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## COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor activities and updates for April 2023.

- Attached is my April write-up, “Notes from Council,” for the Champion Chronicle and my website.
- Attended regular meetings, however, I missed the virtual meeting with the Council of the MD of Willow Creek on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Got busy and forgot to login to Teams for it. That said, I understand it was a good discussion regarding intermunicipal development and high-clearance powerlines.
- Attended virtual Audit Committee meeting over Teams on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - Take Away:
    - Reviewed draft financial statements and Mark DeBoer answered all questions that arose from the Committee, some of which he addressed by email prior to the meeting.
    - Reviewed online reporting tools and discussed what Mark was wanting to see happen going forward.
- Attended Twin Valley Regional Water Commission meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - Take Away:
    - Reviewed financial statements with auditors.
    - Agreed to new service agreement with Town of Vulcan. The last agreement was from November of 2017. Will be reviewed more frequently as employee costs increase.
- Attended Calgary Assessment Review Board Annual Spring Training Conference on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, virtually over Teams. They open it up to everyone at no charge.
  - Take Away:
    - Being appointed to our regional assessment review board, I am scheduled for in person training in June. However, this conference did not have a registration fee and seemed like a good education opportunity. The day was opened and closed by John Mathias, General Chair of the Calgary ARB. There was then a legal update provided by Michael Janke of the Janke Law Group. Two members of the Calgary ARB, Barry Bickford and Arlene Blake, as well as Michael Janke, presented on Altus Group Ltd. v Alberta (Edmonton ARB), regarding consideration of the sales of subject property. The Chief Economist for the Calgary Real Estate Board, Ann-Marie Lurie, presented on Real Estate Market Trends. After lunch, two case reviews were provided by three members of the Calgary ARB, Hillary Argento, Paul McKenna and Brian Loach, one of which addressed farmland operations. Michael Janke provided the final presentation of the day on Impartiality and Independence.



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- Constituent Matters:
  - MITACS has received the County's contribution towards the first unit of the locating missing graves project. On April 26<sup>th</sup> they issued the complete funding award to Professor Coburn in the Department of Geography at the University of Lethbridge. Will update you next month on the launch of this project and any field work that is scheduled.