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Councillor activities and updates for October 2023.

- Attached is my October write-up, “Notes from Council,” for the Champion Chronicle and my website.
- Attended the Regular Meetings of Council on October 4th and October 18th, as well as the annual Organizational Meeting on October 4th.
- Village of Champion Council Meeting in Champion on October 2nd to discuss FCSS.
 - Being the division councillor, Councillors Nelson and Schneider joined me to discuss options for FCSS programming as FCSS District Board Member (and provincial) and as Reeve. Reeve Schneider also has Champion Community Members in his division.
- Vulcan District Recreation Board, email correspondence over October 6th and 10th.
 - Through email correspondence between Board Members between October 6th and October 10th it was established by consensus that we recommend to County Council that \$1,500 be donated to the Vulcan Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion for “Jake’s Gift.” Meeting in person would have meant paying a meeting charge and mileage to the Board members and this was not necessary, nor would any other Recreation Board have done any differently in this circumstance.
 - It was recommended that this contribution come from the Board’s operating reserve.
 - The Board reviews programming with the Town of Vulcan on regular basis and some programs are funded more heavily by one municipality than the other. In this case, we did not care what the Town of Vulcan had contributed because this was a grant and not a joint program.
 - After referring this matter to the Vulcan District Recreation Board (a Board composed entirely of our residents), it is my opinion that County Council’s response to their advice was unjustifiably patronizing and set an unhelpful and avoidable precedent. This is a newly organized Board and we have enjoyed a very good relationship with the Town of Vulcan Community Services Manager over the past year. It was a disservice to the Vulcan Community to make “Jake’s Gift” about matching whatever the Town of Vulcan had freely chosen to give towards this initiative, independent of Vulcan County, especially when our own advisory board had not raised this as a consideration. Being a



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last-minute request, this matter never should have been referred to the Recreation Board if this is how we were going to respond to their advice.

- ORRSC Executive Meeting, virtually, on October 12th.
 - Excellent Geocortex GIS presentation by Jaime Thomas. Of particular interest, Jaime reviewed changes to cemetery profiles that allows one to attach burial permits and other records to each plot. He used the Arrowwood Cemetery as an example, being the first municipality to request this change. This feature will be added to other cemetery profiles in Vulcan County, being available under the GIS for each village.
 - Regular business. Concerns raised over revenue shortfalls given the downturn in subdivision and development applications.
 - Special Executive Meeting called for November 2nd to review 2024 budget. The Executive Committee will meet again the following week on November 9th and give direction on how to proceed before the whole board meets on December 7th.
- Chinook Subdivision Development Appeal Board in Fort Mcleod on October 13th.
 - An appeal of a Stop Order. Decision on preliminary matters is issued.
 - A hearing on the merits of the appeal will occur on November 23rd at the Town of Fort Mcleod Office.
- Coffee with Council in Mossleigh on October 19th.
 - Driving by on my way home from Calgary and wanted to attend given the challenges in this district.
 - Great turn out and well-run by Councillor Gateman. Those who attended seemed to get a lot out of it and appreciated the initiative.
 - Discussion regarding roads, bridges, traffic safety, the tarping bylaw, water meters, satellite fire hall, and renewable energy developments in Vulcan County.
- Local Assessment Review Board for Vulcan County, in Vulcan, on October 24th.
 - Two assessment complaints, one over at Brant and one near Mossleigh.
 - We are in the process of issuing our decisions.
- Retirement Party for Kelly Malmberg, in Vulcan, on October 27th.
 - Send off after 28 years of dedicated service.



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- Thank you to Nels for the great food and to whoever did the slideshow, which was hilarious (I think Lansey said that our Supreme Leader had something to do with it. lol).
- Twin Valley Regional Water Commission Meeting in Vulcan on October 31st.
 - Meeting to review 2024 budget, a Crossing Agreement, as well as receive an update on the Vulcan County Industrial Park connection.
- Constituent Matters:
 - Received road complaints regarding Township Road 150A and Range Road 240, as well as Township Road 170 near McGregor Landing. The Director of Operations has been very responsive. TS170 was graded right away. TS150A and RR240 are being further assessed, and the re-seeding of the ditches has been referred to Ag Services for 2024.
 - Spoke to resident of McGregor Landing about the need for Land Use Bylaw enforcement.
 - Phone Meeting with Dr. Craig Coburn at the University of Lethbridge regarding MITACs cemetery project to discuss status. They are preparing a preliminary update presentation that can be circulated to all stakeholders.
 - The District 20 (Champion) Fire Association is having their Fall Fundraiser on November 4th at the Champion Community Hall. Tickets are available at the front counter of the County Office.
 - Friends of the Milo Library Meeting in Milo on October 12th. Have a Spring and a Fall Meeting every year to disperse funds, review Archives Room lease with Milo Library, and plan fundraising initiatives. I am the Secretary-Treasurer.
 - The Milo Fall Fair resumed and was the ham supper was delicious. While entries were down, the Fall Fair Committee is already making plans for next year. The Milo Library marked its 40th Anniversary at the same time, jointly sponsoring a mini-art show contest with the Milo Arts Society.
 - Lions supper meetings have resumed to twice a month. We are scheduled to work along side the Cremona Lions at the Calgary Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre (CLERC) on December 9th. Pancake Supper and Turkey Bingo will be the first Saturday in December.
 - Milo Curling Club has had its Fall Meeting and the ice is going into the rink.