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COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor activities and updates for March 2023.

- Attached is my March write-up, “Notes from Council,” for the Champion Chronicle and my website.
- Attended regular meetings, however, I missed a good part of the second meeting due to broken ankle and being at the hospital. Attended the March 28th Budget Meeting virtually over Teams.
- Attended ORRSC Board Meeting on March 2nd, 2023.
 - Take Away:
 - Mladen Kristic provided a thorough overview of the GIS system and the Asset Management component that is coming out. GIS can be customized for every municipality as well as track work order flows for operations.
 - Discussion over public participation in land use planning and the controversy at Thorhild County. ORRSC is only regional planning commission in the province, although there are other similarly structured corporate entities. As such, ORRSC is a very cost-effective option for its members when it comes to updating land use bylaws. Private firms can cost multiple times more money. The Thorhild County Land Use Bylaw update was well over six figures.
 - Discussion over topics at Brownlee Municipal Law seminar.
 - Discussion over Campgrounds periodical piece published by ORRSC, as well as suggested topics for future publications.
- Finished EOEP Course on Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance
- Missed Fire Fighter Appreciate due to broken ankle.
- Missed attendance at Rural Municipalities of Alberta Conference due to broken ankle. We had no trouble cancelling everything.
- Attended Vulcan District Recreation Board meeting on March 27th.
 - Take Away:
 - Welcomed Joanne Kettenbach to the board. Reviewed the programming budget with the Manager of Community Services and approved the payment of funds to the Town within the approved budget of the Recreation Board.



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- Attended District 20 Fire Association Meeting on March 28th.
 - Take Away:
 - Discussed Societies Act requirements for providing audited financial statements with the annual return. Shared reporting template that is used by Friends of the Milo Library and does not require hiring an auditor if someone not on the board is willing to do the review. Discussed the potential and the benefits for adding wash bays onto the site of the existing fire hall, including the type of structure and how it could be funded.
- Attended Mine Road Water Co-op Meeting on March 28th.
 - Take Away:
 - This was there annual general meeting. I was told I could sit in on it at the fire association meeting which was immediately prior. Co-op reviewed their financial position, as well as chose their officers and directors. Lengthy discussion on the best way to approve new service connections, as well as how to secure the interests of the Co-op by way of agreements and registered legal instruments. Water supply does not appear to be a problem.
- Attended Vulcan County Communications Meeting.
 - Take Away:
 - Introduction of new CAOs and community updates were nice. Updates on changes to solid waste management were informative. The cost of recycling is becoming hard to justify. Material was circulated on the SAEWA project. Town of Vulcan very appreciative of County contributions to recreation and development of new rodeo grounds. Lyle Magnuson said that he is seeing an uptick of interest in industrial real estate.
- Constituent Matters:
 - Inquiries over obtaining gravel for driveways from the County. I referred them directly to Mike Kiemele to make arrangements.
 - MITACS Approval was received for the Locating Missing Graves Project on March 29th. The Villages of Carmangay, Lomond and Milo have all agreed to give \$500 each towards the project. The Milo Lions are giving \$2,000.00. The Lomond Lions are giving \$2,000.00. The Carmangay Historical Society is giving \$2,000.00. With all funding now in place, Vulcan County has issued the first term payment to MITACS.