.00/per hour
Lessons/Programs	\$25.00 Parent and Tot
	\$5.00/class x # of classes Baby and Me
	\$35.00 per session (Preschool Lessons)
	\$40.00 per session (Swimmer 1-4)
	\$50.00 per session (Swimmer 5-Rookie, Ranger, Star)
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*max 10 students per instructor.

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Full Locker \$8.00/per month

	Airdrie	Brooks	Cochrane	High River	Lethbridge	Okotoks	Pincher Creek	Ponoka	Taber	Vulcan	CLARESHOLM Current	CLARESHOLM Proposed
Parent and Tot	\$40	\$39	\$53.24	\$52.50(10 Sess) \$26.25(5 Sess)	\$42.50	\$52.36 (7 Sess)			\$39.00	\$38.50	\$25.00/4 lesson	\$25.00/4 lesson
Preschool 1-6	\$42	\$45	\$53.24	\$52.50(10 Sess) \$26.25(5 Sess)	\$42.50	\$52.36	\$40.00	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$35.00
Swimmer 1-4	\$49	\$51	\$61.89	\$52.50(10 Sess) \$26.25(5 Sess)	\$42.50	\$55.09	\$42.50	\$40.00	\$47.00	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$40.00
Swimmer 4-5	\$61	\$51	\$61.89	\$52.50(10 Sess) \$26.25(5 Sess)	\$42.50	\$55.09	\$45.00	\$52.00	\$47.00	\$38.50	\$33.00	\$40.00
Swimmer 5-6	\$61	\$58	\$70.88	\$31.55 (5Sess) \$63.10 (10Sess)	\$45.50	\$57.75		\$52.00	\$55.50	\$38.50	\$45.00	\$50.00
Rook/Ranger/ Star	\$61	\$58	\$70.88		\$45.50	\$57.75	\$50.00	\$52.00	\$55.50	\$38.50	\$45.00	\$50.00
Private (0.5 hour)		\$17.50	\$30.00				\$22.50				\$15.00	\$16.50
Bronze Star	\$81					\$75.00	\$85.00				\$80.00	\$80.00
Standard 1st Aid				\$120.00	\$125		\$160.00				\$110.00	\$125.00
SFA Recert												\$75.00
Bronze Medallion	\$138			\$154.00		\$175.00	\$120.00				\$125.00	\$130.00
B Cross & Medallion							\$225.00		\$233.00		\$225.00	\$225.00
Bronze Cross	115+L3B18:L36			\$154.00		\$140.00	\$120.00				\$125.00	\$125.00
NL				\$275.00	\$220.00	\$307.10	\$300.00				\$300.00 (40hrs)	\$300.00 (40hrs)
NL Recert				\$75.00	\$60.00	\$140.35	\$50.00		\$60.00		\$75.00	\$100.00
LSI	\$250 (4 Sessions)						\$250.00				\$300.00 (40hrs)	\$300.00 (40hrs)
LSI Recert												\$75.00
JLC	\$240 (20 Sessions)	\$265.00					\$80.00				6 X # Sessions	6 X # Sessions
Toddler 1-2	FREE	FREE	\$2.25	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
Child 3-7		\$3.00	\$2.25	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$1.50/ \$2.75	\$2.75		\$4.00	\$3.50	\$1.25	\$1.75
Child 10 Punch Pass				\$18.00	\$27.50		\$25.00	\$28.00			\$10.00	\$12.00
Child 3 Month Pass				\$42.50				\$62.00			\$20.00	\$24.00
Youth 8-17		\$5.00	\$3.50	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	*\$3.25/\$4.25	\$5.00	\$3.50/\$4.50	\$2.50	\$3.00
Youth 8-17 10 punch pass				\$26.25	\$27.50		\$36.00	\$28.00/\$36.75			\$20.00	\$24.00
Youth 3 Month Pass				\$63.75				\$92.00			\$40.00	\$48.00
Adult		\$6.50	\$5.25	\$4.25	\$4.50	\$8.00	\$5.50	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$5.00
Adult 10 Punch pass				\$38.30	\$41.25		\$50.00	\$43.25			\$36.00	\$42.00
Adult 3 month pass				\$90.30				\$108.00			\$108.00	\$86.00
Senior		\$5.25	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$4.50	\$92.00	\$5.00	\$3.50	\$3.25	\$3.75
Senior 10 Punch Pass				\$32.30	\$27.50		\$40.00	\$41.75			\$26.00	\$30.00
Senior 3 Month Pass				\$74.38							\$52.00	\$57.00
Family					\$14.00		\$13.00	\$12.00			\$12.00	\$12.00
Family 10 punch pass				\$9.00			\$117.00	\$107.00			\$96.00	\$96.00
Family 3 Month pass				\$80.85				\$162.00			\$192.00	\$192.00
Aquafit Drop in			\$5.75	\$6.00	\$5.50	\$6.00	\$5.75				\$5.00	\$5.00
Aquafit											\$3.00/ class	\$3.00/ class
Pool Rental							\$120.00				\$75.00	\$75.00



3 MONTH SPLASH PASS

Swimline: 403.625.3071
www.townofclaresholm.com



Claresholm Aquatic Centre Indoor Pool

STUDENTS | **ADULTS** | **FAMILIES**

SENIORS: PLEASE ASK ABOUT OUR GREAT RATE CARD!

Valid from 6-9 pm Monday - Thursday
[during Fitness, Toonie & Public Swim times]

NOT VALID FOR LESSONS OR RENTALS

Card Holder: _____ **No.1234**

Issued By: _____

Valid through: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
d/m/y d/m/y

THIS PASS IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.
PASS MUST BE SHOWN AT TIME OF ENTRY.





10 PUNCH PASS

Swimline: 403.625.3071
www.townofclaresholm.com



Claresholm Aquatic Centre



Name: _____

Staff Signature _____ Date of Issue _____

No. 123.

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INFORMATION BRIEF

Meeting: April 13, 2015

Agenda Item:17

SPRING CLEAN-UP 2015

DESCRIPTION:

Administration has set the dates for Spring Clean-up as May 11th to June 5th, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

With the experience gained from the 2014 Spring Clean-up, administration has looked carefully at what the community needs, and has decided that four weeks of Spring Clean-up will be sufficient in order to accommodate everyone in 2015. Residents will be able to put out their Spring Clean-up items over a four week period on their regular garbage day.

The protocol for 2015 is that there will still be some items that will not be picked up as in past years, as these items are billed separately by the landfill. The landfill requires that these items be sorted and placed in separate locations. Residents can take these items to the landfill themselves or hire a local contractor. Local contractors rely on the opportunity to pick up these items for residents as part of their common business practice.

It is also the year to have a Toxic Roundup and E-Cycle, which has been held every two years in the past. This event is being held on Saturday, May 23rd at the Town Shop. It is a collaborative effort between the Town of Claresholm and the MD of Willow Creek. This year, the Town of Stavely has asked to be included. They have agreed to pay a portion of the costs as well as supply some volunteer firefighters to assist the Claresholm Fire Department.

COSTS/ SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable):

Tipping fees at the landfill are currently \$.05 / per kilogram. Based on past years, it is anticipated that the Town will have approximately 110,000 kilograms with a cost of approximately \$5,500. The Town collects and recycles metal during Spring Clean-up. There is value to the metal that is collected, however the cost to ship it to the recycler offsets any income that may be generated.

The Toxic Roundup is done with grant assistance, which is being applied for by the MD of Willow Creek. It is anticipated that the Town's cost will be approximately \$1,600 based on past years and the MD's experience with the Town of Fort Macleod in 2014.

ATTACHMENTS:

2015 Spring Clean-up handout.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

None

PREPARED BY: Karine Wilhauk

APPROVED BY: Marian Carlson, CLGM – CAO

DATE: April 9, 2015

2015 SPRING CLEANUP

E-CYCLE & TOXIC WASTE ROUND UP

Saturday May 23 from 10:00am-2:00pm

Held at the Town Shop 424-41 Ave East

All compostable materials should be taken to the compost area on the North East side of town

Spring Clean Up items that will be picked up between May 11 and June 5 at your regular garbage date & location include:

- METALS (must be able to be manually lifted and in a separate pile from other spring cleanup items)
- Small piles of bundled wood
- Carpet, max 5' width, tied
- Household items (see below for what will NOT be picked up)

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

- Glass patio Doors
- Fridges
- Freezers
- Contractor Construction Materials
- Propane tanks
- Tires or rubber
- Asphalt shingles
- Mattresses
- Upholstered furniture (even if upholstery is cut off)
- Toxic Products (Take to round up May 23)
- Electronics (Take to round up May 23)
- Compostable Materials (use compost area)

Spring clean up items are not to be put out more than 3 days prior to May 11 and not after June 5th. Note: If you are not sure if an item is approved to be picked up or if you require a bin please contact the Town Office at (403) 625-3381.



INFORMATION BRIEF

Meeting: April 13, 2015
Agenda Item: 18

COUNCIL RESOLUTION STATUS

Regular Scheduled Meeting - February 23, 2015

13	Land Sale: Moved by Councillor Cutler to accept the \$750,000 offer to purchase on Land Sale subject to the purchaser signing the offer date extension. Carried.	Marian	Email sent to Realtor - Feb 24/15 Realtor contacted Marian Feb 25th and client is still out of the country. Will contact our office upon his return. Further email sent March 23rd - still no contact with purchaser.
18	Meet with M.D. regarding airport	Marian	Email sent to Cindy Feb 26th requesting a meeting. Met with Cindy March 2nd to discuss a number of items. No resolution at this time, but will continue discussions.

Regular Scheduled Meeting - March 9, 2015

1	Bylaw #1601 - Traffic Bylaw Wording Amendment. Moved by Councillor Cutler to give Bylaw #1601, 1st reading. Carried.	Karine / Tara	RFD for 2nd and 3rd reading for March 23, 2015 Meeting (complete)
2	Bylaw #1603 - Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw. Moved by Councillor Fieguth to give Bylaw #1603, 1st reading. Carried.	Karine / Tara	RFD for 2nd and 3rd reading for March 23, 2015 Meeting (complete)
4	Corres: Minister of Municipal Affairs, re:Small Communities Fund. Referred to Administration.	Marian	Working on 2 grant applications for Council approval March 23rd. Applications submitted April 1st - Complete
17	RFD- Stormwater Management Plan. Moved by Councillor Ford to accept the Stormwater Management plan by Associated Engineering as presented. Carried. Moved by Councillor Cutler to apply for funding through the Alberta Resilience Program for stormwater related projects. Carried. Motion #15-007.	Marian/Mike	Spoke with Dean at A.E. March 10th and they will move forward with preparing the grant application. A.E. will also prepare the final copies of the report for our records. Deadline for applications was extended to September 30, 2015.

Regular Scheduled Meeting - March 23, 2015

1	Bylaw #1601 - Traffic Bylaw Wording Amendment. Moved by Councillor Dixon to give Bylaw #1601, 2nd reading. Carried. Moved by Councillor Cutler to give Bylaw #1601 3rd & Final Reading. Carried.	Jason/Karine	Bylaw prepared, signed & filed.
2	Bylaw #1603 - Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw. Moved by Councillor Ford to give Bylaw #1603, 2nd reading. Carried. Moved by Councillor Fieguth to give Bylaw #1603, 3rd & Final Reading. Carried.	Karine	Bylaw prepared, signed & filed.
3	Complete ORRSC agreement for Assessment Services	Marian	Agreement signed and sent April 8th. - Complete
4	Corres: SA Energy from Waste Assoc. Moved by Councillor O'Neill to table discussion on membership fees until April 27, 2015. Carried. Motion #15-010.	Karine	To be discussed at the April 27, 2015 regular Council meeting.
5	Corres: Child Care Society. Moved by Councillor O'Neill to pay the liability insurance for the 2015 year only in the amount of \$2903.00. Carried. Motion #15-011.	Karine	Letter and cheque sent - complete
6	Draft policy for Non-Profit Society Liability Insurance Reimbursement	Karine	In progress
7	RFD - Bylaw #1391 - Tax Levy Overpayment. Moved by Councillor Fieguth to refund the overpayment of \$16,136.69 from Bylaw #1391 as presented. Carried. Motion #15-012	Lisa/Karine	Letters and cheques sent - complete
8	RFD - Bylaw #1465 - Curb & Gutter Overpayment. Moved by Councillor Ford to refund the overpayment of \$4143.21 from Bylaw #1465 to Viper Oilfield Services as presented. Carried. Motion #15-013.	Lisa/Karine	Letter and cheque sent
9	Email copy of Dossier template and sample to all Councillors	Tara	emails with templates sent March 31, 2015
10	RFD - Special Tax Bylaws. Moved by Councillor McAlonan to direct Admin to prepare the amended Special Tax Bylaw to be presented to Council along with the Mill Rate Bylaw. Carried. Motion #15-014.	Marian	Will be presented along with the mill-rate bylaw
11	RFD - Application for SCF - Stormwater Management Plan. Moved by Councillor Ford to apply for funding towards the Stormwater Management Plan from SCF. Carried. Motion #15-015.	Marian	Application submitted April 1/15 - Complete
12	RFD - Application for SCF - Multiuse Community Building & Town Hall. Moved by Councillor Cutler to apply for funding towards to Multiuse Community Building & Town Hall from SCF. Carried. Motion #15-016. Moved by Councillor O'Neill to hire Civic Solutions Inc. to write the grant application for a total of \$4800 plus GST. Carried. Motion #15-017.	Marian	Application submitted April 1/15 - Complete
13	Proceed with negotiating Airport Leases subject to MD approval for access	Marian	Requested confirmation from the MD regarding access across their land and have yet to receive a response
14	Organize follow up Strategic Planning date for Saturday, May 2nd from 9 - 11	Marian	In progress
15	Contact Rob Rothe	Marian	Left message April 8th. Letter prepared but awaiting phone call prior to sending

ATTACHMENTS:

1.) none

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

1.) none

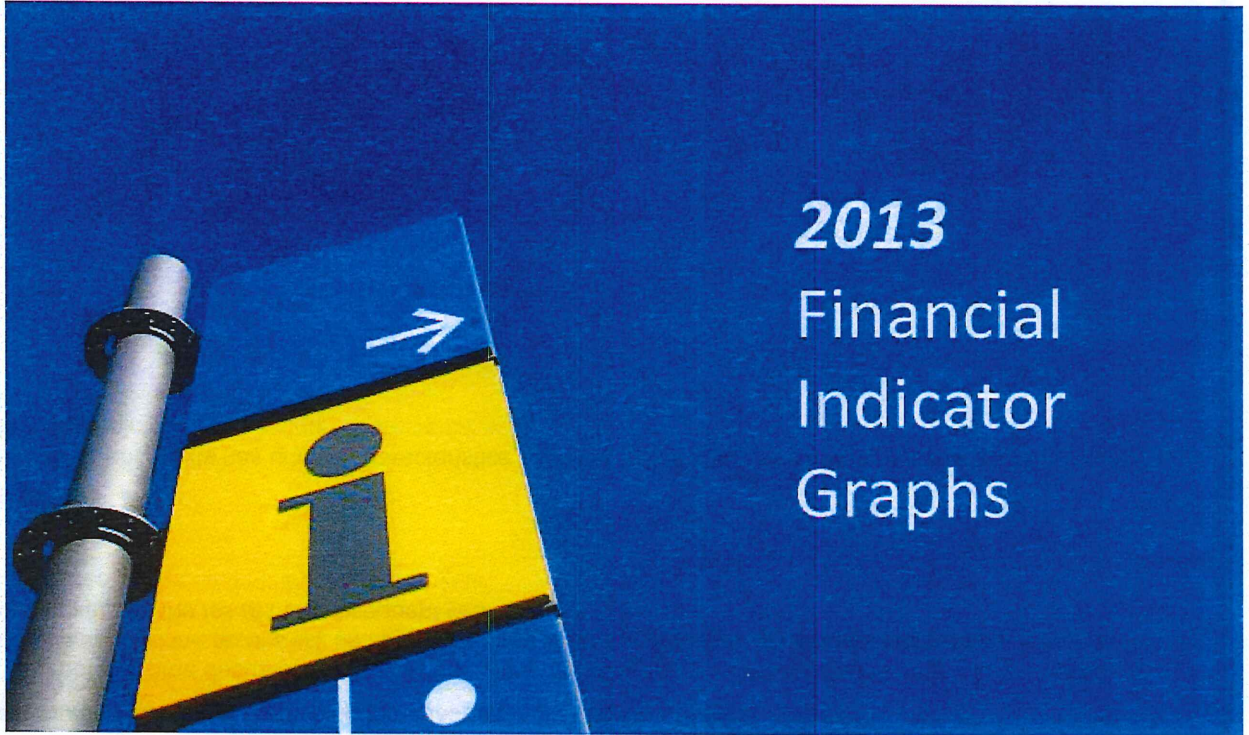
PREPARED BY: Karine Wilhauk, Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED BY: Marian Carlson, CLGM – CAO

DATE: April 10, 2015

INFORMATION ITEMS

2013
Financial
Indicator
Graphs



Alberta ■

Generated for:
CLARESHOLM

Financial Indicator Graphs Introduction

The financial indicator graphs are intended to serve as a tool that may assist council and administration with operational decisions. The comparative measures may be useful in assessing past performance and for budget planning. Each municipality is compared to a group of similar size urban municipalities, or to rural municipalities with similar tax base. The comparison group is shown on the last slide.

Custom graphs can be created comparing your municipality to other Alberta municipalities.

Financial Advisory Services is available to assist you in interpreting the information contained in the graphs. Please be aware that advisors will not have access to any of the custom graphs you create, but would still be able to assist with the underlying formulas and data used to create all graphs.

It should be noted that the financial indicator graphs are point-in-time documents. The system is updated daily as new information is added to the municipal financial database. As such graphs will reflect the current data set and the results will be subject to change as the database is updated and verified. However, most information from the previous reporting year will have been posted by the fall of the subsequent year.

Other points to note are:

- The range for most of the graphs is 2008 to 2013.
- Equalized assessment is shown for the period 2009 to 2014.
- Caution should be used when interpreting results as each municipality has unique characteristics affecting how it compares to the group. Also, circumstances may have changed since the December 31, 2013 reporting date.

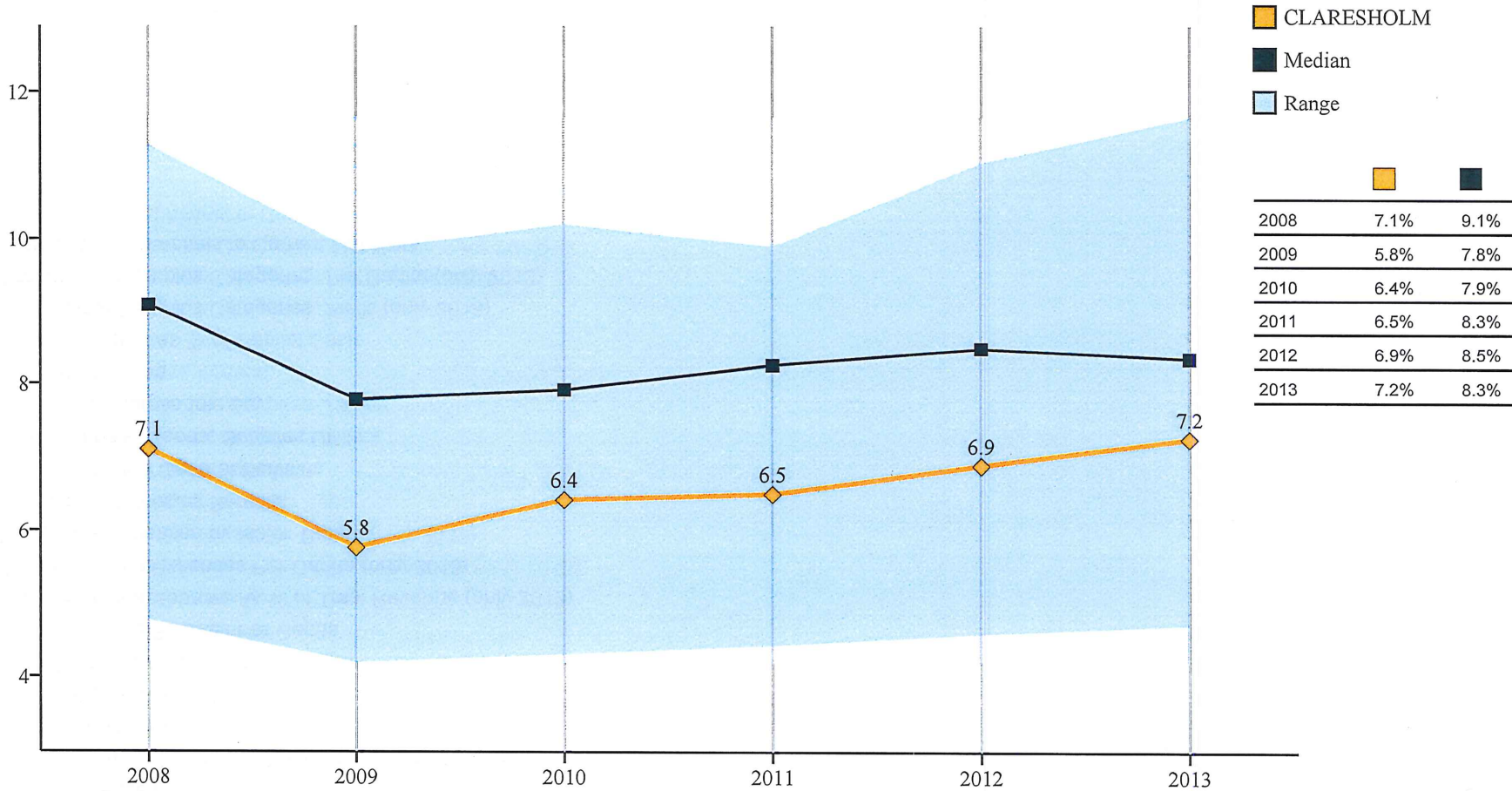
Financial Indicator Graphs Introduction

Financial Indicator Graphs include:

- o Equalized Tax Rates - Municipal/Residential/Non-Residential
- o Equalized Assessment Per Capita
- o Non-Residential Equalized Assessment as % of Total
- o Tax Collection Rate
- o Debt Debt Service as % of the Limits
- o Long Term Debt Per Capita
- o Major Revenue Sources Per Capita
- o Major Revenue Sources As % of Total Revenue (only 2013)
- o Broad Function Expenses Per Capita (only 2013)
- o Per Capita Expenses by Major Type:
 - Salaries, Wages Benefits
 - Contracted General Services
 - Materials, Goods, Supplies Utilities
 - Bank Charges Interest
 - Amortization
- o Net Book Value As % of Capital Costs
- o Accumulated Surplus Categories, As % (only 2013)
- o Accumulated Surplus Categories, Per Capita (only 2013)
- o Ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities

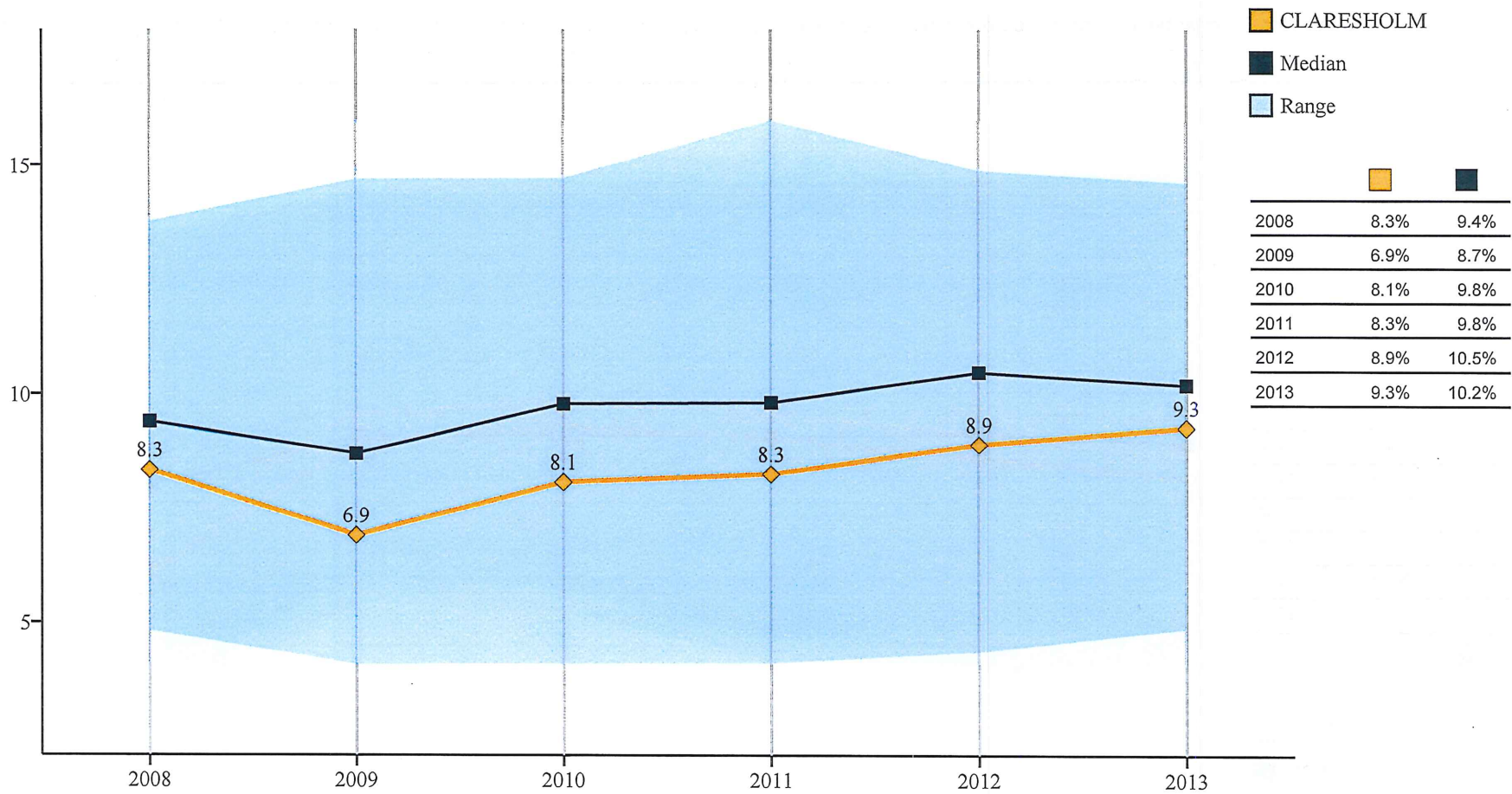
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Equalized Tax Rates: Net Municipal



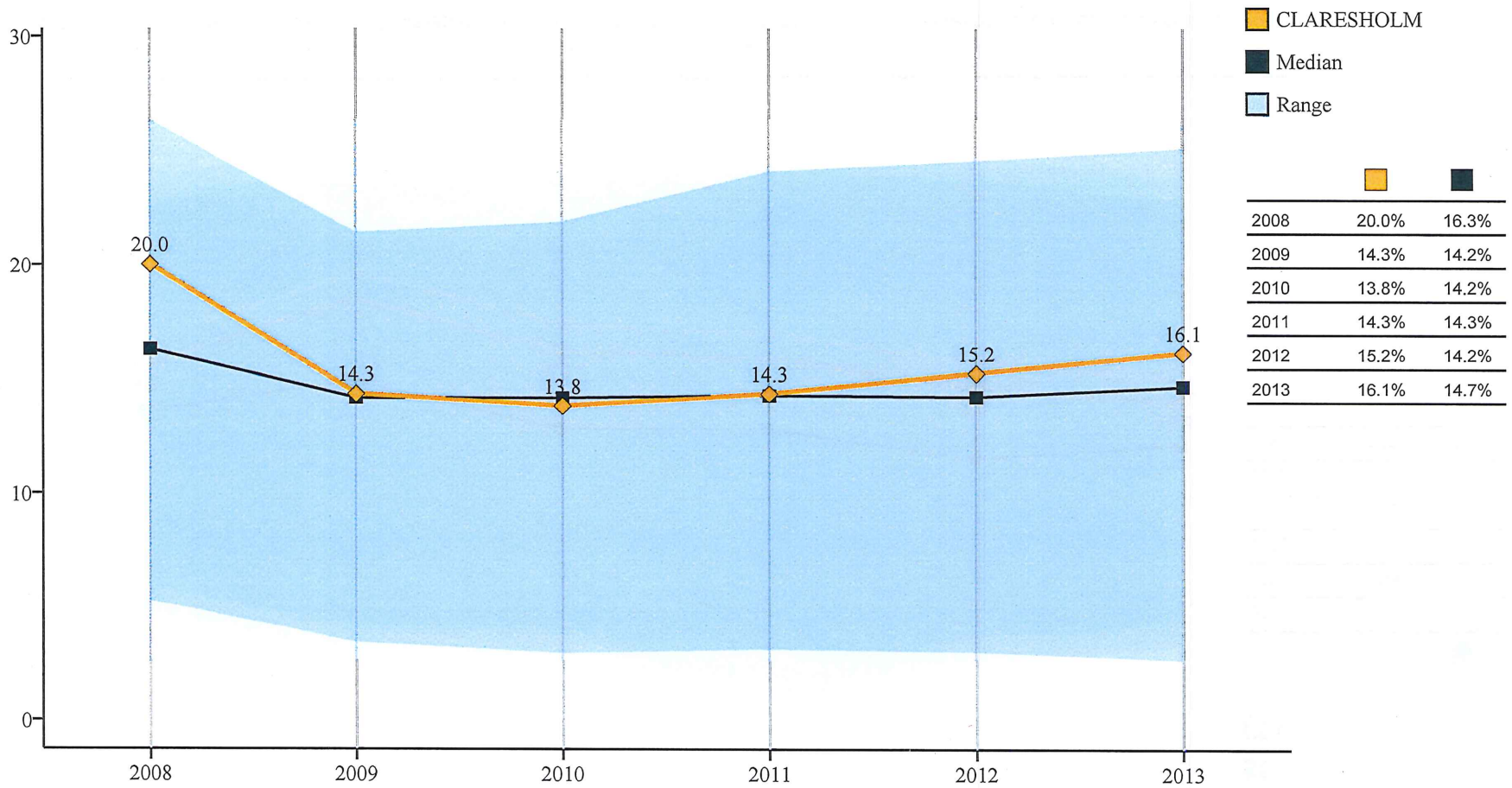
Note: Municipal Equalized Tax Rate is calculated based on total equalized assessment and net municipal property tax.

Equalized Tax Rates: Residential



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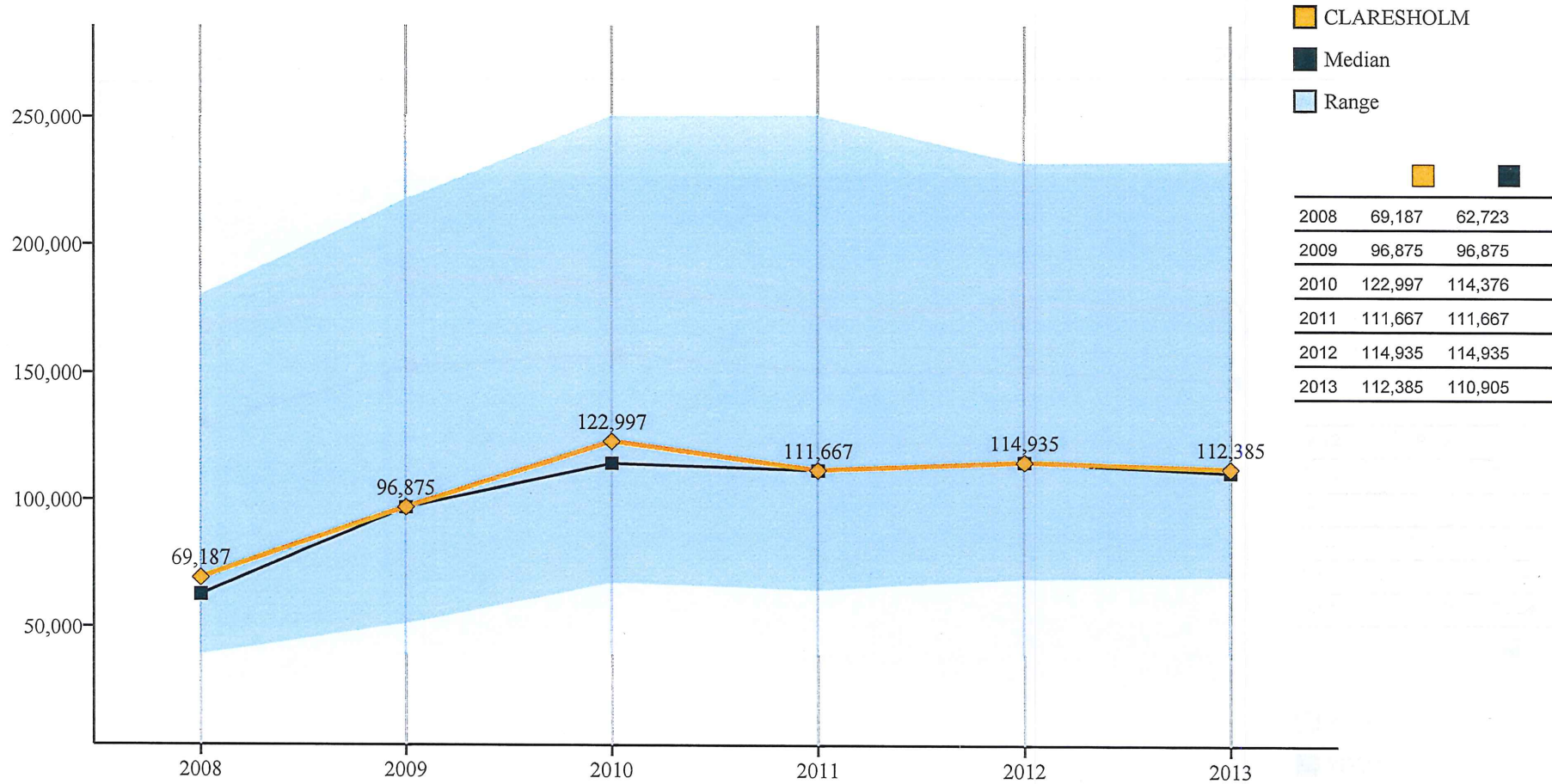
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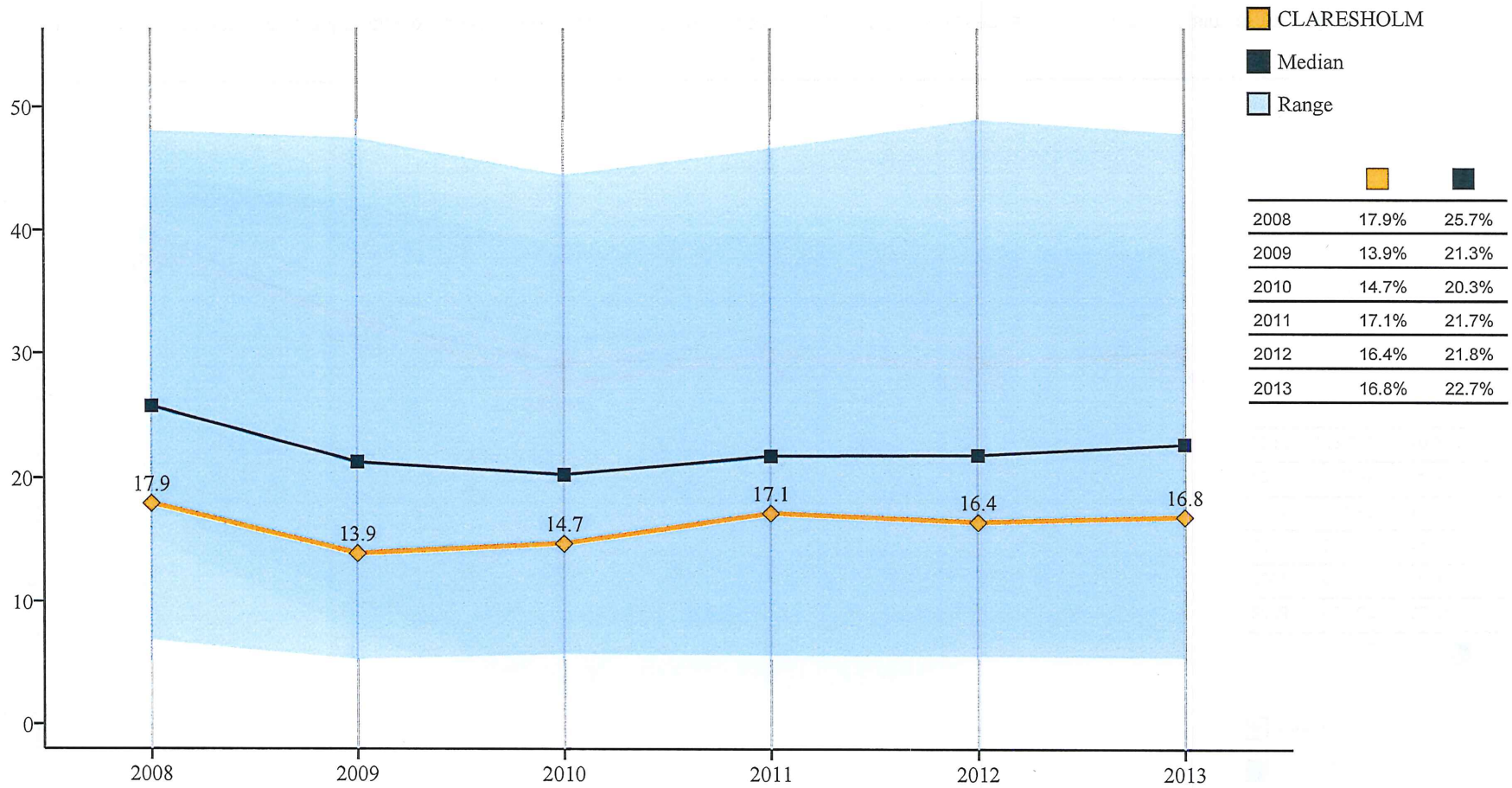
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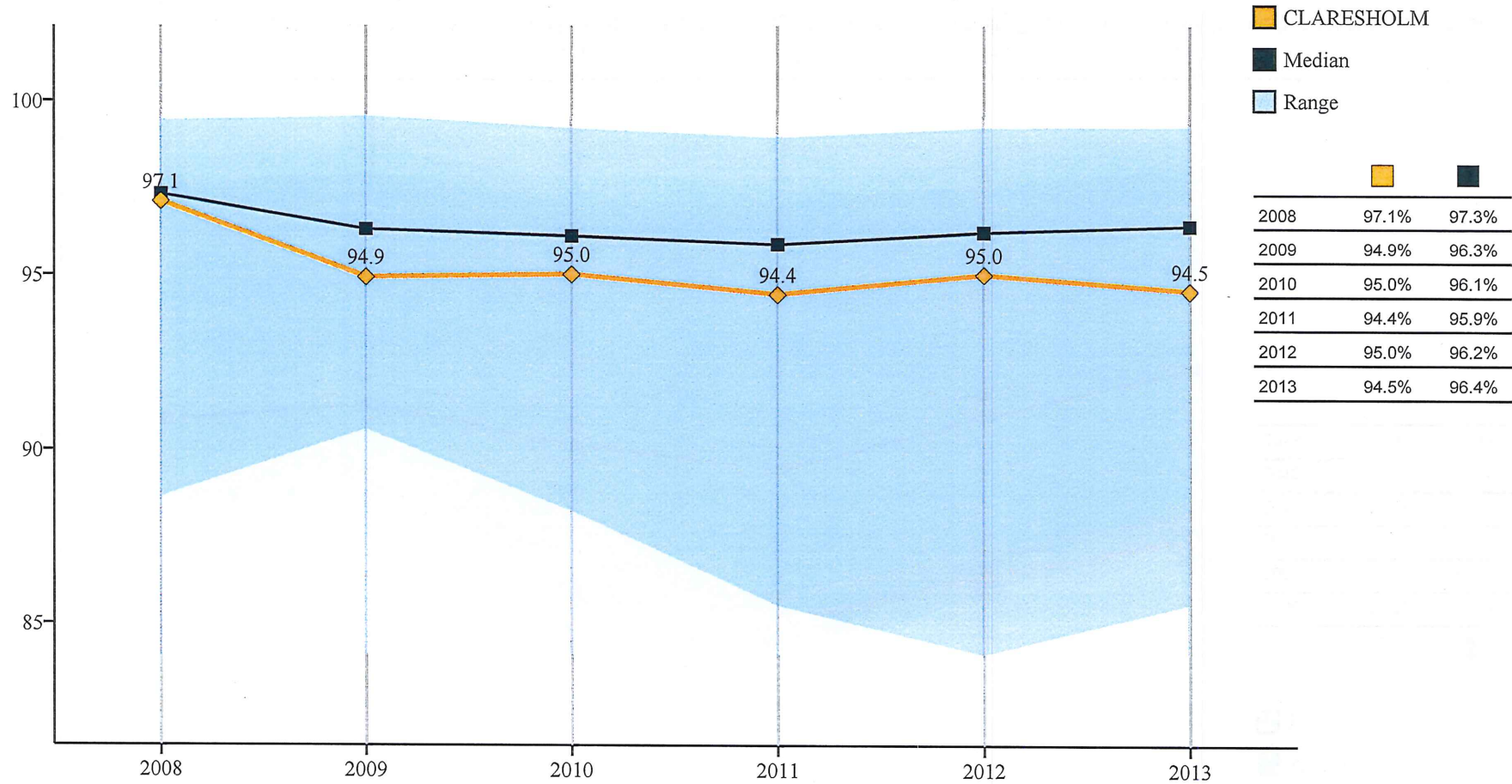


Note: Equalized Assessment Per Capita approximates a municipality's ability to generate property tax revenue in comparison to similar municipalities

Non-Residential Assessment as % of Total Equalized Assessment



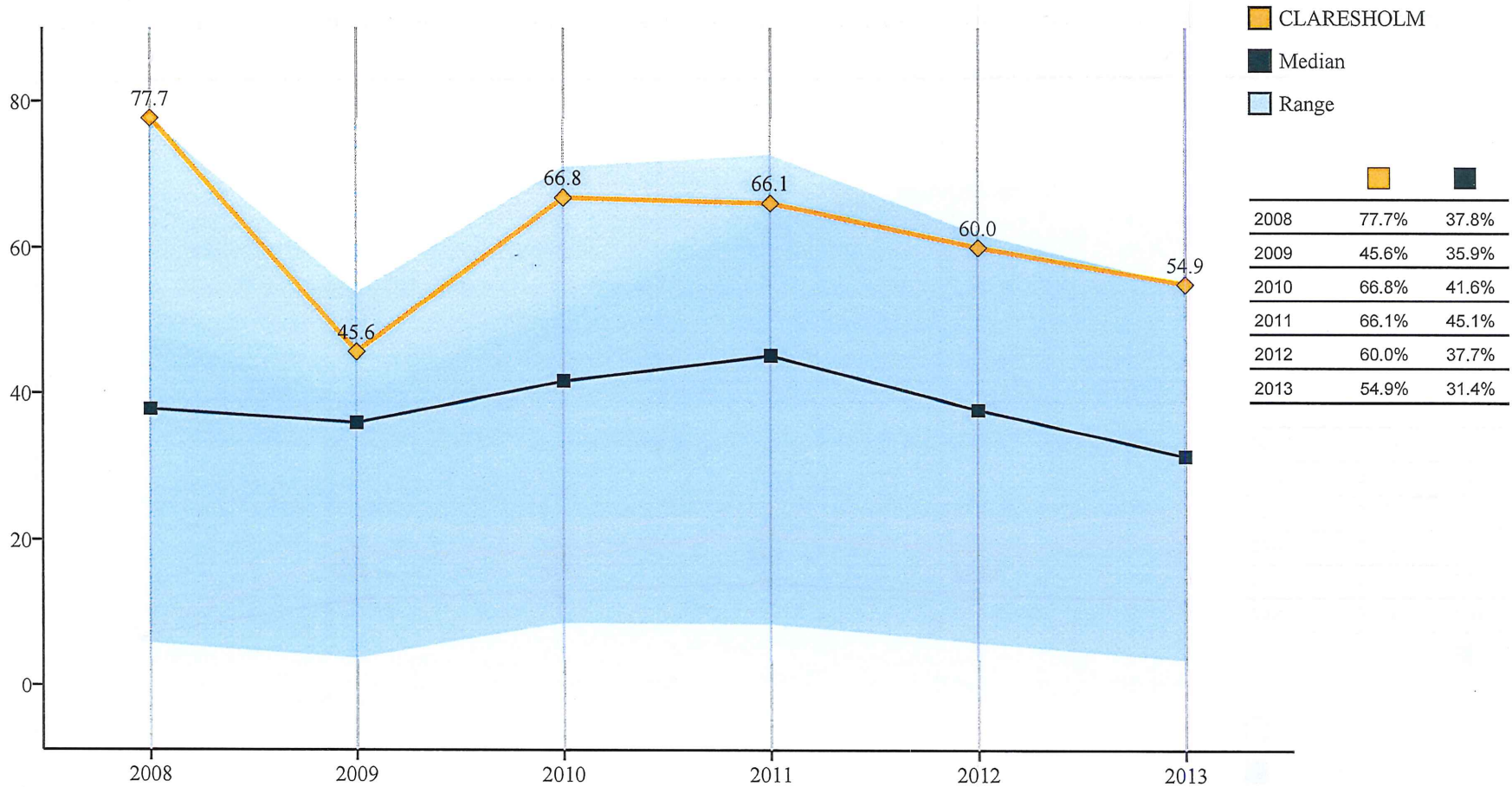
Tax Collection Rates



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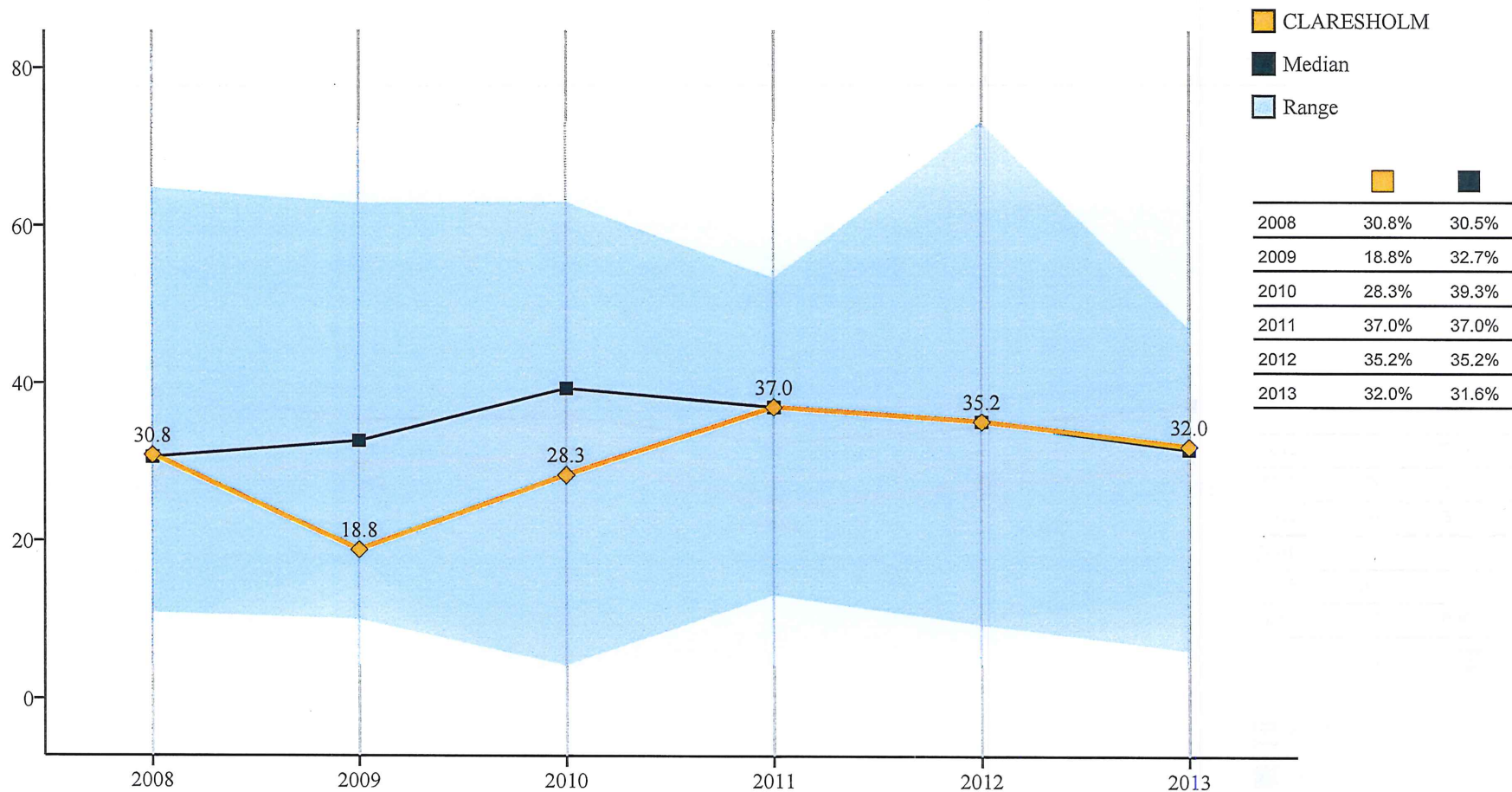
Percent of Debt Limit Used



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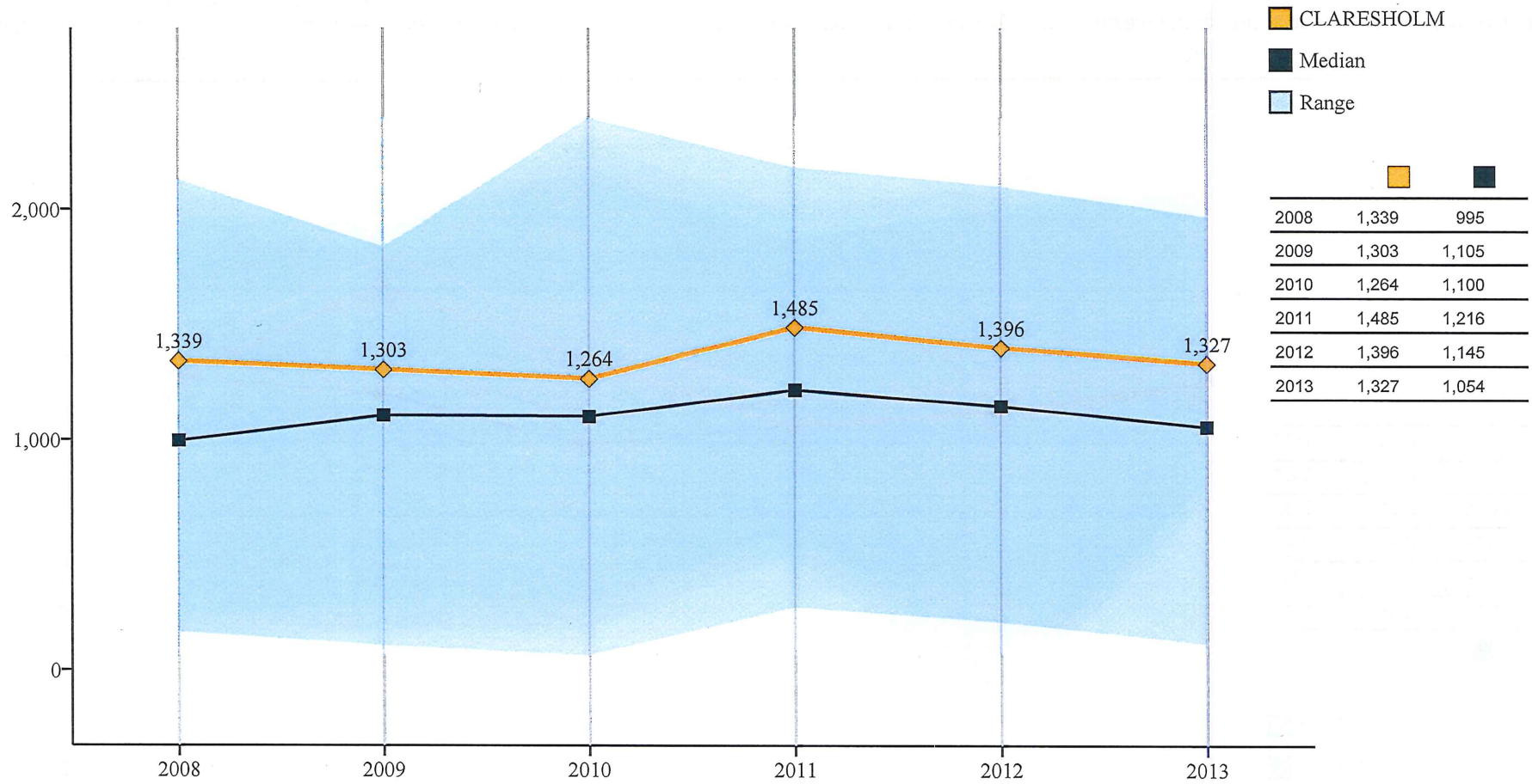
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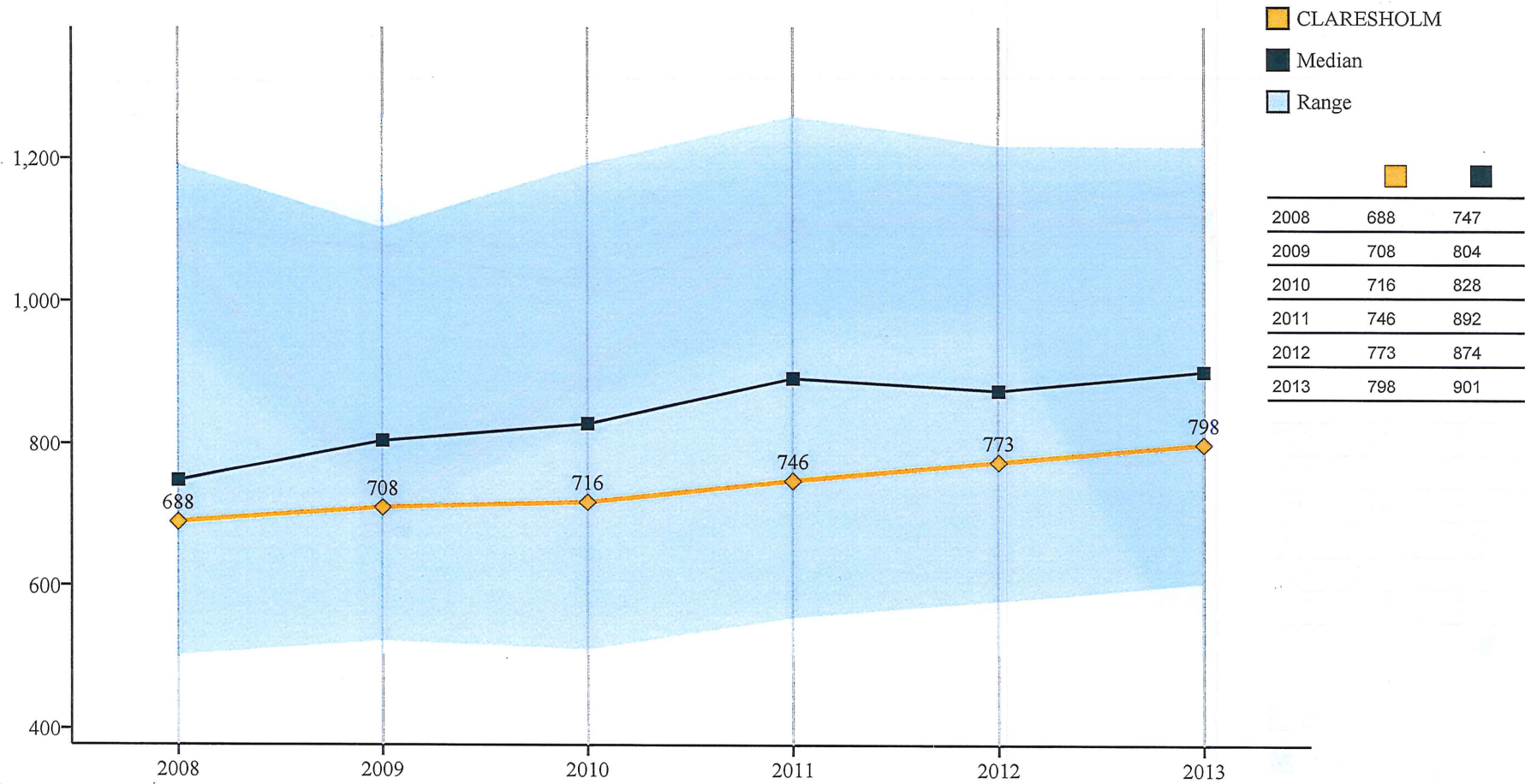
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Long Term Municipal Debt Per Capita

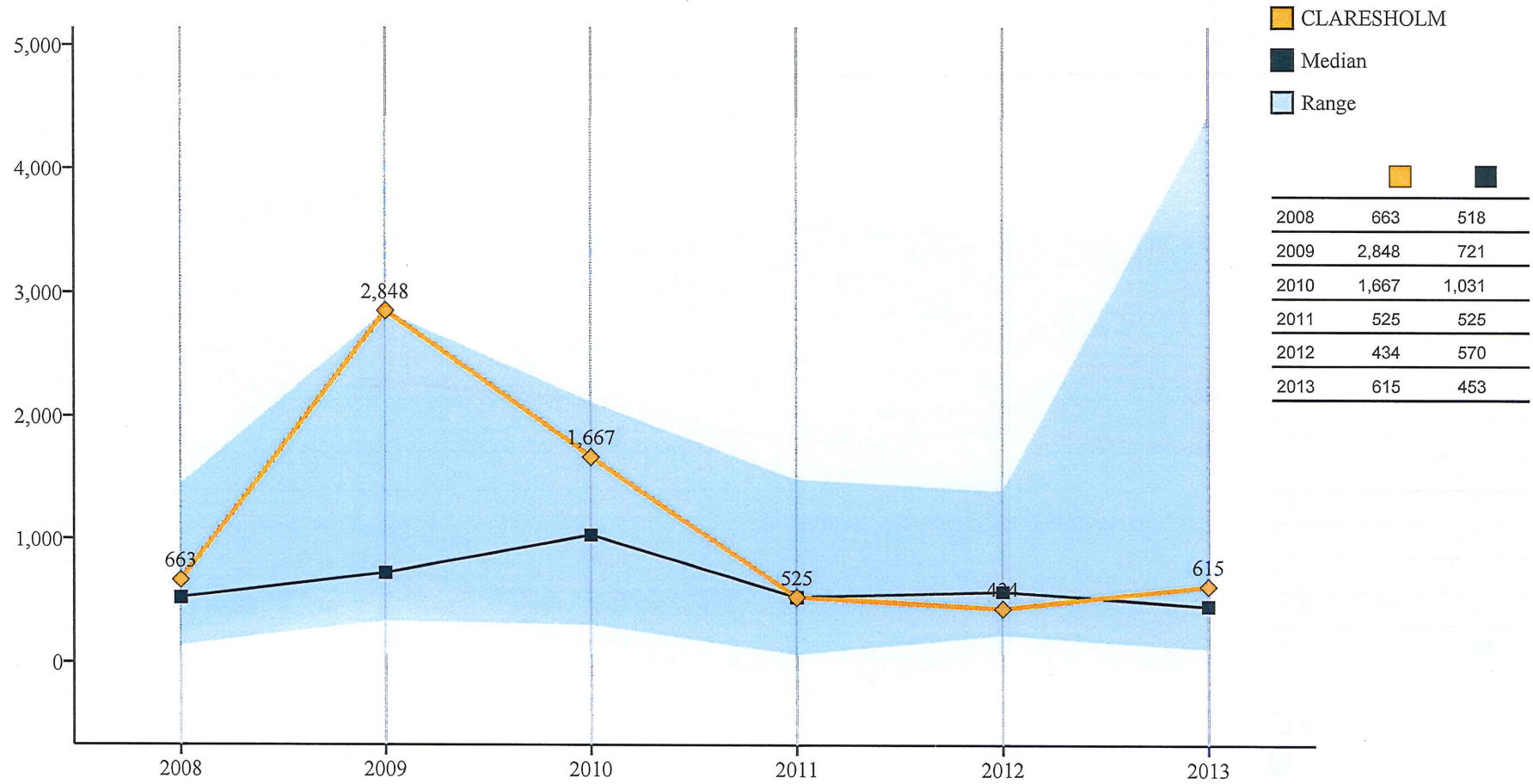


Revenue Sources Per Capita: Net Municipal Property Taxes



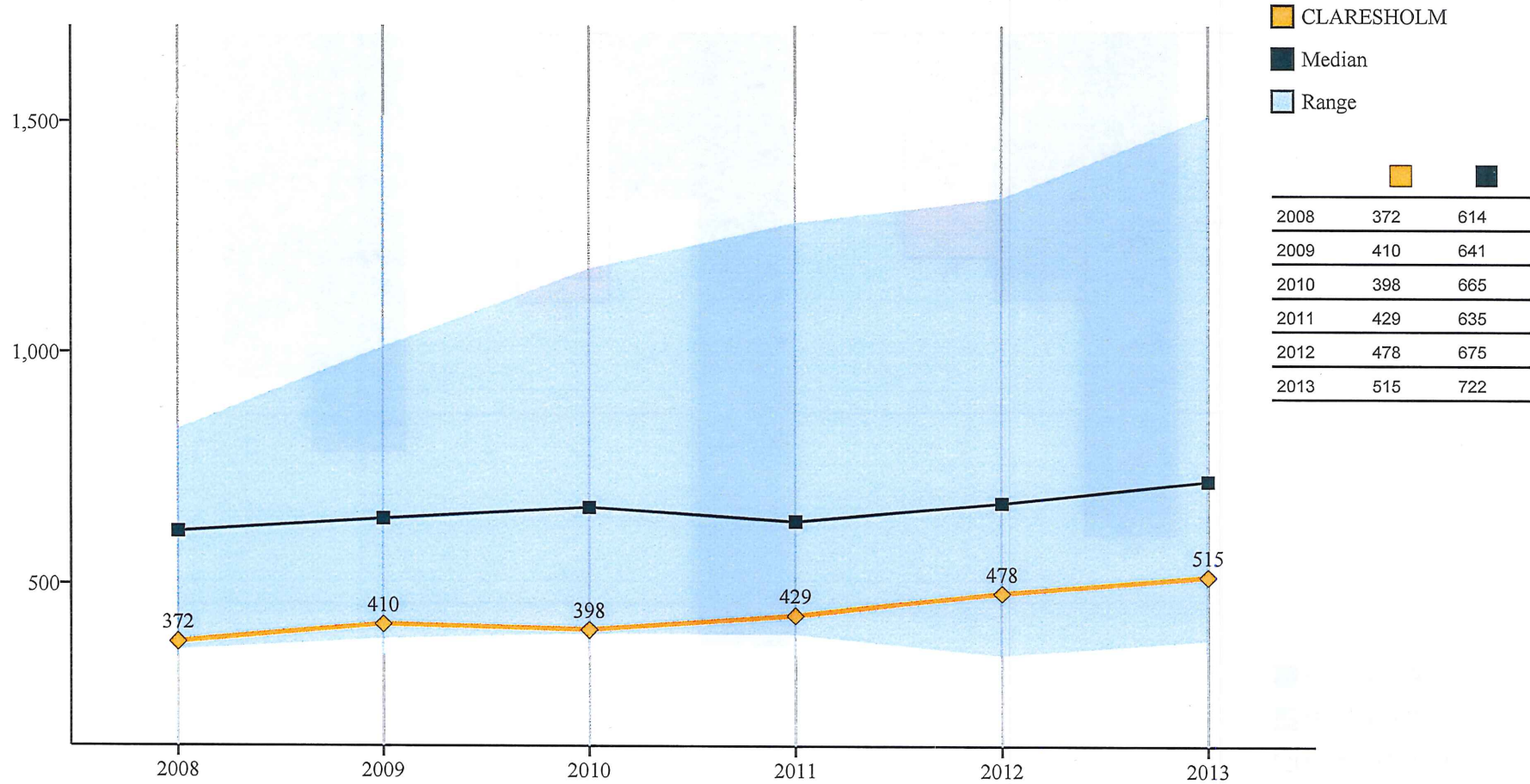
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Revenue Sources Per Capita: Total Grants



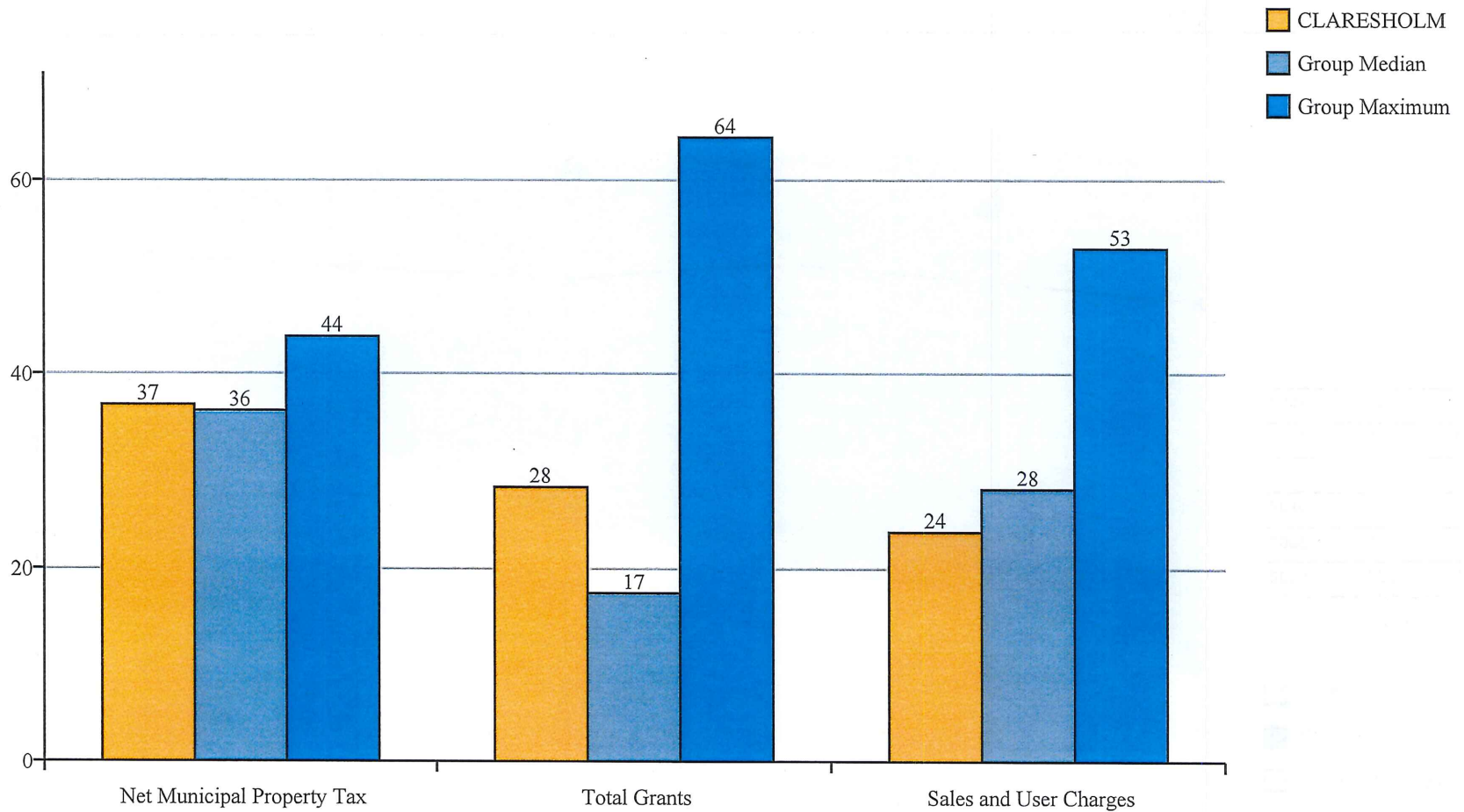
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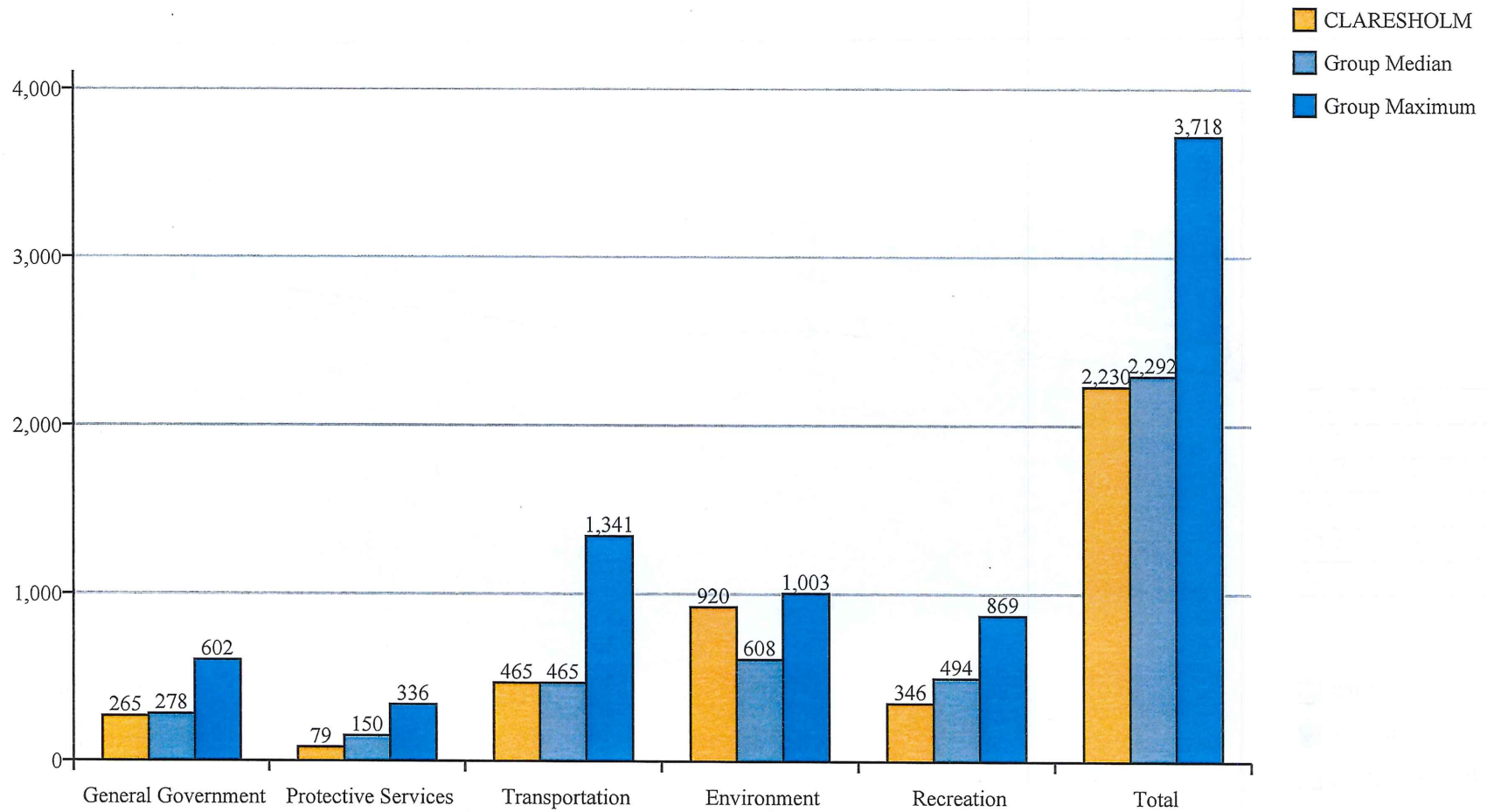


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Major Revenue Sources As % of Total Revenue, 2013

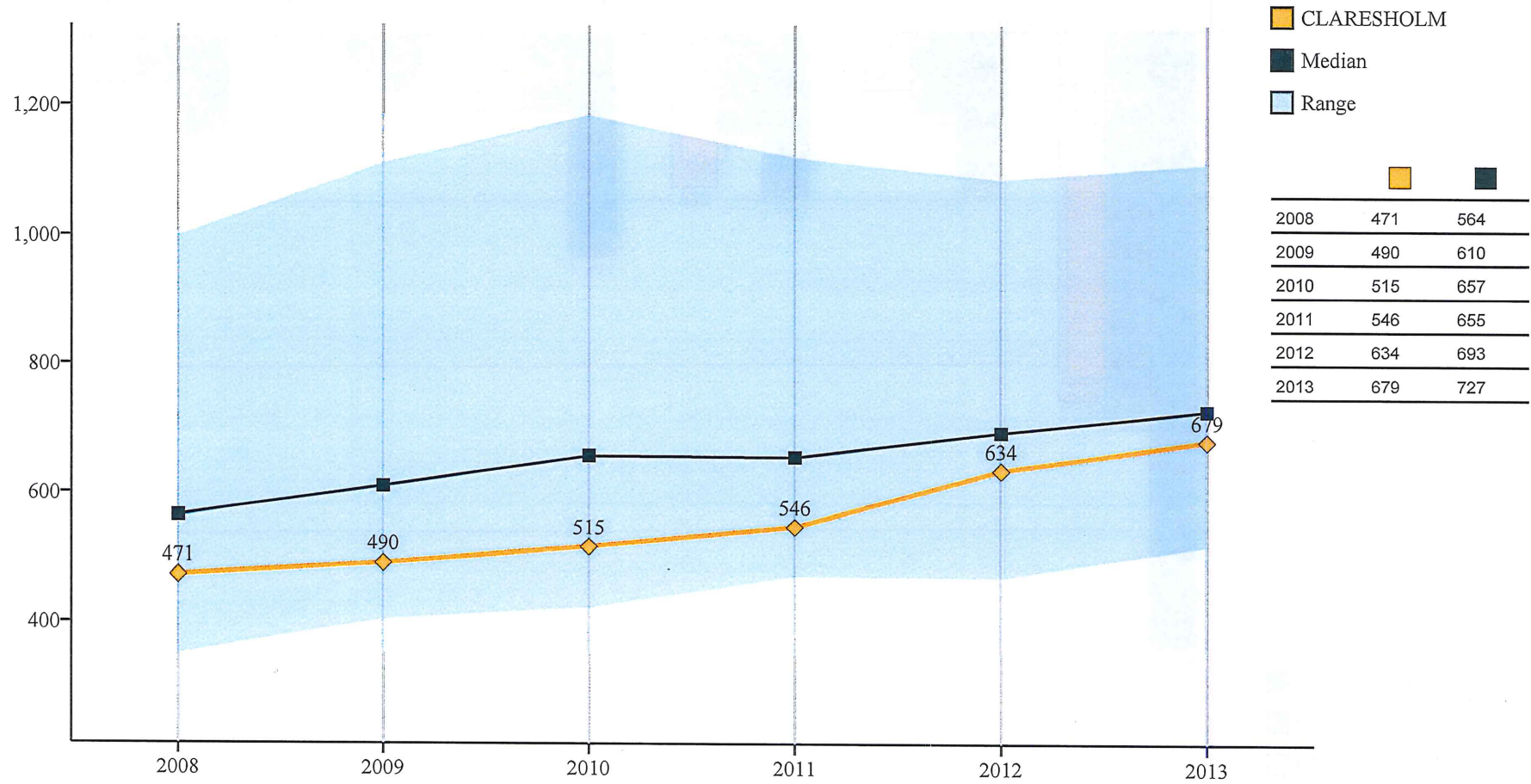


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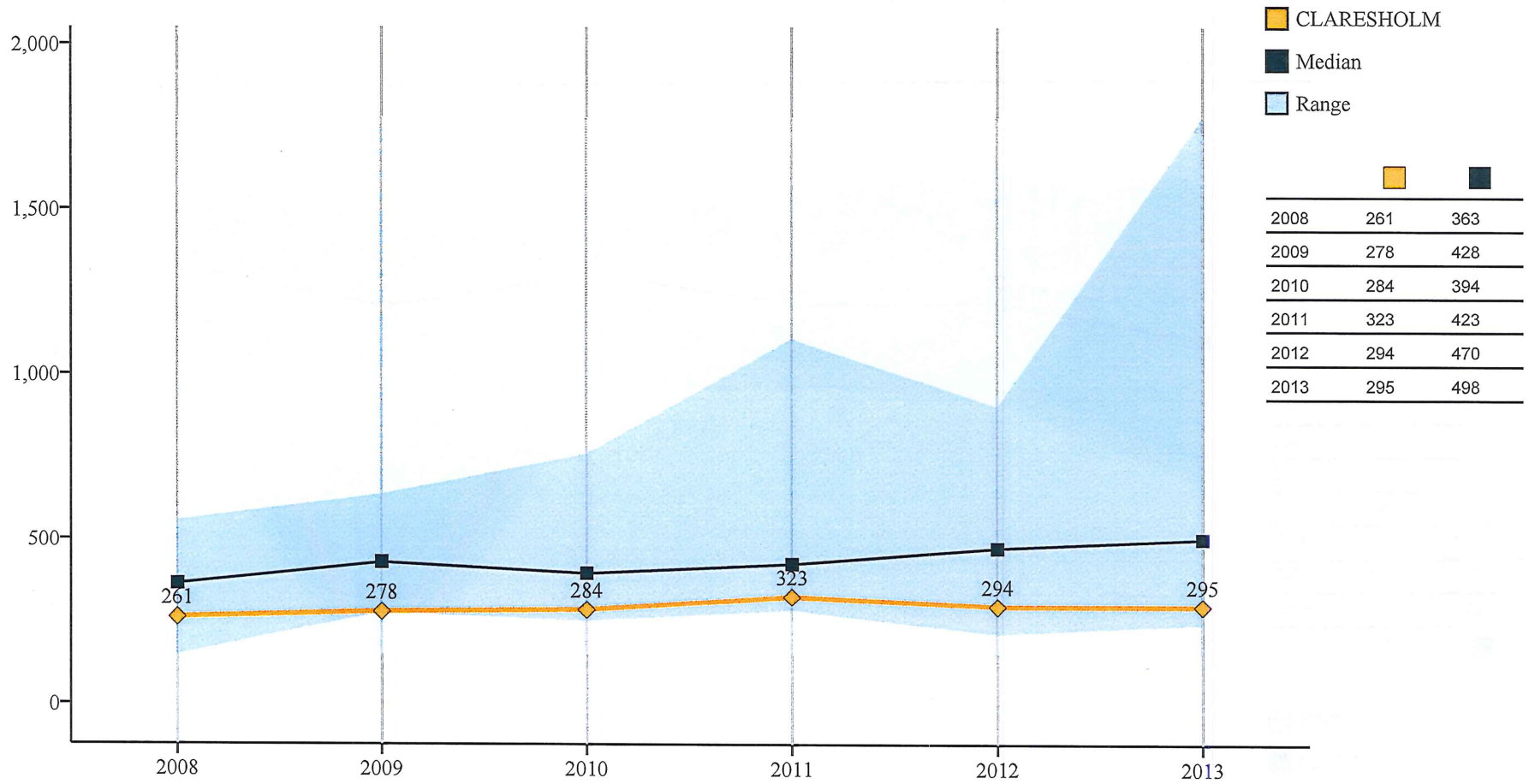


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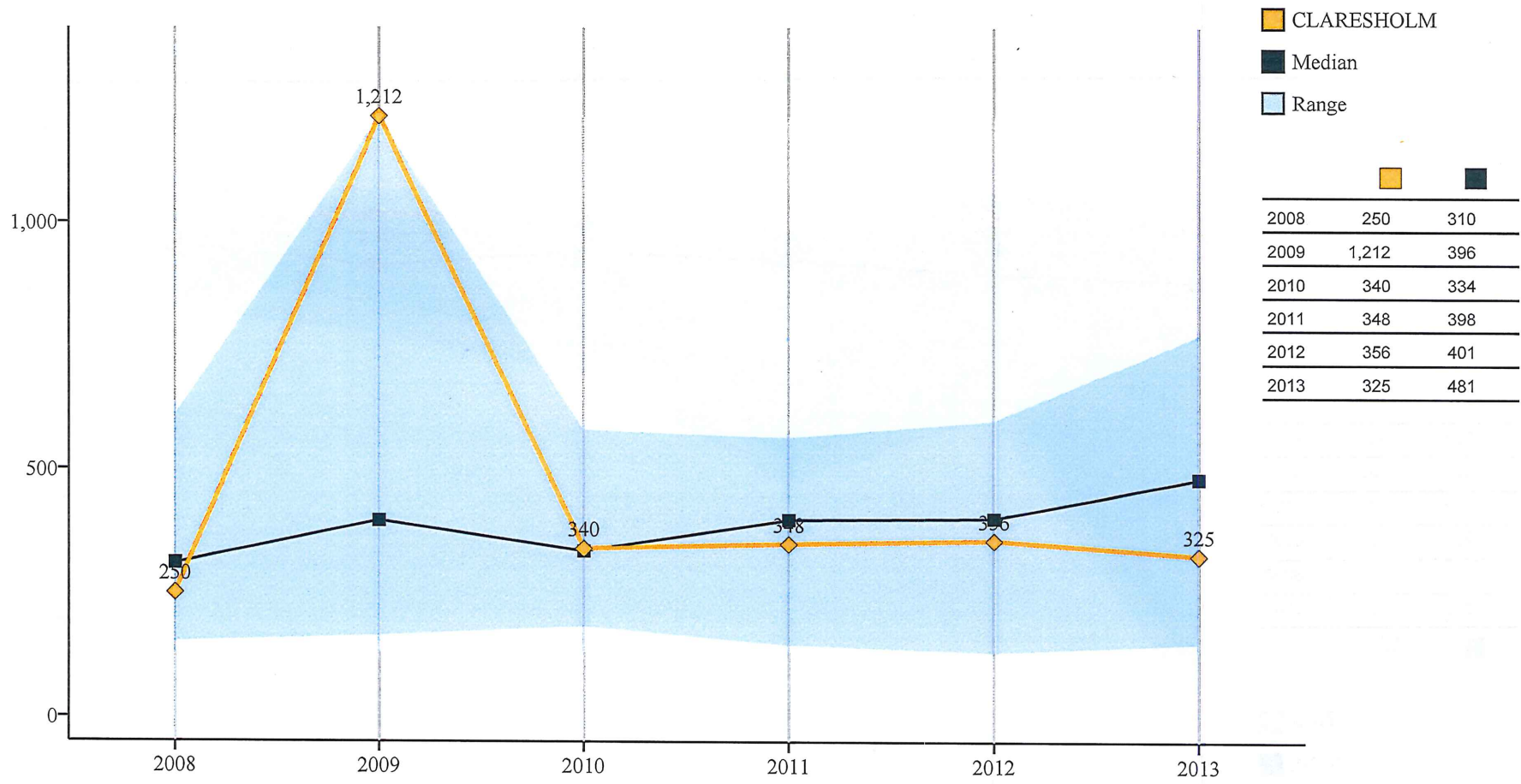
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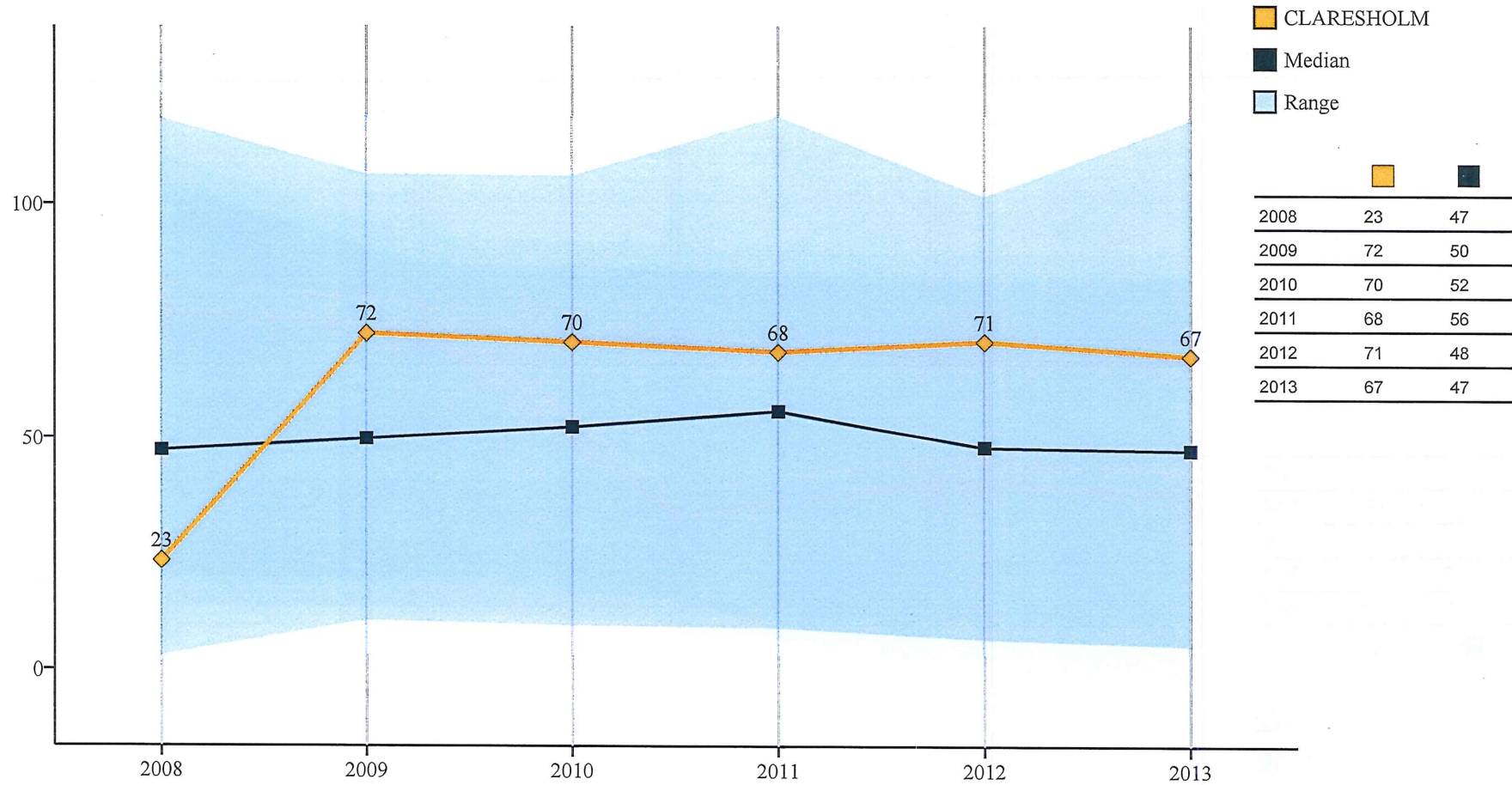
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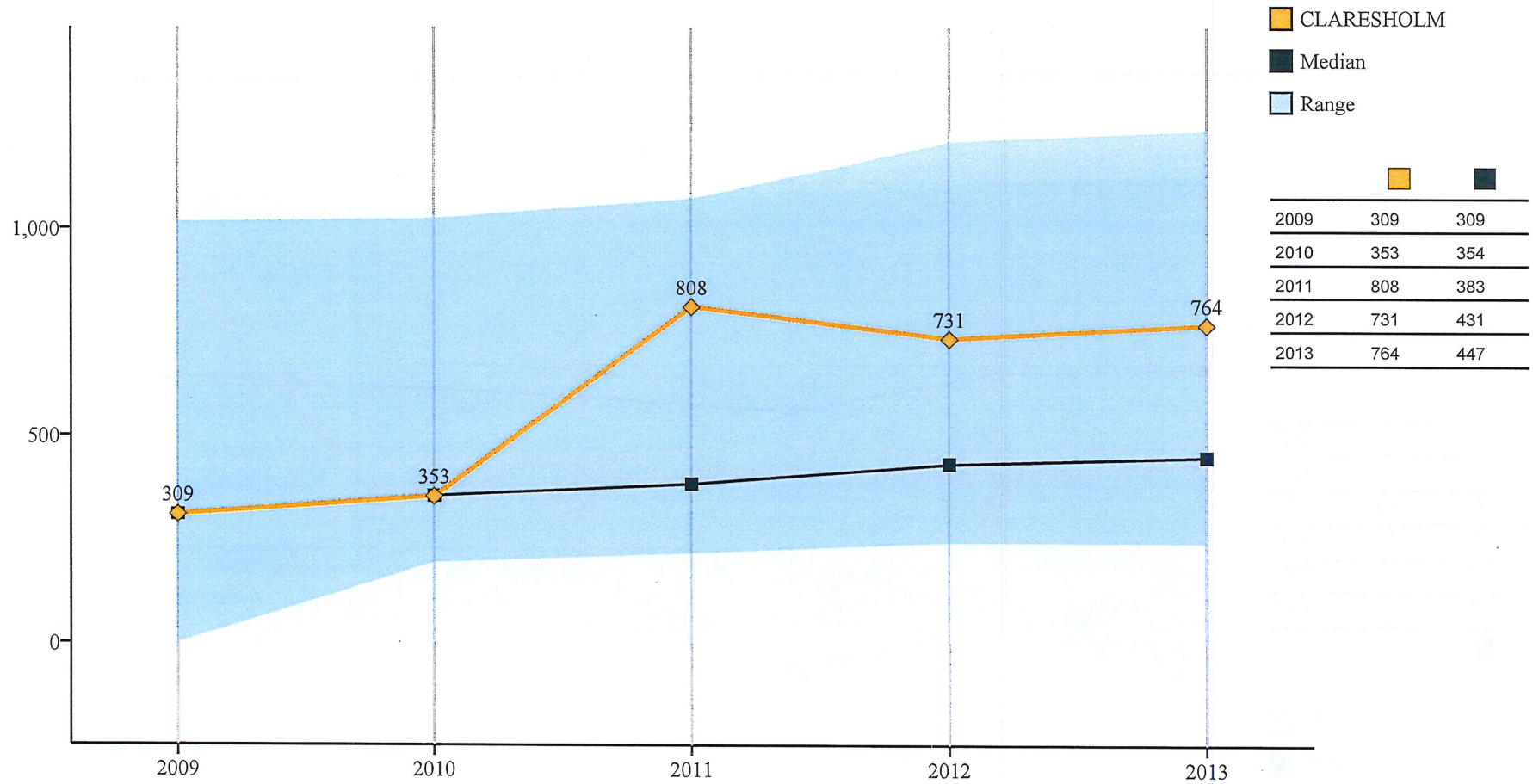
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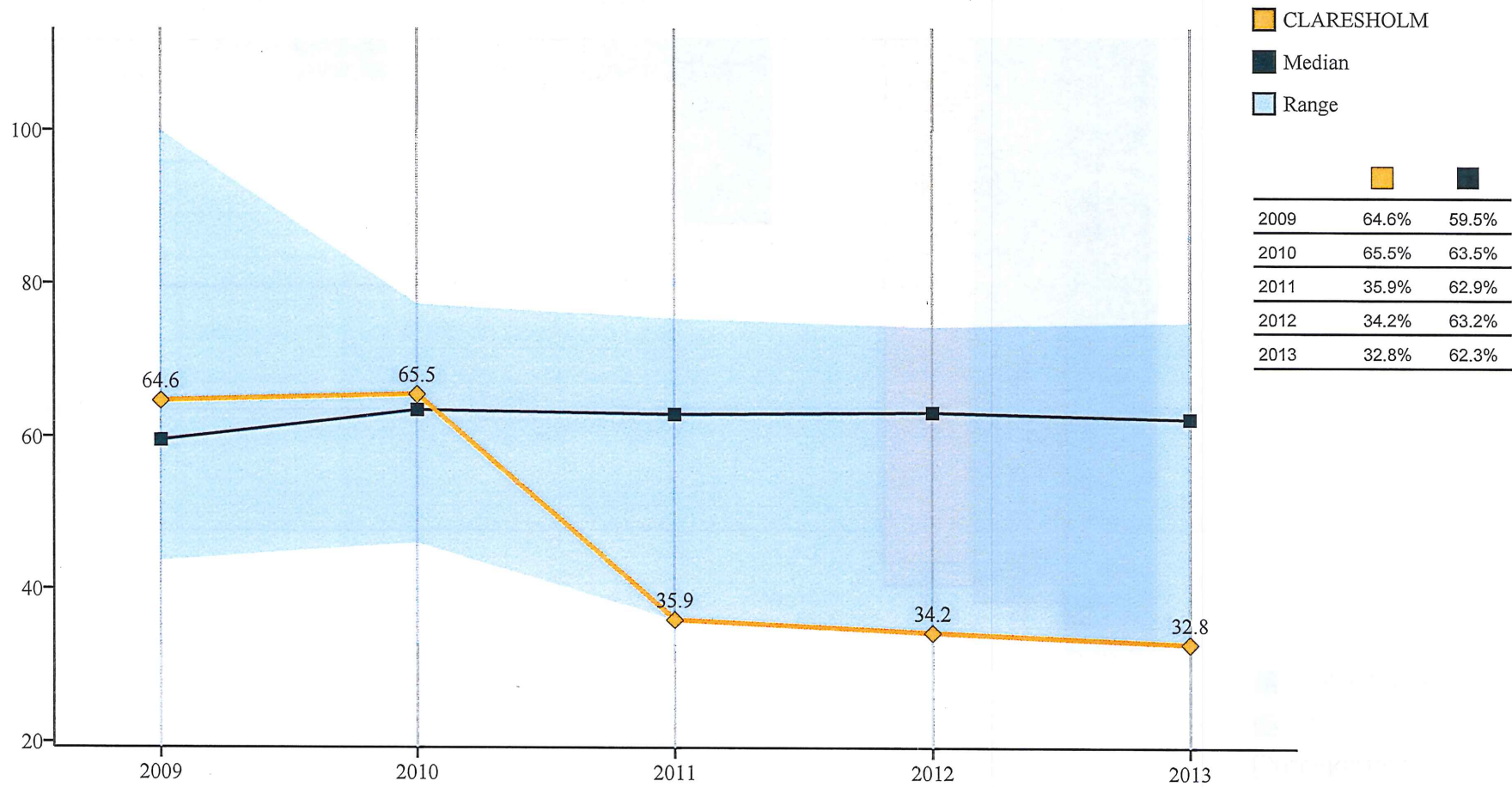


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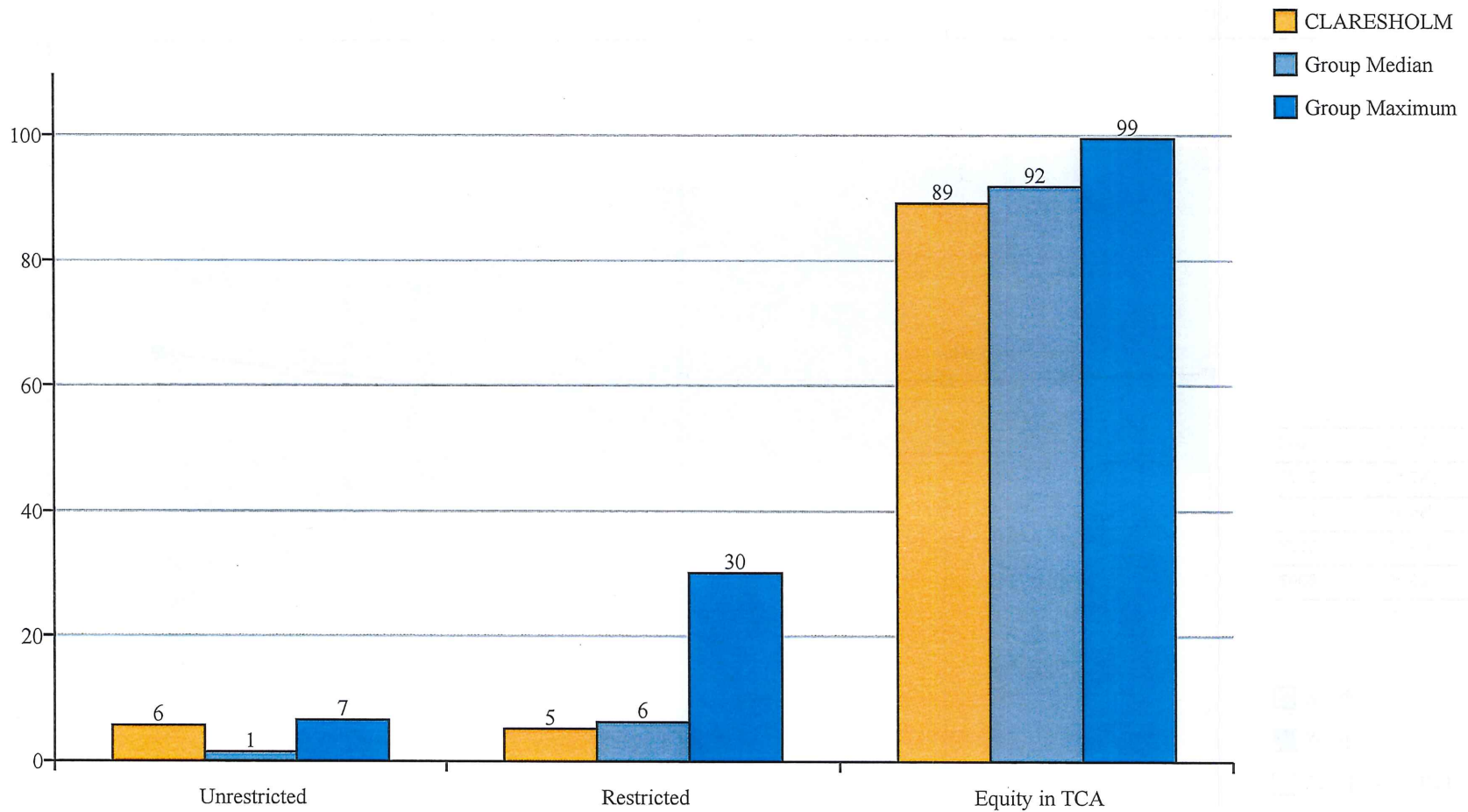


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Net Book Value as % of Total Capital Property Costs

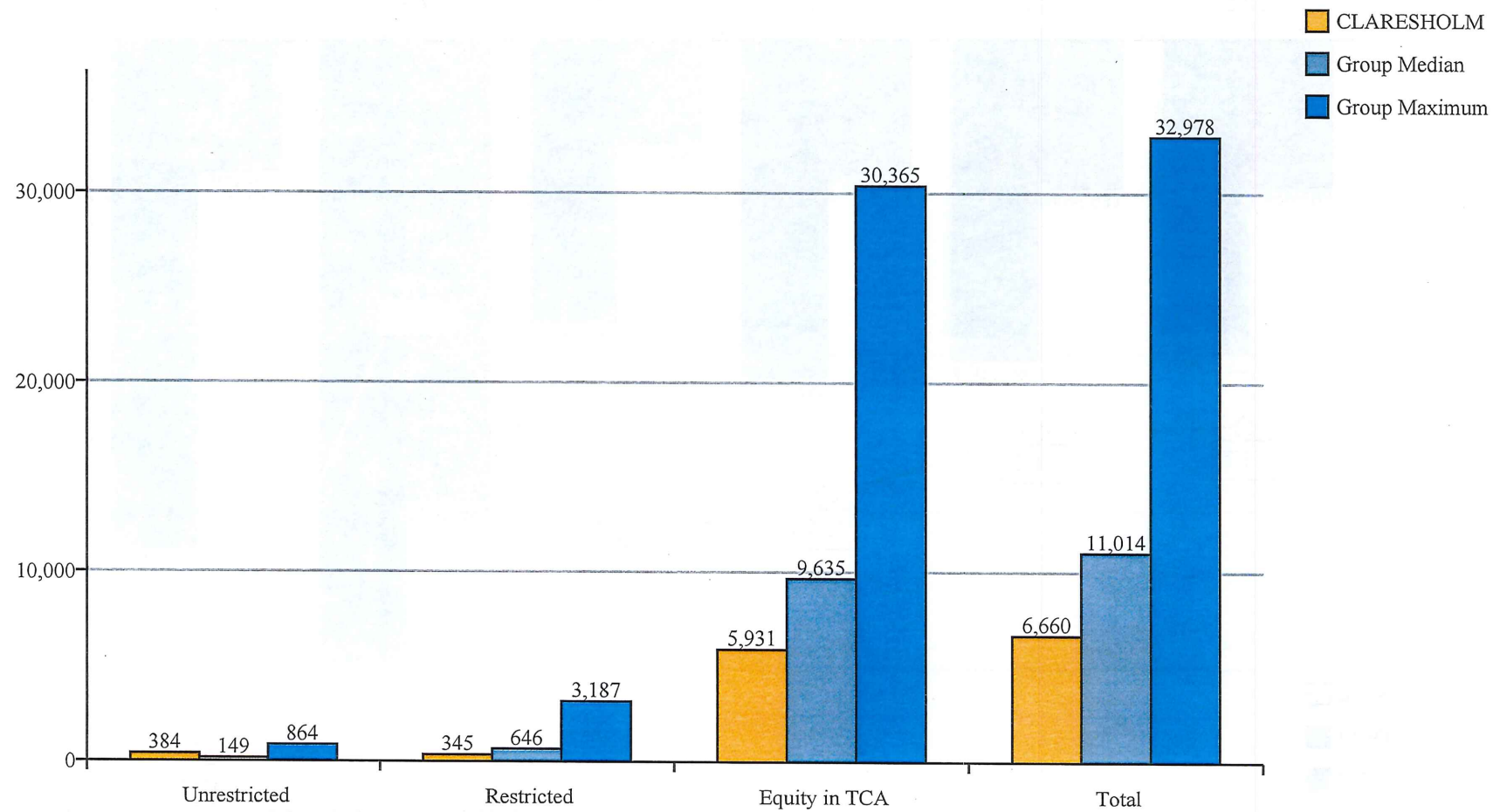


Accumulated Surplus Categories as % of Total, 2013



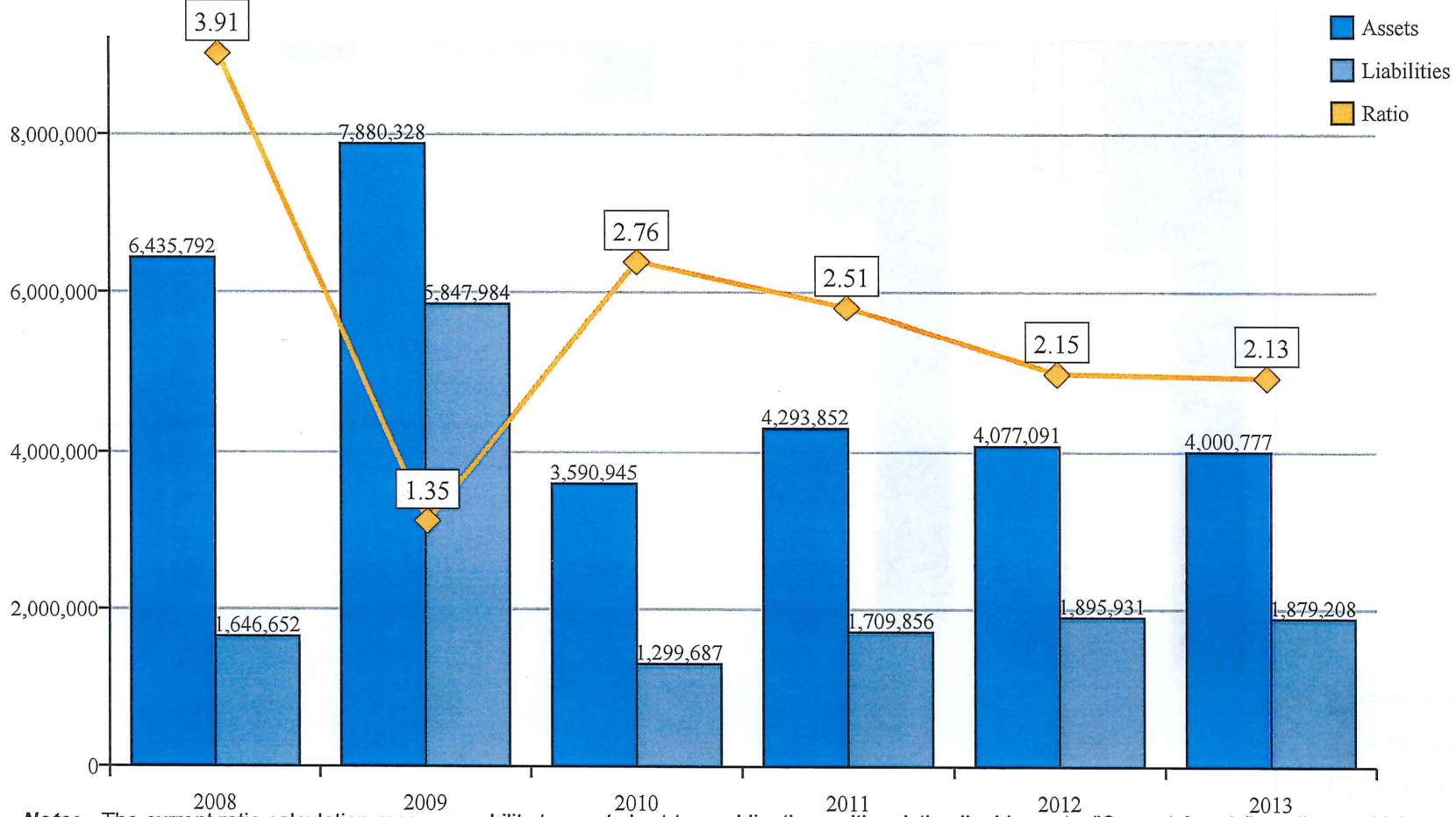
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Accumulated Surplus Per Capita, 2013



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Ratio of Current Assets to Liabilities

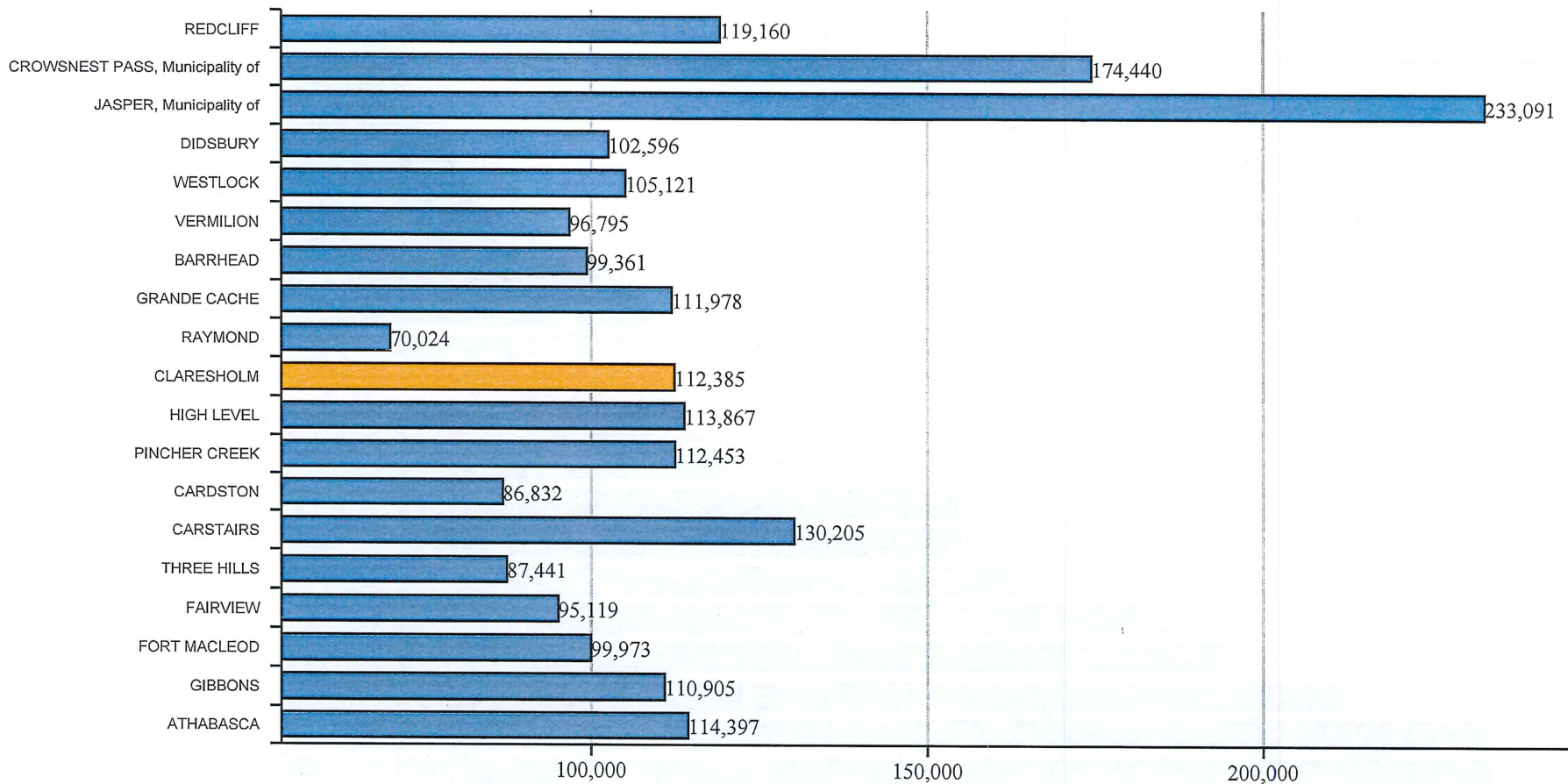


Note: The current ratio calculation measures ability to meet short-term obligations with existing liquid assets. "Current Assets" are those which are liquid in nature (cash or an asset which can be easily converted to cash). Inventory is excluded from the calculation. "Current Liabilities" are generally obligations coming due within the next fiscal year. The ratio is shown in the centre of the column. A ratio greater than one indicates the degree to which current assets exceed current liabilities; a ratio smaller

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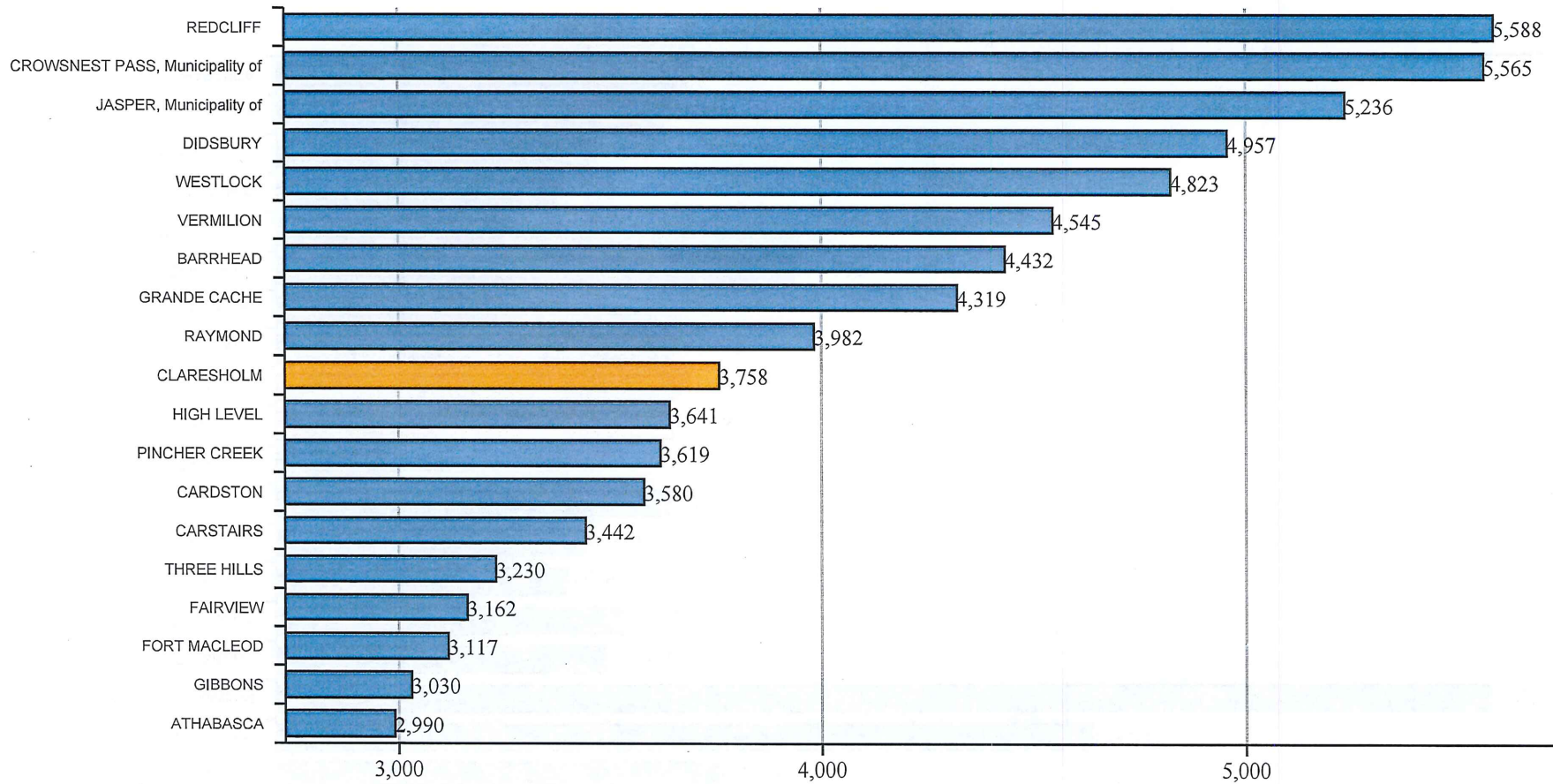
Equalized Assessment Per Capita



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Group Population



Member Notices

April 1, 2015

Save the date for June 17-19 Mayors' Caucus

AUMA members should save the date for the June Mayors' Caucus to be held at the Strathmore Travelodge in Strathmore on June 17-19.

These Caucuses are open to Mayors, Council members, and CAOs and are a tremendous opportunity to network and build consensus on key issues that affect Alberta's communities. The June Caucus returns to the traditional format where members attend one day according to their size:

- June 17 – municipalities under 2,500 population
- June 18 – municipalities between 2,500 and 10,000 population
- June 19 – municipalities with populations greater than 10,000

There are limited guest rooms available until May 6. To book at the Travelodge, contact the hotel directly by calling 403.901.0000 and cite room block code: CGPPAY

Other nearby hotels include:

1. Best Western Strathmore Inn
403-934-5777
2. Days Inn & Suites Strathmore
403-934-1134
3. Super 8 Strathmore
403-934-1808
4. Howard Johnson Strathmore
403-934-4000
5. Leroy's Motor Inn
403-934-3545

The cost for attending Mayors' Caucus is \$75 plus GST. Keep an eye on the AUMA Digest in the coming weeks for details on registration, programs, and instructions on how to submit an RFD for consideration at the Mayors' Caucus.

AUMA Awards nominations now available

Nominate someone from your community to be honoured at this year's AUMA Convention. This year's award winners will be celebrated at the prestigious President's Dinner September 22 in Calgary.

Ensure that you submit a biography and photographs for your nominee(s) for the awards ceremony.

[Click here for 2015 nomination information and forms.](#)

Award categories include:

Distinguished Service Award: The purpose of this award is to recognize Elected Officials of Alberta urban municipalities who have served 20 or more years on Municipal Council. **Deadline for submissions June 15.**

Award of Excellence: The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding Civic Leadership by present and past Municipal Elected Officials who have held office for at least three years in Alberta. **Deadline for submissions June 15.**

Dedicated Chief Administrative Officer Award: This award, co-sponsored by the SLGM/SLGA, recognizes long-term excellence and dedication to municipal government and chief administrative management. Deadline for submissions June 30.

Dedicated Senior Municipal Team Award: This award, co-sponsored by the SLGM/SLGA, recognizes long term excellence and dedication to Municipal Government Management as a team. **Deadline for submissions June 30.**

The **Sustainability in Action Award** recognizes achievements in sustainable governance with recipients in each of the following categories:

- Municipalities with populations under 2,500.
- Municipalities with populations of 2,500 to 10,000.
- Municipalities with populations of 10,000 or more.

The **Above and Beyond Award** recognizes staff, residents, or organizations who help municipalities achieve their sustainability goals related to governance.

We encourage your municipality to submit your nominations.

May 31 deadline for resolutions for the 2015 AUMA Convention

Municipalities are encouraged to start thinking about potential resolutions for the 2015 Convention as they must be approved by your Council and submitted to AUMA by May 31, 2015.

Guidelines for drafting resolutions can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

AUMA's Resolutions Policy can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Please provide sufficient background information so that AUMA and voting members can understand the issue and rationale for the recommended resolution. Resolutions without sufficient justification and background information may be returned to the sponsoring council for additional information. A copy of your council's motion to support the submission of your resolution must be provided. Before submitting a new resolution, municipalities are encouraged to check the active resolution page [here](#) to see if it is already addressed or partly covered by an existing resolution.

Copies of resolutions must be submitted to AUMA in hard copy or electronically as follows:

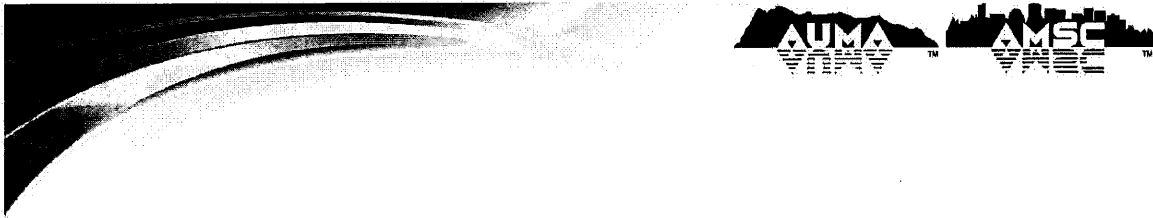
Hard copy: AUMA, 300-8616 51 Ave, Edmonton, AB, T6E 6E6
(Attention: Maureen Ford)

[Electronic copy via email.](#)

Late submissions will not be accepted.

If you have any questions about the resolution process, please contact Levi Bjork at lbjork@auma.ca or at (780) 643-5638.

If your resolution is accepted by our members at the Convention, AUMA will advocate on it for three years before it is deemed inactive.



Provincial Budget 2015

March 26, 2015

Introduction

Low oil prices have slowed Alberta's economy

Alberta's economy is slowing after five years of exceptional growth. The slowdown is caused by oil prices falling more than 50 per cent since June 2014. This is the lowest amount of resource revenue since 1999. These weaker oil prices dampen economic activity as business pulls back on planned investments and takes action to reduce costs.

Alberta's economy is consequently expected to slow from 4 per cent to 0.4 per cent real GDP growth. In turn, the labour market, which has attracted people to the province in droves since 2012, is expected to cool significantly. Unemployment is expected to rise to nearly 6 per cent by 2016.

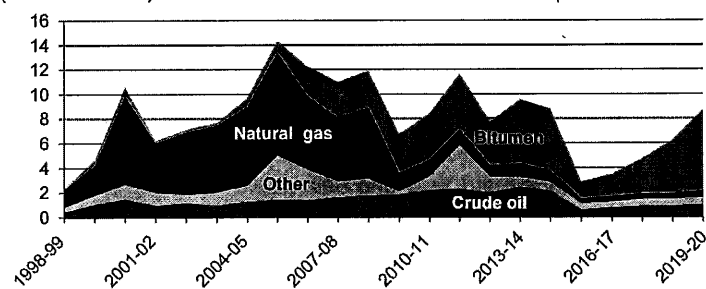
Beyond our borders, the Canadian dollar is expected to be around 81 cents per US dollar in 2015 and increase moderately to about 86 cents per US dollar by 2020.

Revenue shortfalls drive key budget decisions

These economic factors collectively leave the province with a revenue shortfall of at least \$7 billion which equates to 15 per cent of its typical revenue base.

Non-Renewable Resource Revenue, 1998-99 to 2019-20

(billions of dollars)



^a Other includes Crown land lease sales revenue.

Given the magnitude of this lost revenue, Budget 2015 required a combination of fiscal actions including significant reductions to planned spending, increased taxes and fees and the use of savings and debt to cover the shortfall.

Collectively, these changes reflect the intention to reduce the province's reliance on volatile natural resource revenue.

Fiscal Plan

In response to the economic volatility, the province announced a new approach for funding titled *Putting Things Right*, supported by five-year fiscal and capital plans.

Under this approach, the immediate actions are to:

- hold operating spending
- increase personal taxes (e.g., a progressive increase of 0.5 per cent on taxable income over \$100,000 and an additional tax for taxable income over \$250,000);
- increase fees and taxes (e.g., health care levy for Albertans with taxable income over \$50,000; increases to traffic fines; increases to fuel, tobacco, liquor and insurance premiums tax; increases to land titles, motor vehicle and other registry transactions);
- use the Contingency Fund (draw down to \$1 billion by the end of 2016); and
- use debt to fund infrastructure projects.

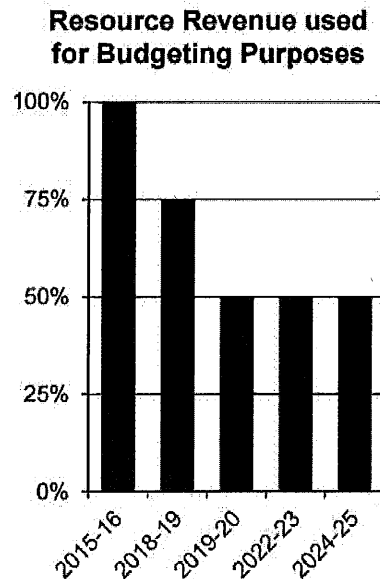
The result is a deficit budget of \$5 billion in Budget 2015.

Consolidated Revenue: \$43.4 B	Budget 2015 (millions of dollars)			2014-15 Forecast	2015-16 Estimate
Consolidated Expense \$48.4 B	Consolidated Revenue	48,959	43,397		
	Consolidated Expense	48,711	48,388		
	Consolidated Surplus / (Deficit)	248	(4,991)		
Consolidated Deficit: \$5.0 B	Other Key Metrics:				
	Contingency Account Year-end Balances	6,527	2,479		
	Heritage Fund Year-end Balances	15,091	15,257		

The province expects that it will not have a balanced budget until 2017. As well, capital spending will need to be financed by direct borrowing through to 2018.

Fiscal Plan (continued)

Beginning in 2019, the province will reduce its dependency on resource revenue by using only 50 per cent for spending, with the other 50 per cent used for debt repayment, investments in the Heritage Trust Fund, and the rebuilding of the contingency account so that it can be used for respond to floods, wildfires and other emergencies.



Source: Alberta Treasury Board
and Finance

Operating

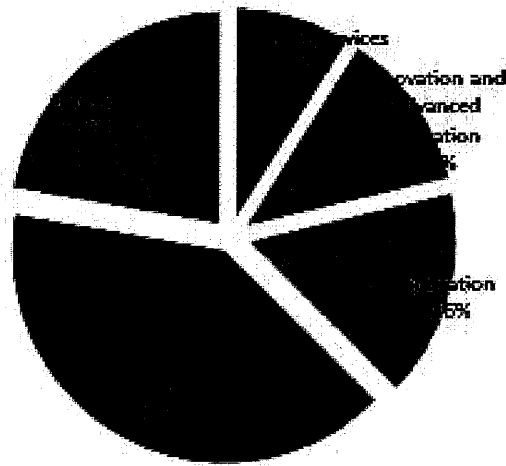
Despite pressures associated with population growth and inflation, there are no increases overall to the province's total operating spending. Therefore, in order to work within that level of available spending, the province must change which programs and services are provided and, for those that continue, look for ways to increase their efficient delivery.

Over the next year, 2,000 public sector jobs will be eliminated. Over the next three to four years, the province plans to make significant reductions to the cost of Alberta's public services. While existing labour agreements will be honoured, the province indicates that the next round of collective bargaining will focus on bringing Alberta's public service compensation in line with national averages.

Natural resources remain a pillar of Alberta's economy and the province will enable responsible resource development, expand market access, and support job training for a skilled workforce that includes more under-represented groups.

Similar to prior years, health, education and social services account for more than 75 per cent of spending. Additional supports have been provided for low-income Albertans.

Operating Expense by Ministry



Fiscal Plan (continued)

Capital plan

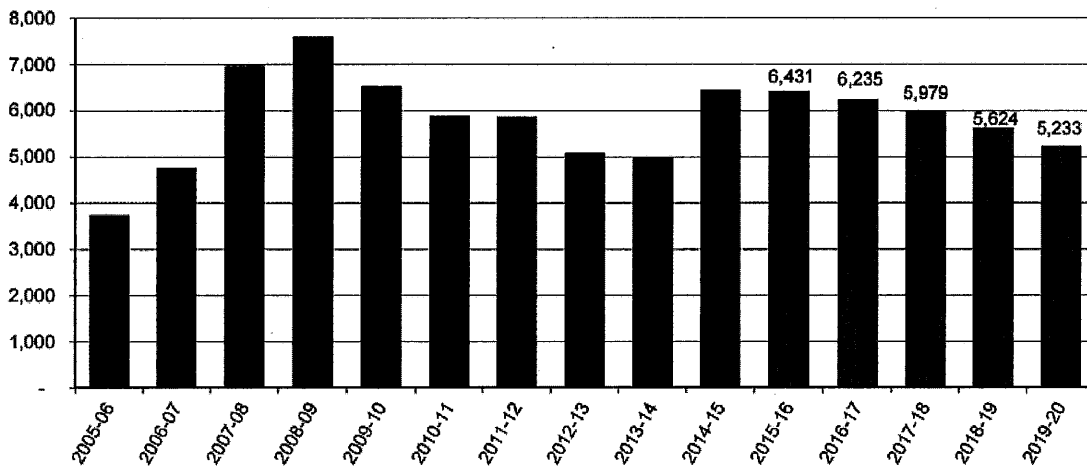
Through the capital plan, the province is investing \$29.5 billion over the next five years to address the need for schools, hospitals, roads, seniors' facilities and municipal infrastructure.

Highlights of the 2015-2020 capital plan include:

- \$7.9 billion for municipal infrastructure including the Municipal Sustainability Initiative and other programs;
- \$6.7 billion for the provincial transportation network including the Edmonton and Calgary ring roads, twinning of Highway 53 and road and bridge construction and rehabilitation;
- \$5.0 billion for schools;
- \$3.4 billion for health care facilities;
- \$2.3 billion for government facilities and other infrastructure;
- \$2.3 billion for other capital projects, including housing, water and wastewater management and community facilities; and
- \$779 million for flood recovery and mitigation projects.

Capital Plan 2005–2020 (Fiscal Plan basis)^a

(millions of dollars)



^a 2012-13 to 2019-20 excludes the acquisition of inventory and the development of land held for re-sale.

Municipal Impacts

AUMA makes a difference

AUMA's extensive advocacy, including our work on the MGA review, has led to the province's first-ever definitive public acknowledgement of municipal challenges. As outlined in the new provincial strategic plan, municipalities continue to struggle with a number of issues including growth pressures, the consistency and fairness of property assessment and taxation, and their authority and ability to deliver local services, and build communities that offer quality of life to their residents.

Despite this acknowledgement and the public's recent strong endorsement of the importance of municipal services, Alberta's revenue shortfalls limited the province's ability to substantively address municipal growth pressures.

While municipalities are receiving more than \$1.6 billion in funding with some modest growth in key municipal grants, several critical programs were reduced or held at current levels.

- **MSI:** The budget confirmed that the additional \$398.9 million recently announced for the 2014-15 budget was not new capital funding but rather an acceleration from 2015-16. The total 2015-16 funding of \$527.1 million reflects a net increase to the capital component of \$25 million. The province kept its promise to hold off on further reductions to the operating component.
- **Transportation:** While the basic transportation grant increased by \$9.4 million, the \$17.1 million strategic transportation grant was eliminated (this significantly affects bridges in rural areas).
- **Water and Wastewater:** The total funding of \$55 million reflects a reduction of \$20 million to Water for Life funding. This reduction increases funding gaps associated with the earlier reduction of \$95 million to drinking water and wastewater systems in Budget 2013.
- **Libraries:** Funding increased by \$3 million due to changes in the per capita contributions.

“Alberta contributes \$460 per person to municipalities, the highest of all the provinces.”

A number of key grants did not change (e.g., FCSS and policing grants).

There were no new legislative initiatives or programs announced in ministry business plans.

Municipal Impacts (continued)

Summary of core municipal grants

Grants To Municipalities (\$ millions)				
	Budget 2014/15	Budget 2015/16	Notes	
☺	Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Capital	871 (excludes the 398.9 advanced from 2015)	497	\$398.9 million of the intended 2015-16 funding was instead accelerated and recently provided in 2014-15 which brings the amended 2014-15 contributions to \$1,271 million. After factoring in this change in the timing of the funding, the net impact was an increase of \$25 million to 2015-16.
☹	Municipal Sustainability Initiative -Operating	30	30	While the province did not reinstate the \$20 million removed in Budget 2014, it has not advanced its original intention to phase out the funding.
	Alberta Community Partnerships	49	40	
☺	Basic Municipal Transportation Grant	343.1	352.5	Increase of \$9.4 million
☹	Municipal Water Wastewater Program/Water for Life	75	55	Includes \$30 million for Water For Life (decrease of \$20 million) and no change to water and wastewater of \$25 million.
☹	Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program	17.1	0	Program cancelled
☺	Library Funding	33	36	Increase of \$ 3 million due to additional 10 cents per capita.
☹	FCSS	76.1	76.1	No increase
☹	Municipal Police Assistance Grant	53.4	54.6	No increase aside from population adjustment
☹	New Police Officer Program	30	30	No change

☹️	Federal Gas Tax Fund	209	209	No change
☹️	Building Canada Fund for Small Communities under 100,000		6	New program
☹️	GreenTrip	247	185	Reflects timing in the completion of projects

Other changes (\$ millions)				
☹️	There will be a 35 per cent increase to the average traffic ticket. After factoring in the 10 per cent increase for traffic fine administration fees (i.e., from 16.67 per cent to 26.67 per cent), there could be an overall net increase of \$26 million in revenue for municipalities.			
	The royalty rate doubled for sand, silt, soil, peat moss, clay, and gravel. This rate had been static for 30 years.			
	The province is slowing land-use planning to help contributors manage their participation. Resources will be focused on current plans.			

Alberta Seniors will no longer be providing the grant in lieu of tax for seniors' apartments and family housing units that are operated by public Housing Management Bodies. The net impact, after the education portion is removed, is about \$15 million. The ministry indicates that the resulting savings were reinvested in the seniors lodge program.

The province's changes to taxes and user fees may impact municipalities (e.g. increased fuel tax). For further details on all municipal grants, [click here](#)

Municipal Impacts (continued)

Education Property Tax

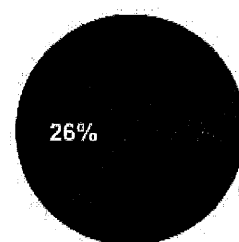
Education property tax requisition increased by 7 per cent or \$148 million, which intrudes into room for municipalities to increase taxes.

Two years ago, the province announced a policy of setting the education property tax revenue equal to a fixed 32 per cent of education costs. This means that the province gets 26 per cent of the property tax collected by municipalities.

As this model holds the province to a 32 per cent cap, it reduces the province's ability to collect revenue in a year when education costs are not increasing. Therefore, the province announced it is ending this approach and reverting to determining the amount on an annual basis, effective Budget 2016.

The 2015/16 education tax revenue is about \$2.3 billion.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAX



2013

■ Provincial ■ Municipal

Source: Alberta Treasury Board and Finance and Alberta Municipal Affairs

Education Property Tax requisition* (\$ millions)			
Fiscal year			
	2014-15	2015-16	Percent change
Residential	1,279	1,353	5.8
Non-Residential	827	900	8.8
Total	2,106	2,253	7.0
Calendar year			
	2014	2015	Percent change
Residential	1,273	1,332	4.6
Non-Residential	821	886	7.9
Total	2,094	2,218	5.9

*The 2015 residential/farmland rate will decrease from \$2.53 to \$2.50 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment and the non-residential rate will decrease from \$3.72 to \$3.67 per \$1,000 of equalized assessment.

This leaves municipalities with four unpalatable options: raise taxes, continue to rely on government transfers, take on debt, or defer municipal infrastructure or services.

Conclusion and next steps

Budget 2015 signals progress in AUMA's call for municipal infrastructure to be protected and advanced where possible and for the provincial revenue model to be changed to reduce volatility and to provide stable funding.

It is reassuring that the province has acknowledged its understanding of the compelling need for municipal funding changes. AUMA will continue to use the MGA Review to pursue long-term solutions to ensure municipalities have the required funding to meet their core obligations to their citizens.

This budget has underscored the importance for municipalities to have access to alternate revenue sources as opposed to relying on property tax and grant funding. Now more than ever, it is critical that we continue to work as partners in modernizing the MGA.

AUMA has already taken steps to ensure that all candidates running in the upcoming provincial election are clear about our three key messages. We have asked each candidate to ensure that they consider these as they prepare their political platforms:

- Implement revenue options to ensure a more stable, diversified, appropriate and consistent tax environment,
- continue to invest in municipal infrastructure, and
- build an effective partnership with municipalities through the MGA that allows for accountable and effective local decision making.

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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Landfill Commission held at the Landfill Facility February 26th, 2015 at 3:00 P.M.

In attendance: Chair Earl Hemmaway, Barry Johnson, Gord Wolstenholme, Lyle O'Neill, Shirley Murphy and Cheryl Guenther.

Delegations: Marian Carlson, Town of Claresholm and James Nakashima, YPM.

1. Chair Earl Hemmaway called the Meeting to Order at 3:00 P.M.
2. Approval of Agenda

15.10 **Moved by Gord Wolstenholme** to approve the Agenda as presented.
CARRIED 5-0

3. Delegations

Chair Earl Hemmaway started the session with introductions.

a) Town of Claresholm

Marian Carlson introduced herself as the new CAO for the Town of Claresholm. She explained that she wanted to make time to meet the members of the groups and committees she will interact with as CAO and as a member of the community. The group gave her some background on the landfill and how we are moving forward. Marian thanked the group for their time and said that she would like to stay and observe.

b) YPM-James Nakashima

James Nakashima from YPM attended the meeting to present the Commission with the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. James went over all the information within the draft document and answered questions from Cheryl and the members.

During the audit, adjustments were made to allow for the change in the post closure/closure liability. Cheryl asked if this is something that the Commission should include in the budget and if the adjustment amount would be a reasonable amount to budget. James felt that it would be reasonable to use the same amount and that it should be included in the budget.

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Landfill Commission held at the Landfill Facility February 26th, 2015 at 3:00 P.M.

3. Delegations

b) YPM-James Nakashima continued

There was discussion regarding the proposed building addition. As the closure/post closure liability is funded from reserves, Member Johnson asked if we could use the funds set aside for the post closure/closure liability to fund the building addition. James explained that would be acceptable to "borrow" the monies that fund the liability, as the Commission has time to ensure the liability is fully funded.

One deficiency that James encountered during the audit, was that the Commission does not have a specific policy regarding sick days and how they would be handled if an employee quit or was terminated.

James felt overall that the Waste Commission is in a fair financial position.

15.11 Moved by Barry Johnson to accept the 2014 Financial Statements as presented by James Nakashima-YPM.

CARRIED 5-0

Chair Earl Hemmaway thanked James and Marian for attending, and they both excused themselves and left the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

a) February 4th, 2015

15.12 Moved by Gord Wolstenholme to accept the Minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

5. Financial Information

a) Cheryl presented the members with the Accounts Payable

15.13 Moved by Lyal O'Neill to pay the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$16 865.55.

CARRIED 5-0

b) Online Banking

Cheryl explained that the bank has suggested that we sign up for view only online banking. This would allow for Cheryl to be able to access our bank account without having to contact the bank. This online service would not allow for any transactions, pay bills, transfer funds etc. to take place.

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b) Online Banking cont.

15.14 **Moved by Gord Wolstenholme** that the WC Regional Waste Management Services Commission sign up for view only online banking.

CARRIED 5-0

6. New Business

a) Delegation of Authority

Cheryl explained that she has updated all Board information with the Canada Revenue Agency, however that she does not have authority to do business, on behalf of the Commission, with the CRA. In order for Cheryl to be able to sign forms etc. for the Commission, the Chair must appoint her as a delegation of authority.

15.15 **Moved by Shirley Murphy** that Earl Hemmaway sign the CRA Delegation of Authority form giving Cheryl Guenther authority to do business with the Canada Revenue Agency, on behalf of the Commission.

MOVED 5-0

b) Waste Separation

Cheryl reported that there has been some issues in Fort Macleod regarding the separation of waste. Some local commercial businesses have been using the dumpsters to dispose of commercial dry waste.

Cheryl again explained the importance of proper sorting and separation, and that it is costly for the Commission to dispose of dry waste in our wet waste cells.

7. Old Business

a) Sick Days

One of the deficiencies noted during the 2014 financial audit, was that the Commission did not have a specific policy for sick days. Cheryl explained that the Employee Policy does state that sick days are not to be used for any other purpose other than to compensate an employee when they are sick, however the Employee Policy does not make reference to what happens if an employee quits or is relieved of their duties.

15.16 **Moved by Shirley Murphy** that accrued sick days will not be paid to an employee at the end of their employment, whether the employee leaves voluntarily or if their position has been terminated.

CARRIED 5-0

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7. Old Business

b) Building Addition

Cheryl reported that she has spoken with CAO Cindy Vizzutti from the MD of Willow Creek regarding assistance with the tender for our building addition. Cindy explained that she would certainly assist, however she would first have to get approval from her Council in order to do so. She explained that the process is quite involved. Due to the nature of the construction, new build, renovation of old, bringing old construction to meet the building code, Cindy had recommended that the Commission have their engineering firm handle the tender as well. With the engineer to act as a project manager, the responsibility would be theirs to ensure the Commission gets a good building.

15.17 Moved by Barry Johnson to have Hasegawa Engineering handle the tender for the building addition.

CARRIED 5-0

c) Groundwater Monitoring and Alberta Environment Reporting

Cheryl provided the member with the correspondence from Hasegawa Consulting to Alberta Environment regarding our groundwater test results. Hasegawa submitted the letter on our behalf asking Albert Environment for a new set of performance standards for our annual groundwater testing.

We have done what was required of us, now the rest is up to Alberta Environment. To date we have not heard anything back from Alberta Environment.

8. Correspondence

a) Town of Claresholm – Wednesday Opening

Cheryl provided the members with all correspondence from the Town of Claresholm regarding the opening of the landfill on Wednesday.

In September 2012, the Town of Claresholm requested that the landfill open on Wednesdays. The waste Commission agreed to open with certain conditions. The Town of Claresholm agreed to the conditions which included paying the landfill \$500.00 for each addition Wednesday that the landfill opened, effective January 2013.

At their regular council meeting on February 9th, 2015, the Council of the Town of Claresholm passed a motion to discontinue paying the Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Services Commission \$500.00 to open the landfill on Wednesday.

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8. Correspondence

a) Town of Claresholm – Wednesday Opening cont.

Cheryl provided the members with average tipping fees collected from January 2013 to December 2014. The members discussed whether it would be feasible to remain open without the \$500.00 fees from Claresholm. Cheryl stated that she felt that we would still receive the garbage, either on Tuesday or Thursday.

The members discussed whether to charge Claresholm for three Wednesdays in February or for just the 4th of February. Member Wolstenholme felt it was fair for the Commission to charge them for the three Wednesdays in February as they did not provide us with any notice of their intent.

15.18 Moved by Gord Wolstenholme that the Willow Creek Regional Waste Mgmt. Services Commission charge the Town of Claresholm \$500.00 for each of the three Wednesdays in February.

CARRIED 5-0

15.19 Moved by Gord Wolstenholme that effective March 18th, 2015, the Willow Creek Regional Landfill will no longer open on Wednesday.

CARRIED 5-0

Cheryl will endeavor to notify all rate payers and customers. She will run ads in both the Macleod Gazette and the Claresholm Local Press for two weeks, provide the MDWC with the information to include in their quarterly newsletter, send notices of this closure to all landfill account holders, as well as notices on site.

b) Clean Farms – Pilot Project

Cheryl reported that the WC Regional Landfill has been asked to participate in the Clean Farms pilot project. Earl reported that the Agriculture Service Board is volunteering to participate as well. We will partner with the MDWC on this project.

9. General Landfill Information

a) Tipping Fees-Dirt, clay and gravel

Cheryl reported that she has been approached by a MD of Willow Creek resident asking if he could haul clean fill, gravel mixture to the landfill without tipping fees. The members agreed that if they do this for one member of the municipality that they would be setting a precedent for future requests.

15.20 Moved by Shirley Murphy to deny the request of disposal without tipping fees.

CARRIED 5-0

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10. In Camera

There were no In Camera items.

11. Adjournment

15.21 **Moved by Gord Wolstenholme** to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED 5-0

Chairman Earl Hemmaway

Manager Cheryl Guenther

Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Services Commission
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Phone: 403-687-2603
Fax: 403-687-2606

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the WC Regional Waste Management Services Commission held at the Landfill Facility March 4th, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

In attendance: Chair Earl Hemmaway, Barry Johnson, Gord Wolstenholme, Lyle O'Neill, Shirley Murphy and Cheryl Guenther.

1. Call to Order

Chair Earl Hemmaway called the In Camera session to order at 2:05 P.M.

At 3:35 P.M. Chair Earl Hemmaway declared the In Camera session over and reconvened the Special Meeting of the Willow Creek Regional Waste Management Services Commission.

15.22 Moved by Gord Wolstenholme that, effective April 1, 2015, tipping fees for Commission Members increase to \$55.00 per tonne, hard to handle and bin truck refuse increase to \$65.00 per tonne and further that all other waste have a tipping fee of \$60.00 per tonne.

CARRIED 5-0

15.23 Moved by Shirley Murphy that Member Requisition increase by 5%.

CARRIED 5-0

15.24 Moved by Barry Johnson that the minimum tipping fees be set as follows:

Hard to handle/bin trucks

\$10.00 for 0-150 kg, \$20.00 for 151 to 300 kg, \$30 for 301 to 450 kg and weights over 450 kg \$65.00 per tonne.

All other acceptable waste

\$10.00 for 0 to 150 kg, \$20.00 for 151 to 300 kg, \$30.00 for 301 to 500 kg and weights over 500 kg \$60.00 per tonne.

CARRIED 5-0

15.25 Moved by Lylal O'Neill too approve wages as proposed by the Commission members.

CARRIED 5-0

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the WC Regional Waste Management Services Commission held at the Landfill Facility March 4th, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

15.26 **Moved by Earl Hemmaway** to adjourn the meeting
CARRIED 5-0

Chairman Earl Hemmaway

Manager Cheryl Guenther

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Buy GIFT CARDS through WCCHS (in partnership with West Meadow Elementary School) for everyday purchases, to give as gifts for birthdays or for your business needs. Up to 15% of your everyday purchases will be automatically donated back to WCCHS student activities!

Visit www.fundscrip.com/retailers for the list of participating retailers. Contact the office for further details.

NEXT ORDER IS DUE APRIL 29

WCCHS Alumni?

Register your information at www.wcchsalumni.com



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Call the school **403-625-3387** to let us know!



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Willow Creek Composite High School

The Navigator

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Claresholm, AB

"Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools in it than ever." - Charles Lamb

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

ROBB NASH PRESENTATION

Robb Nash is becoming nationally known for leaving a successful music career to share his incredible story with students across Canada, inspiring them to live lives of purpose. We are lucky enough to have him joining us at WCCHS on Thursday, April 16 at 1:30 pm, and everyone is welcome to attend!



Robb was the victim of a serious auto accident, a head-on collision with a semi truck. After a difficult recovery, and despite significant physical and emotional scars, Robb was left with a new outlook on life. He started a band as a way to leverage the power of music to share his philosophy, and soon had songs in the Canadian Top 10. Robb saw musical success as a platform from which to influence and motivate young people. He put aside performing to large audiences, and began speaking to youth in their schools across the country, playing his songs and sharing their meaning with his young audiences.

Robb and his band bring their presentation to more than 200 schools through 150 shows each year. He speaks to over 60,000 students directly, and touches another 500,000 through other mediums like Facebook and YouTube. He walks head on into difficult topics...bullying, addiction, self harm, and suicide. The presentation is 75 minutes and includes live music with integrated video, storytelling and humor to engage students in a unique way while covering many sensitive topics affecting today's youth. The goal of the presentation

is to bring hope and purpose to students, encouraging them to make good choices and make every day count. Please take the time to watch this short introduction before the presentation: <http://robbnash.com/videos/introstudents.html>

WCCHS TRIATHLON

The second annual WCCHS Triathlon is coming on Friday, May 29, 2015 at the Claresholm Aquatic Centre. Registration forms will be out in April, but it may be a good idea to start some training soon. Need more information on how to train? Speak with Mr. Adams.



YEARBOOK SALES DUE APRIL 27

The 2015 yearbook orders are now being taken and are due on April 27. The cost is \$40 and makes a great keepsake to look back on for any student. It also makes a wonderful gift for the Grade 12's who will graduate this year. Parents or students just need to pay the fee in the office to have a yearbook ordered for them. The 2015 yearbook will arrive in the Fall.

UPCOMING...

- LRS Regional Talent Show will be held on Friday, May 1 at the Empress Theatre. Auditions will be held April 15 & 16 in the drama room at 11:45. Please sign up in the office.
- Regional Skills Competition will be held on Wednesday, April 15 in Lethbridge.
- "SPEAK OUT" Conference will be held in Edmonton on April 17 & 18 for High School student leadership.

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

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REMINDER!

The drive through in front of the school is a **ONE WAY** from East to West.

ONE WAY →



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2015						
			1 April Fool's Day	2	3 Good Friday No School for Staff & Students	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter Break - No school for staff and students						
12	13 School Resumes	14 FCSS Volunteer Event 7 - 9 pm Baptist Church	15 Talent Show Auditions 11:45 am SKILLS Competition	16 Robb Nash 1:30 pm Baseball Home Opener 5:30 pm School Council 6:30 Sports Society 8:00	17 Speak Out Student Leadership Conference (Edmonton)	18
19	20	21	22 Gr 12 Student Finance Workshop EARTH DAY	23	24 PROM! Doors 6:30 pm Starts 7:30 pm	25
26	27 Report Cards LAST DAY TO ORDER WCCHS YEARBOOKS!	28	29 Fundscrip Deadline	30		

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Dave Adams

Greetings to you all in the learning community of Willow Creek Composite High School where we attempt to live our school motto of "Pride in Performance." It is time to do a check on the areas of focus for improvement in our school for the 2014-2015 school year.

We are continuing to focus on relationships and research at WCCHS this year, as we have a rich diversity of data from all of the surveys that were done last year and now again in 2015. In addition, we set five key areas that we wish to improve on at the school this school year. Here are the five key areas and some outcomes thus far:

- 1) *Making sure that there is a "connectedness" for our students, staff, and parents at WCCHS to our past, present, and future.* We are in the process of creating a corner of excellence in the school where we will recognize all the academic award winners for the current and past school years. A display cabinet has been ordered to showcase our trophies and accomplishments. The timeline for completion of these items is Athletic Awards in early June.
- 2) *Build more wrap around services and partnerships in the community.* We have just concluded hosting a conference here at WCCHS for FCSS. We will be hosting Robb Nash here on April 16 and JT Foster from Nanton will also be in attendance.
- 3) *Have a clear systematic approach to literacy and numeracy.* We have been working as a staff towards this goal in Grade Level meetings. In addition, there have been a number of meetings at LRS D level to address this concern, plus the staff is using Inter-divisional Days to work in collaboration in addressing this area.
- 4) *Empower students to understand they have a responsibility in respect of others, school, and themselves.* We have held a number of events to address this goal. In February we celebrated "Wear Pink Shirt Day in Alberta" with a positive response from staff and students. We also held a



student directed assembly that focused on tolerance and understanding. We are currently in the midst of selecting the Prom Royalty to provide leadership for the 2015-2016 school year.

5) Establish the identity of who we are at Willow Creek Composite High School.

We are attempting to recognize all areas of excellence in our school including academics, fine arts, and athletics. We have been using the expansive window space in the Learning Commons to proudly display our Honor Roll lists plus the banners we have won so far this year. Also, we have completed all the educational survey requirements for Alberta Education for the 2014-2015 school year. The results will be disclosed as they become available to us.

Thank you all for your support of our school!

SPORTS UPDATES

Basketball:

The Deep South Basketball League All-Star game was held in Picture Butte on March 26. Samantha Bassett (FPW) and Nicole Bohnet were named as Second-team All-Stars. Also participating were Shavanna Perry and Nicole Quinlan (FPW).

Badminton:

Practice schedules are posted on the website and around the school. WCCHS will be hosting the high school District tournament on April 14. High school Zones will be held in Medicine Hat on April 22. We will also host the junior high District Tournament on April 21. The junior high league tournament will be held in Pincher Creek on April 24 with zones to follow on May 2 in Lethbridge.

Baseball:

Baseball practices have been running for two weeks now. League games will start after the Easter Break with the home opener on April 16 vs Crowsnest Consolidated. Game time is 5:30 pm. They also have home games on April 20 vs Magrath and April 30 vs Vulcan.

Slo-pitch:

The girls started practices this week and

have a draft schedule for games starting later in April.

Sports Society:

Sports Society will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, April 16 at 8:00 PM in the Learning Commons following School Council. Check the school website for the agenda and last month minutes.

All Sports Society fundraising proceeds go to help facilitate our school sports and keep player fees to a minimum. Your support is appreciated!

VIDEO CONTEST- WIN \$100

Do you enjoy creating videos? Do you want to be paid for your work? Build a fun, creative, educational video, approximately 3-10 minutes long. Other rules can be found at the school on the posters. One prize of \$100 will be awarded to the video with the most votes at the end of the contest. All videos become the property of WCCHS and may be used as educational tools. All entries are due on or before Monday April 13 at 4 pm. Voting will take place April 15-22. Each vote must have a unique email address attached. Winner will be announced the week of April 27-30. See Mrs. Franz for more information.



TRUSTEES

Ward 1 trustees are John McKee (mckeejo@lrsd.ab.ca) and Bradley Toone (tooneb@lrsd.ab.ca). Please feel free to speak with them about any concerns you may have.

PROM UPDATES

Prom candidates sold 100 bunches of daffodils for the Cancer Society on March 30. Thank you for your support!

2015 Prom Candidates (E = Escort) are:

- Dakota DieBold & Clayton Billyard
- Sarah Ryer & Brady Broderson
- Chyna Clay & Hayden Lafreniere (E)
- Layne Burton & Monty Hart
- Lisa Florence & Darren DePeuter
- Mackenzie Russell & Spencer Campbell
- Andra Fitzgerald (E) & Aidan O'Connor
- Holly Busby (E) & Tristen Bishoff
- Alexandra Willis & Mclvor Kennedy

2015 Junior Prom is taking place on Friday, April 24, 2015 at the Claresholm Community Centre. Doors open at 6:30 pm and Prom begins at 7:30 pm. There is a \$5 admission. 50/50 tickets will be sold at the door. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend to support past and current candidates and royalty. Mark your calendars!

FROM THE LIBRARY

On March 14, another successful Read & Write In was held for our Book Club and Writing Club members. The next one is tentatively scheduled for April 18. Bookclub numbers grew this month to eight and the Thursday after school Writing Club is also going strong.

Last meeting we wrote and shared stories based on wild and wacky first sentences. On March 30, grade seven will be using Learning Commons to present stories they have been working on. On March 31 & April 1, Mrs. Marshall is showing junior high classes a how to access our online catalogue and digital library.

With our Spring Break coming up you may be looking a good read so we have new books and book club recommended displays to help you out!

WCCHS WE TEAM

On Wednesday April 15, WCCHS students are invited to take part in "WE ARE SILENT". This initiative (promoted by Free the Children and our WCCHS WE Team) is a way to speak out against a



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

Easter Break	April 3-10
Regional Skills Competition	April 15
Robb Nash Presentation (1:30 pm)	April 16
Baseball Home Opener (5:30 pm)	April 16
School Council (6:30 pm)	April 16
Sports Society (8:00 pm)	April 16
WCCHS Jr. Prom	April 24
Report Cards	April 27
LAST DAY to order Yearbooks	April 27
Fundscrip Gift Card Order Deadline	April 29
LRS D Regional Talent Show	May 1
WCCHS Triathlon	May 29

cause students are passionate about! Students may speak during classes if a teacher/staff member asks them a direct question, but are otherwise challenged to stay silent. As students are silent with their mouths, they are strongly encouraged to stay loud with social media by posting pictures of their ways of staying silent throughout the day.

Stand silent and be a voice for:

- Those who are bullied
- Those whose human rights are abused
- Those who live in poverty
- Those who are exploited
- Those who are denied an education
- Girls who live in cultures where they have no rights
- Is there another cause you are passionate about?

Students can pick up pledge forms in the office and/or set up an online pledge site by going to <http://www.freethechildren.com/get-involved/campaigns/we-are-silent/> T-shirts will be for sale March 30 – April 14 (while supplies last) that students can decorate and wear on April 15. Shirts are \$7 each, and fabric markers will be available.



Don't be sad... ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!
 Yearbooks are \$40 & must be ordered by Monday, April 27
 Pay in the office!

CLARESHOLM AND DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY
Board of Directors, February 20, 2015

ATTENDEES: Howard Paulsen - Lay Representative
Mike McAlonan – Town of Claresholm
Brydon Saunders – Lay Representative
Darren Allen - Wandering Willows
Holly Gillespie – Lay Representative
Bob Thompson – Claresholm Seniors Center
Birthe Berger – Town of Granum
Jason Schneider – Vulcan County

REGRETS: Brian Comstock – Lay Representative
Howard Paulsen, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

1.0 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Moved by Mike McAlonan to accept the agenda. Carried.
Introductions, Jason Schneider – Vulcan County, Marian Carlson, CAO,
Town of Claresholm

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Bob Thompson to accept the minutes of the meeting held
December 22, 2014. Carried

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

1. Expanded Medical Services – Presentation to Black Diamond moved to March 4

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Notice of appointment Vulcan county

5.0 REPORTS

1. Financial Report – Moved by Lyal O’Neill to accept the financial report. Carried.
2. CAO Report- Moved by Lyal O’Neill to accept the report. Carried.
3. Advertising & Fundraising – Funds raised YTD \$30,578
4. Chairman’s report. Things are going good..stop in for signing meetings. We could add a request for donations in with our invoices. Accepted for information.

**CLARESHOLM AND DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY
Board of Directors,**

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

1. Expanded Medical Services – We will request a delegation to MD Willow Creek.
2. Motion by Bob Thompson to offer to Stavely Elks to have their decals displayed on 1 van. Carried.
3. Motion by Birthe Berger to submit the application to CFL for \$15,000 to be applied to our first van going into Vulcan County. Carried.
4. Lyal will invite the CFL rep to come and make a presentation to our board.
5. We will send a request to attend the Health Foundation meeting.
6. We discussed sending a letter to the Town of Claresholm requesting assistance to cover loan interest costs.

NEXT MEETING is on March 20, 10:00 at WCCCC

7.0 The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 by Mike McAlonan.

cc. Town of Claresholm

MD

WCCCC

Laurie Watt

CGH

Tracy Mitchell

SIGNED:

SIGNED:

March 31, 2015

Proclamation Request to Falun Dafa Day Celebration (23rd Anniversary)

Dear Mayor Steel,

I am writing to respectfully request a proclamation of "Falun Dafa Day, May 13th" from you as we honor the 23rd anniversary of Falun Dafa's introduction to the public.

On May 13th, 2015, our 23rd anniversary will be celebrated in over 100 countries including Canada where practitioners will rejoice in festivities and celebrations throughout May to mark this wondrous time.

Falun Gong has received worldwide recognition, including thousands of awards and proclamations for promoting harmony in society through its traditional Chinese self-improvement system that guides people to mental, moral, and physical wellbeing through meditative exercises and the guiding principles of *Truth, Benevolence, and Forbearance*.

Although a state-led persecution of Falun Gong has been ongoing in China for nearly 16 years, its popularity has spread to over 100 countries and has gained respect from governments and citizens worldwide for its peaceful efforts to uphold human rights and dignity in the face of brutal atrocities.

We are blessed that we can fully enjoy the values of openness, tolerance and the freedom of conscience and religion in Canada. Our government officials' great stance on Falun Gong from the municipal, provincial and federal levels has been a great encouragement for us and has been shared globally. Particularly to those practitioners living in the darkness of the persecution, your public support has brought them great hope.

It is in this light that we celebrate in May and express our gratitude to all people who have selflessly lent support to this righteous cause.

We would appreciate to receive your proclamation by **May 4th, 2015**. An example of greetings/congratulations from government officials in the past is enclosed for your reference.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Yang

President, Falun Dafa Association of Calgary

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Previous Greetings, proclamations and speeches for Falun Dafa Month (excerpt)

Millions of people around the world have benefited from the teaching of Falun Dafa. Promoting the principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance, the practice has found a receptive audience in Canada... Last year, our Government was pleased to launch Canada's office of Religious Freedom... The Falun Dafa Association of Canada is a valued partner in these efforts ---- ***The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014***

Falun Dafa Hao(great)! Falun Dafa Hao(Great)! ...They are universal rights that you are demanding here today... Never take for granted the freedoms we enjoy in Canada. We stand in solidarity with you."....(Speech excerpt)

Truthfulness, benevolence and forbearance, the values which define Falun Dafa, inspire many Canadians to work together to champion peace at home and around the globe;----***The Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development, Minister of Multiculturalism, Speech, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014***

The core principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance, which are at the core of Falun Dafa, are important ingredients in the advancement of Canadian multiculturalism. Through their enthusiasm and hard work, Falun Gong practitioners encourage tolerance and harmony, and continue to make a positive impact on our great country----***The Hon. Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014***

Falun Dafa practitioners actively promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all members of our diverse society. These teachings greatly contribute to the advancement of Canada. ----***The Hon. Kellie Leitch, Minister of Labour and Minister of Status of Women, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014***

Canada's Chinese community has long played an important part in the social, cultural and economic development of our nation, and the fundamental values of Falun Dafa are a wonderful complement to our Canadian way of life.----***The Hon. Tim Uppal, Minister of State for Multiculturalism, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014***

Falun Dafa, which has over 100 million practitioners worldwide, emphasizes the principle of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance in every practitioner's life. Consisting of a set of five gentle, tranquil exercises, Falun Dafa practitioners thrive to attain a healthy body and spiritual enlightenment----***The Hon. Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014***

On Behalf of the Green Party of Canada and myself, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to the entire community as you gather this month to celebrate May 2014 as Falun Dafa month, Honouring Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance -- ***Elizabeth May, Leader of Green Party, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014***

Your bravery and courage have proven insurmountable and, in the face of adversity, you have not wavered from your beliefs or from the promotion of human rights. --- **Peter Julian, MP, Burnaby-New Westminster, BC. Greeting for Falun Dafa 2014**

I celebrate with you, the milestone 22nd anniversary and to celebrate the values of Truthfulness-Compassion-Tolerance, which are not only ancient Chinese values, but are universal values and indeed reflect the values of Canada as a plural democracy. This is really a common cause for celebration—**Irwin Cotler, MP, Vice Chairman of Parl Friend for Falun Gong, Speech for Falun Dafa Rally 2014**

Year after year I am continuously struck by the courage and tenacity of Falun Gong. It is obvious that this practice of Falun Gong represents an overall benefit to Canada. MPs from across all parties want to see an end to the widespread human rights abuses in China and the persecution of Falun Gong in particular —**Tyrone Benskin, MP, Jeanne-Le Ber, Speech for Falun Dafa Rally 2014**

[I] encourage you to keep up the fight. Your efforts are not lost, on me, on fellow parliamentarians, or on Canada. Keep up the pressure to convince those who are responsible for this persecution, that respect for human rights is not an option. It's a necessity in the 21st century.— **Brent Rathgeber, MP, Chairman of Parl Friend for Falun Gong, Speech for Falun Dafa Rally 2014**

Do not give up, we are with you spiritually, and we will join you in your quest for freedom as long as it is required— **Bruce Hyer, MP, Deputy Leader of the Green Party, Speech for Falun Dafa Rally 2014**

Together we must ensure that the basic human rights of Falun Dafa practitioners are being upheld. Falun Dafa's promotion of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance bring immense value to our communities here in Canada—**Kevin Lamoureux, MP, Winnipeg North, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014**

“It is my pleasure to congratulate the Falun Dafa Association of Canada on your 21st Anniversary. Your determination to practice your faith is commendable and I wish you the very best in 2013”----**The Hon. Bob Rae, Greetings for 2013 Falun Dafa celebration**

“I would like to extend my congratulations to Falun Dafa Association Canada on the occasion of your 20th anniversary. Your efforts, compassion and commitment to your faith is appreciated by your community. I wish you a successful celebration in 2012 “ --- **MP Olivia Chow Greetings for 2012 Falun Dafa celebration**

I commend the Falun Dafa Association for sharing your practices and traditions. The teachings of compassion and tolerance are so important in creating a safe and healthy society. The universal principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance are important not just for a single group, but are foundational to the health and heart of our communities —**Glen Murray, Ontario Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014**

At the heart of their tradition is to promote truthfulness, compassion, forbearance and to work hard in building this great nation. All Saskatchewan citizens can benefit from these teachings —**Hon Don Morgan, Saskatchewan Minister of Education, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014**

Diversity makes Nova Scotia stronger and the tenets of Falun Dafa—truthfulness, compassion and forbearance—are principles that we should all hold dear —**Hon Jamie Baillie, Nova Scotia Leader of the Opposition, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014**

Since its founding in 1992 Falun Dafa promotes its principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance, while welcoming all communities and cultures into its practice. I wish you great success on this year’s celebration...—**Charles Sousa, Ontario Minister of Finance, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014**

Falun Gong has received worldwide recognition for promoting acceptance, kindness and unity. The people of Saskatchewan identify with your values and share your efforts to encourage the general public to find peaceful solutions to conflict —**Hon Bill Boyd, Saskatchewan Minister of the Economy, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014**

As you celebrate this joyful occasion with Falun Gong practitioners, supporters, families and friends world wide, I thank you for all your do for making the world a better place...—**Kevin Flynn, Ontario Minister of Labor, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014**

Saskatchewan citizens take pride in coming from a province that is friendly and community-oriented. This aligns with Falun Dafa teachings of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance- principles that 100 countries from around the world will exercise throughout May —**Hon Gordon S.Wyant, Saskatchewan Minister of the Justice and Attorney General, Greeting for Falun Dafa Month 2014**

Municipal Proclamation of Falun Dafa Day	Greetings from Mayors
<p>Mayor Jim Watson, City of Ottawa, ON Mayor Mark Gerretsen, City of Kingston, ON Mayor Don Iveson, City of Edmonton, AB Mayor Dianne L. Watts, City of Surrey BC Mayor Walter Gray, City of Kelowna, BC Mayor Greg B.Moore, City of Port Coquitlam, BC Mayor Garry Litke, City of Penticton,BC Mayor Bob Kilger, City of Cornwall, ON Mayor Greg Dionne, City of Prince Albert, SA Mayor G.A. Krantz, Town of Milton,ON Mayo Lori Ackerman, City of Fort St. John, BC Mayor of Shari Green, City of Prince George, BC</p>	<p>Mayor Ted Clugston, City of Medicine Hat, AB Mayor Sam Katz, Major of Winnipeg, Manitoba Mayor Dave Barrow, City of Richmond Hill, ON Mayor Mel Norton, City of Saint John, NB Mayor Lehman, City of Barrie, Ontario Mayor Robbie Zwicker, Town of Hantsport, NS Mayor Adrian Foster, Town of Clarington, ON Mayor Susan Fennel, City of Brampton, ON Mayor Rick Goldring, City of Burlington, ON Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, Town of Aurora, ON</p>

Introduction of Falun Dafa:

A traditional Qigong exercise based on ancient Chinese values, *Falun Dafa* emphasizes the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance in every practitioner's life. It comprises a set of 5 gentle, tranquil exercises, through which one is able to attain a healthy body and spiritual enlightenment. More than 100 million practitioners all over the world have benefited tremendously from the practice. Falun Dafa activities and classes are open to public and free of charge.

Since its introduction to the public on May 13th, 1992 by its founder, Mr. Li Hongzhi, Falun Dafa has received worldwide recognition for its concerted efforts to promote harmony, tolerance and compassion in society. Those who practise learn to overcome selfishness, think of others first, look inside themselves for causes of conflicts, and elevate their moral character, becoming better and healthier persons and more responsible members of society. Mr. Li, meanwhile, seeks no monetary reward and requires that the practice be available to everyone free of charge.

During the past years, Falun Dafa month has been celebrated and received thousands of awards and proclamations, acknowledging its benefits, both spiritual and physical, to practitioners and the society at large.

Despite a nation-wide state-led persecution against Falun Dafa that was launched in China on July 20th, 1999 by the former Chinese president Jiang Zemin, the popularity of Falun Dafa has not only remained undiminished, but also flourished all over the world. Falun Dafa practitioners—inside and outside China—have responded to persecution with peaceful and persistent efforts to inform the public about the persecution, correct false claims made by the communist regime's propaganda about Falun Gong, and in so doing have provided an outstanding example of virtue and humanity in the face of injustice.

Falun Dafa practitioners across the world have walked a truly moral, righteous and honourable path, winning wide recognition, support and respect.

Together, we will commemorate this historical era of millions of Falun Dafa practitioners' righteous deeds and once again, acknowledge Falun Dafa for the benefits it brings to individuals, communities, and the world at large.

For more information, please browse:

<http://www.falundafa.ca>

PROCLAMATION

Celebrating May 13, 2015 as Falun Dafa Day Honoring Truthfulness Compassion and Forbearance

Whereas: Falun Dafa practitioners follow the principle of "Truthfulness-Benevolence-Forbearance" and incorporate it into their daily lives, striving to become better people in all environments and situations; and

Whereas: Falun Dafa promotes the cultivation of body, mind, and spirit and has inspired millions of people to improve their moral standards since it was brought to the public in 1992 by Mr. Li Hongzhi; and

Whereas: transcending the racial and cultural boundaries, Falun Dafa embraces people of all ages, from all walks of life and religious affiliations; and

Whereas: Falun Dafa practitioners in the communities across Canada will celebrate Falun Dafa Month with parades and free public traditional Chinese dancing and singing performances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I (.....) Mayor of the (.....) do hereby declare May 2015 to be

"Falun Dafa Day"

Honoring Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance

DATED this.....day of May, 2015

Signed.....

Claresholm & District FCSS board Meeting for March 2, 2015

Town Office Council Chamber

Present: Barbara Bell, Sherry Levesque, Lita Richards, Diana Ross, Shelley Ford, Jamie Cutler, Glenn Alm.

Regrets: Sharon Duncan

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Lita.
- Approval of agenda by Shelley, 2nd by Diana.
- Approval of minutes for Dec 10, by Jamie, 2nd by Glen.
- No minutes from Feb - no quorum
- Approval of financials-no financials
- Introduction of new CAO; Marian Carlson to members.

Correspondence Folder:

- Kinettes asking for money for Robb Nash, who presents on teen issues including suicide, addiction, making healthy choices. FCSS to donate \$500.00.
- 02-01 Motion to approve, Jamie, 2nd by Diana.
- Barb and Sherry would like to attend Women's conference on success strategies in Calgary April 18 2015, from 9-4. Cost per person is \$199.00.
- 02-02 Motion to approve, Shelley, 2nd by Diana.

Reports: Director

- Attended facilitation skills course in Cochrane.
- Working on budget with Marian.
- Attended a Lion's club meeting.
- Attended Directors meeting in Cochrane to discuss the possibility of taking on Early Childhood Coalition.
- Will be attending Chamber of Commerce meeting April.

Outreach Coordinator Report

- Family Day Skate was a huge success.
- Submitted grants for cyber bullying.
- Attended interagency meeting.
- PHECC had their toy boxes up stairs for the little ones to play with.
- FCSS will look into grants for the Firefighter Appreciation

Resource Centre Report

- Tax time started.
- Kid sports forms.
- Working on Welcome Wagon.
- Working with Jason Hemmaway to decorate store fronts of empty buildings with volunteers from the high school and artists around town.
- Kathy from library said we could use the basement to store stuff for decorating the windows.

New Business

- Early Childhood Coalition 0-6 years. (<http://ecmap.ca/Pages/default.aspx>)has funding for \$22,000.00 for coordinator position. Barb talked about the directors meeting in Cochrane she attended and how much responsibility is up to FCSS. Because the government is pushing onto FCSS.
- CAO meeting with Ruth to sign Grant agreement March 4 at 2pm.
- Mable Both is no longer with Victims services.
- Barb will send out all the funding application to be viewed by the board members. Funding request is at \$26,200.00
- Women's conference is March 28, 2015, 9-4 at the WCCHS. Tickets are \$50.00 and \$10.00 goes to the Claesholm Empowerment Society.
- Update on the "Station", moving ahead as a project not operating grant. Had to make a price list for in-kind office equipment and other donations. Mary is the CIP grant writer; the grant will cover rent for 2 years. There is a .4 for a fundraiser/volunteer coordinator position. We are looking for more agencies to rent space as our rent is \$2290.00. Our next meeting with Jack

from PCN is March 4th at the United Church all is welcome to attend, lunch is \$10.00.

Other Business

- Jamie asked about the Kayak Grant- no update
- FCSS wrote letters on behalf of Ruth for free swim.
- SADD was a great turn out the speaker was Jamie Fisher with MADD.
- Volunteer appreciation will be held at the Baptist Church at 7pm with an honorarium going to the Art Society. Julia will be asking restaurants to provide food for the evening. Jamie said we should put in request for council to show up.
- Barb will talk to Dave Adams to find 2 student members.
- FCSS is down 2 board members so will put a call out to find new members.

Adjourn: 8:00 pm By Glenn 2nd by Shelley

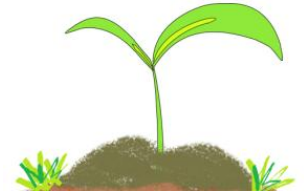
Next meeting April 7, 2015

DIRECTOR

CHAIR

Alberta SouthWest Bulletin April 2015

Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) Update



Digital Futures Symposium and Broadband

- ⇒ Representatives from AlbertaSW attended the *Digital Futures Symposium* at the University of Alberta
 - Peter Menzies, Chair of CRTC attended; regulatory issues are being evaluated and input is timely.
 - Conversations were held with provincial government departments and other REDAs.
 - There is growing momentum to address access to high speed broadband; partnerships are forming.
 - The value is not only in economic development; it also about health, education and social innovation.
 - Communications technology supports quality of life services to an aging population and youth.
 - Broadband services are seen as yet another utility, as basic a necessity as roads, water, electricity.
 - High speed broadband is a long term investment that is vital to the future of our communities.
- ⇒ John Barlow MP Macleod, met with AlbertaSW to discuss broadband activities and progress to date.

13 WAYS Community Audits

- ⇒ Information-gathering is completed and the results will all be presented on Wednesday May 13, 2015.
- ⇒ Doug Griffiths will attend as a featured speaker and also participate in community discussions.

Crown of the Continent and Montana Governor's Conference

- ⇒ Representatives from AlbertaSW attended the *Montana Governor's Conference on Tourism* held in Helena MT March 22-24, 2015. AlbertaSW has been collaborating with BC and MT since 2007 to develop opportunities in our transboundary region; this conference provides excellent learning and networking. Governor Steve Bullock stressed the importance of the tourism industry in not only generating significant revenue but also building awareness of the state as a place to live, work and invest.
- ⇒ A fellowship grant from the Crown Roundtable will support a summer project for a Montana high school student to develop an "augmented reality" app for locations in Glacier Park. His could serve as model to expand throughout the Crown and spark more youth engagement at a transboundary level.
- ⇒ New Crown website is up and running; there will be ongoing revisions to functions, links and content!
www.crownofthecontinent.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ Chinook Country "Reputation Management Workshop", ENMAX Centre, Lethbridge

Thursday April 16, 2015, 12:00pm - 5:00pm

COST: \$60 (Lunch included)

REGISTER: Myrna 403-329-6777 ext. 2 admin@chinookcountry.com

Topics include: online marketing, social networking; maximizing the content on review sites such as TripAdvisor, Yelp, etc.

❖ Travel Alberta "Tourism Industry Road Show", Heritage Inn, Pincher Creek

Friday April 24, 2015

Continental breakfast: 8:30am; presentations start: 09:30am

Lunch 12:00pm - 12:30pm Networking: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

No charge; register directly with Travel Alberta www.industry.travelalberta.com

❖ 13 WAYS Community Reports Presentation, Heritage Inn, Pincher Creek

Tuesday May 13, 2015, 4:00pm - 8:00pm



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Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday March 4, 2015 Country Encounters, Crowsnest Pass



Board Representatives

Lloyd Kearl, Cardston County
Barney Reeves, Waterton
Tammy Rubbelke, Pincher Creek
Jordan Koch, Glenwood
Trish Hoskin, Fort Macleod
Blair Painter, Crowsnest Pass
Henry Van Hierden, MD Willow Creek (alt)
John Connor, Granum
Garry Marchuk, MD Pincher Creek
Warren Mickels, Cowley

Crowsnest Pass Council

Dave Filipuzzi
Doreen Glavin
Marlene Anctil
Bill Kovach

Organizational Partners

James Tessier, CF Alberta Southwest
Clara Yagos, Trustee, LRSD
Leah Wack, Lethbridge College
Bill Halley, RINSA
Martha Ratcliffe, LRSD
Robin Lee Twigg, Piikani Resource Development
Cliff Elle, Southern Alberta Community Foundation

Resource Staff

Kathy Wiebe, Executive Assistant, MD Ranchland
Bev Thornton, Executive Director, AlbertaSW
Bob Dyrda, Communications Coordinator, AlbertaSW

1. Welcome , Introductions and Roundtable
2. Approval of Agenda
Bill Halley sends regrets.
Natalie Gibson added as item #6
Moved by Jordan Koch THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried. [2015-03-425]
3. Approval of Minutes
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Moved by John Connor THAT the minutes of February 4, 2015 be approved as amended.
Carried. [2015-03-426]
4. Approval of Cheque register
Moved by Tammy Rubbelke THAT cheques #1676-#1698 be approved as presented.
Carried. [2015-03-427]
5. Membership invitation-Cardston
Moved by Barney Reeves THAT Alberta SouthWest extend an invitation to Town of Cardston to join AlbertaSW.
Carried. [2015-03-428]
6. *Connectica* website and services
Bill Halley provided an overview of the new website and services offered by Alberta Innovation and Advanced Education.
7. 13 WAYS community reporting events
It is proposed that 3 sessions be held in the region to present the results of the information-gathering and research. Bev will follow up with communities to set dates and locations.
8. Operations Plan and budget 2015-16
Innovation and Advanced Education, Enterprise Division, Entrepreneurship and Regional Development Branch, has

renewed the mandate of REDAs and defined outcomes and expectations. AlbertaSW core businesses already align with these requirements; 2015-2016 operations plan will focus on ongoing projects and initiatives.

9. Call for Expressions of Interest,
Communications Strategy, Broadband

Moved by Tammy Rubbelke THAT the Board approve proceeding with a call for expressions of interest to develop a strategic communications plan to define the key messages relating to Broadband for Economic Development initiative.
Carried. [2015-03-429]

10. AAMDC Motion re: access to SuperNet

Accepted as information.

11. Broadband community consultations

Taylor Warwick continues to schedule community meetings regarding broadband issues and opportunities. Contact Bob for further information.

12. Communications Coordinator Report

Accepted as information.

13. Executive Director Report

Accepted as information.

14. Board Meetings:

April 1, 2015 – Cowley

May 6, 2015 – Fort Macleod

June 3, 2015 – AGM, Castle Mountain

Possible location for AGM would be Castle Mountain Resort. Bev will follow up on that suggestion.

15. Adjournment

Moved by John Connor THAT the meeting be adjourned.
Carried. [2015-03-430]

Chair

Approved April 1, 2015

Secretary/Treasurer



Mayors & Reeves of Southwest Alberta

MINUTES

FRIDAY, March 6, 2015 - 1:00 PM
Oldman River Regional Services Commission Board Room

PRESENT:

Mayor George Bohne, Chair	Town of Raymond	Mayor Eric Jensen	Village of Barnwell
Mayor Maggie Kronen	Town of Cardston	Mayor Ed Weistra	Village of Barons
Mayor Kim Craig	Town of Coaldale	Mayor Tom Butler, Vice Chair	Village of Coutts
Mayor Dennis Cassie	Town of Coalhurst	Mayor Jordon Koch	Village of Glenwood
Mayor Blair Painter	Crowsnest Pass Mun.	Mayor Rafael Zea	Village of Mio
Mayor Rene Gendre	Town of Fort Macleod	Mayor Don McDowell	Village of Nobleford
Coun. Gord Wolstenholme	Town of Fort Macleod	Reeve Larry Spilak	MD of Foothills
Councillor Brian Oliver	Town of Magrath	Reeve Brian Hammond	MD of Pincher Creek
Mayor David Hawco	Town of Milk River	Dep. Reeve Harry Streeter	MD of Ranchland
Mayor Rick Everett	Town of Nanton	Reeve Brian Brewin	MD of Taber
Mayor Don Anderberg	Town of Pincher Creek	Reeve Neil Wilson	MD of Willow Creek
Mayor Henk De Vlieger	Town of Taber	Reeve Fred Lacey	Cardston County
Mayor Margaret Plumtree	Town of Vauxhall	Reeve Lorne Hickey	Lethbridge County
Mayor Thomas Grant	Town of Vulcan	Dep. Reeve Phil Jensen	County of Warner
Chair Brian (Barney) Steeves	ID 04 Waterton Lakes N.P.	Mayor Chris Spearman	City of Lethbridge
		Bev Bellamy	Admin. Assistant

Guests:

Greg Weadick, MLA	Lethbridge West	John Barlow, MP	Macleod
Gary Bikman, MLA	Cardston-Taber-Warner	Wanda Sommerfeldt	Assistant to MP Barlow

1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Bohne called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed newcomers.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Maggie Kronen to adopt the agenda with two additions:

6.4 Waste Management – Mayor Chris Spearman and

6.5 Rural Hospital Study (Dr. Starke) – Reeve Brian Hammond. **Carried.**

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 5TH MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Mayor Tom Butler to adopt the February 6, 2015 minutes with the following amendments by Mayor Kronen in the SouthGrow report:

1. Meeting was with Minister Bhuller, SouthGrow and Alberta Southwest; and

2. Change “If your town has not updated yours” to “If your town has not updated their quick facts sheet”.

Carried.

4.0 BUSINESS ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- New Home Warranty Program Presentation – Allison Scott has confirmed that she will make a presentation and will be asked to attend the May meeting.
- Letter to Minister Stephen Mandel suggesting solutions to rural physician issue. Mayor Hawco and Mayor Butler wrote a letter that specifically represented the views of Milk River and will send it out on behalf of their own communities; Mayor Spearman will write a more generic letter on behalf of the Mayors & Reeves that we will send out, and will provide a copy with the minutes. Communities need to write individual letters as well.
- Book venue for joint M & R meeting in Taber on June 12 – Mayor De Vlieger has booked a facility in Taber for this meeting and will provide the details at the April meeting.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 MP Reports

John Barlow, MP Macleod

- Toured the University of Lethbridge's unique Water Resource Institute and discussed the possibility of entering into a partnership with a Columbian university to share their expertise on this critical resource.
- Discussed the derailments on the CP line with Minister of Transport and initiated a review on this to see what the issues are; will report back.
- Meeting with Chambers re new initiatives for small business.
- The Canada Apprentice Loan program was announced just before Christmas. Apprentices registered in a Red Seal trade apprenticeship will be able to apply for loans of up to \$4,000 per period of technical training. The loans are interest-free until after loan recipients complete or leave their apprenticeship training program, up to a maximum of six years. If you have questions, contact John Barlow or Wanda at his office.
- A Fort Macleod office will be opened on March 17; he will be in this office on Tuesdays and Thursdays when in the riding.
- Question on the thebaine poppy project and what the holdups on it are. MP Barlow stated that all Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan MP's have signed on and endorsed this project, but the stumbling block is the RCMP as they see marijuana purchase and the growth of thebaine poppies as connected. He will take this concern to cabinet with his support on this issue.
- Question was asked on BSE. Five countries have closed their borders which is 3% of the beef trade. Two countries, South Korea and Taiwan are part of a free trade agreement and could close their borders for a couple of weeks. No concerns that it will go any further, the two cases are both from the same farm.

5.2 MLA Reports

Gary Bikman, MLA Cardston-Taber-Warner

- Travelling around constituency, holding budget meetings, giving people opportunities to provide feedback and giving perspective on the three-prong approach that government is taking.
- Premier has pledged that cuts will be at the top rather than the front line; looking at the aspect of getting off the revenue royalty rollercoaster and dependence on these revenues. Need to increase revenue by some form of tax increase.
- Using part of the five billion sustainability fund to cushion the transition away from dependence on royalties and tied in with responsible borrowing.
- Public service wages represent almost half of entire budget; structural and systemic changes need to be made. Budget comes out on March 26.
- Participated in rural health meeting in Fort Macleod and was impressed with Dr. Starke.
- Visited with Jeff Bechtel, Waterton Biosphere, and the challenges he faces with large carnivores and how the federal government component isn't always fair, as farmers and ranchers are being asked to pay an unfair cost to provide this resource to the rest of Alberta. He sent a memo to the Minister of Agriculture and AESRD on this.
- Met with Bob Bogle to discuss Milk River and Taber working together with their alternative relationship plan (ARP).
- Changes will be made to accommodate long term care patients who are moved out of acute beds. Previously they were allowed to stay in acute care when long term beds were available in the same town. The government will put in a requirement for them to identify their top three choices and they will be moved into their 1st choice when it becomes available, but will be placed in their 2nd or 3rd choice if it is not.

- Question about the \$400 million dollar increase to assist municipalities to meet infrastructure and what will it mean to the bridge and road file, will it be a net increase. No information on this yet.

Greg Weadick, MLA Lethbridge West

- Waiting for budget release on March 26. Key focus for the next 5-10 years will be weaning off of oil and gas revenues. Would like to see dependence on oil revenues down to below 10%; then it will have minimal impact on operating budgets and excess dollars can be applied to projects.
- Large number of people coming into his office re Temporary Foreign Workers. Sometimes the problem is that the employer didn't file the papers – it's not all federal government that causes the problems. There is a new minister in this portfolio and they will continue to work with the federal government on it.
- The Alberta Immigrant New Program allows the right people to be here and stay here. Agriculture is finding it more difficult to find trained and skilled people. Manitoba had an increase in AINP but we didn't; will continue to advocate for Alberta.
- The Municipal Sustainability Initiative announcement of \$400 million is allocating excess money out of the 2014/15 budget and will assist municipalities in meeting their infrastructure commitments.
- Question was asked re the bridge culvert program – rural MLA's know it is an issue and are not sure on how the funding will be allocated in the new budget.
- Question on the EDA report for need for venture capital for oil and gas companies. Haven't seen the new program asks yet; Minister will be meeting on this and information will come out in the budget.

5.3 Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance Report – Mayor Blair Painter

- Bill Halley provided information on Connectica, a new online portal that will enable Alberta small and medium enterprises opportunity to connect with services and with each other. Visit www.connectica.ca for more information.
- 13 Ways Community Audits Pilot Project research is in its final phase; final reports will be presented to communities at upcoming events in April/May.
- For more information on Alberta Southwest, refer to update sent yesterday via email.

5.4 SouthGrow – Mayor Maggie Kronen

- Had first economic summit yesterday, pleased to see the partnerships of agriculture and agricultural-value products for this region. Held round-table discussions on renewable energy, broadband internet, food processing and production, and new business opportunities for our region.
- Heard a presentation by Lt. General Andrew Leslie on how we conduct business in our region and the need to see ourselves as retaining our individuality while working together for one goal.

5.5 AUMA – Mayor Kim Craig

- Looking forward to everyone attending the Mayors' Caucuses and MLA breakfast in Edmonton on March 11, 12 and 13.

5.6 AAMD&C – Bob Jones – Convention will be March 17-20.

- 5.7 Associate Dean's Advisory Council** - Mayor Tom Butler
- Was unable to attend the MMI's (Multiple Mini Interview); another good group of students are filling the 150 seats. Emphasis is on directing students into rural Alberta.
- 5.8 Oldman Watershed Council** – Reeve Brian Brewin
- Full report emailed with March agenda; OWC is requesting an annual donation from communities located in the Oldman watershed and thank the communities who have already donated.
- 5.9 Highway #3 Association** – Mayor Rene Gendre
- At the meeting held on February 6 they moved forward with several initiatives.
 - Only one jurisdiction on the Highway #3 corridor is not involved in the meetings, this is the Piikani Nation; the association will continue to encourage them to be involved.
 - A letter was sent to Minister Robin Campbell to request the full twinning of Highway #3 be included in the provincial budget.

6.0 BUSINESS

- 6.1 M & R Financial Statement – December 31, 2014** – Mayor George Bohne
Mayor Bohne reviewed the M & R financial statement for the year ending December 31, 2014. Moved by Mayor David Hawco to accept the financial statement as presented. **Carried.**
- 6.2 SSRP Plan Update** – Mayor George Bohne
- ORRSC (Oldman River Regional Services Commission) is planning a meeting of all municipalities in the area to bring people together to talk about SSRP issues. It is more efficient to hold one meeting with the SSRP and not have a separate presentation for M & R. Mayor Bohne will work with Lenze Kuiper to set up a meeting time and all municipalities will be invited to attend.
 - Bonnie Bruner compiled 16 slides on what's happening with the SSRP and how it will impact individual municipalities. Share these slides with your councils if you wish; they give a good overview on things we need to do with municipalities over the next 5 years. Slides to be attached with these minutes.
- 6.3 Letter Responding to Request by Lethbridge Bulls Baseball** – Mayor George Bohne
- Lethbridge Bulls Baseball made a request to present to the M & R; Mayor Bohne responded via a letter (attached to the agenda mailout) stating that the M & R feel their presentation would be more suited to community chambers of commerce. Reeve Hammond thanked Mayor Bohne for his well-written response to this request.
- 6.4 Waste Management** – Mayor Chris Spearman
- Lethbridge City Council will hold a special council meeting to explore various options on the topic of waste management at the landfill. There are 8-10 years left in the existing landfill and the City is in the process of applying to expand it.
 - Information was shared regarding waste facilities that have completed studies, municipalities facing similar processes and other local options such as Southern Alberta Waste Management Facility and Lethbridge Biogas. Lethbridge needs to collect good data on what type of material is being sent to its landfill.
 - The decision that the City of Lethbridge makes will impact the entire region and communities that divert their waste to Lethbridge will need to make changes as well.

6.5 Rural Health Care Review – Reeve Brian Hammond

- Reeve Hammond attended a meeting of the Rural Health Care Review Committee headed up by Dr. Richard Starke and asked for information on how others felt about this process and its effectiveness.
- Several mayors attended these sessions and the general consensus from those who attended was positive. This committee was established to report back to Minister Mandel on grass roots issues in rural Alberta.
- Minister Mandel will return to make another presentation to M & R following the release of Dr. Starke’s report.
- When this information is compiled from all communities you get an overall average from the data as opposed to individual community concerns. Communities need to continue to advocate on behalf of their own community to convey their unique challenges.

6.6 Stipend Increase – Mayor George Bohne

Moved by Mayor Don McDowell, seconded by Mayor Tom Butler, to increase Bev Bellamy’s monthly stipend by \$150/month, effective March 6, 2015. **Carried.**

7.0 Next Meeting Dates

Culver City Room, Lethbridge City Hall

Friday, April 10, 1 pm – Presentation: Dr. Mike Mahon, President - University of Lethbridge

Friday, May 1, 1 pm – Allison Scott, New Home Buyer Protection Program (tentative)

Taber Joint Meeting with Mayors and Reeves of Southeast Alberta

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1 pm – Mayor De Vlieger will book a facility in Taber

9.0 ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Mayor David Hawco to adjourn meeting. **Carried.**

ACTION ITEMS FROM MARCH 6, 2015 MEETING	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Provide details for meeting room for Joint M & R Meeting in Taber, June 12	Mayor Henk deVlieger

Please send any community information for distribution to M & R to Bev at mayorsandreeves@shaw.ca

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March 24, 2015

Re: Thank you for Funds to Support Free Swim Initiative

Dear Ms. Carlson,

Thank you for your continued support for the free public swim initiative at the Claresholm Aquatic Centre. Your donation of twenty four hours of pool rental time has allowed citizens to swim, free of charge, on twelve Saturdays in 2015.

Many community members have expressed gratitude that this initiative will continue throughout 2015.

We are pleased that this council is committed to health for Claresholm's citizens.

Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,

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2014 Annual Report Highlights



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515,000
Items
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60,012
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85%

Increase
in Online
Resource
Usage



Overall Satisfaction with
System Services:
100% Completely or Very
Satisfied

\$738,000
in library
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2014

CEO Retirement

Howard Paulsen, Board Chair, announced that Maggie Macdonald, CEO, would be retiring effective September 30, 2015. Maggie was the Project Development Officer for the Steering Committee which developed Chinook Arch Regional Library System and was subsequently appointed founding CEO when the System was established in April 1992. A celebration of Maggie's tenure will be announced later this year.

CEO Designate

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Chinook Arch Associate Director Robin Hepher has accepted the position of CEO effective September 30, 2015. Robin has been with Chinook Arch since 2007.

Chinook Arch Quick Facts 2015:

Population served: 196,122
Library Service Points: 35
Municipalities: 39
School Authority: 1
Board Chair: Howard Paulsen, Stavelly
CEO: Maggie Macdonald
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Mission:

Chinook Arch Regional Library System creates and supports the structure for a network of cooperating libraries in Southwest Alberta to share resources in a cost-effective manner.

Vision:

Residents of southwest Alberta, through their local library, have access to shared print and digital resources which support literacy, lifelong learning and an excellent quality of life.

2014 Audited Financial Statements

The Board reviewed and approved the 2014 Audited Financial Statements. The 2014 Financial Statements received a clean audit opinion from auditors McNiven Newman LLP.

Spring

CHINOOK ARCH BOARD MEETING, APRIL 2, 2015

Board Members Present:

Arrowwood	Janet Cockwill
Barons	Ron Gorzitza
Cardston County	Lloyd Kearn
Carmangay	Sheila Smidt
Claresholm	Kathy Davies
Coaldale	Sherrie Duda
Coalhurst	Heather Caldwell
Fort Macleod	Trish Hoskin
Glenwood	Barb Michel
Lethbridge City	Gail Berkner
Lethbridge County	John Willms
Magrath	DeVar Dahl
Milo	Christopher Northcott
Nanton	Gordon Given
Pincher Creek MD	Fred Schoening
Stavely	Howard Paulsen (Chair)
Stirling	Jonathan Bikman
Taber MD	Ben Elfring
Town of Vulcan	Vicki Hutton
Vulcan County	Marie Logan
Village of Warner	Ian Glendinning
County of Warner	Philip Jensen
Willow Creek MD	Earl Hemmaway
LPL Resource Centre	Bob Cooney

Regrets:

Barnwell	Marg McCulloch
Town of Cardston	Dennis Barnes
Champion	Aaron Matlock
Crowsnest Pass	Doreen Glavin
Lomond	Doug Logan
Milk River	Donald Cody
Raymond	Dustin Ralph
Town of Taber	Laura Ross-Giroux
Ministerial Appointment	Vic Mensch

Absent:

Coutts	Shelley Fleming
Granum	Nina Shimp
Hill Spring	Jim Rowley
Picture Butte	Joe Watson
Town of Pincher Creek	Lorne Jackson
Vauxhall	Christie Sorensen
Kainai Board of Education	Linda Weasel Head

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board approved timelines and work plans for each of the Board's three standing committees: Marketing/Communications, Planning and Facilities, and Finance and Personnel. The timelines lay out the work that each committee will perform during the year.

Other decisions:

- ◆ Reviewed and approved the 2014 Audited Financial Statements
- ◆ Approved the 2014 Annual Reports to the Public Library Services Branch for Chinook Arch, Wrentham Library, and Kainai Public Library. The Chinook Arch Library Board is the board of record for Wrentham and Kainai.
- ◆ Approved the 2015 Revised Budget

The Board also approved funding for the Block Collection Renewal Project. Chinook Arch provides blocks of large print and audiobooks that move from library to library to ensure a constant supply of fresh materials for local large print and audiobook readers. The current collections have become dated, and circulation numbers have dropped accordingly.

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