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Councillor activities and updates for August 2023.

- Attached is my August write-up, “Notes from Council,” for the Champion Chronicle and my website.
- Attended the regular meetings of Council on August 2nd and August 16th.
- Called-up for the Regional Local Assessment Review Board on October 24th in Vulcan County Council Chambers. There are three hearings presently scheduled for this date. Should they proceed, this will be the first time I have participated in a hearing since being appointed by County Council in 2021.
- Constituent Matters:
 - Being a member of the Milo Lions, we had our annual barbecue on August 13th, which went very well although our numbers were slightly down; barbecue beef and Taber corn was delicious. Unfortunately, I’m not sure the organizers of the Fire Smart event had the turnout that they were hoping for; I was not able to participate this time given my responsibilities with the barbecue. I did have a chance to talk to one ratepayer from Division One about the tarping bylaw, which they supported. They would also like to see a head tax for feedlots, similar to what other jurisdictions have implemented.
 - Attended my neighbours auction sale on August 19th (Pete and Dale Silbernagel) and had a chance to speak with a lot of people there. I spoke with two ratepayers from Division One about the tarping bylaw under consideration and they were opposed to it.
 - District 20 Fire Association is planning a Fall dinner and fundraiser for November 4th in Champion. It would be great if other members of Council are able to attend.
 - MITACs cemetery project has completed all drone footage and has an enormous trove of imagery and data to review. We are seeing initial mapping as they utilize existing cemetery maps to make sense of what is on the ground, marked or otherwise. They were able to squeeze in the Arrowwood and Anastasia cemeteries to the project. I was able to meet with Craig and Paul, as well as Alan Bartsch, at the East Milo Cemetery on August 25th. See pictures below. Their imagery and data has pinpoint GPS accuracy.
 - Helped Linda Gooch figure out the County Councillors by division and year for the Arrowwood, Mossleigh, Farrow and Shouldice history book. Whitney Ivarson and Lansey Middleton were also a very big help, which was appreciated. We discovered that the



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only map that the County has of its 11-councillor division configuration is from 1961 and in poor condition. If you or anyone that you know has a County map from prior to 1995 that is unmarked and in good condition, please consider donating it to the County (or encourage whoever has it to do so), or allow the County to scan and copy it at ORRSC. While Administration works diligently to improve and maintain our archival collection of permanent records, this would be an easy way to enhance our existing collection.

