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## COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor activities and updates for December 2023.

- Attached is my December write-up, “Notes from Council,” for the Champion Chronicle and my website.
- Attended the Regular Meetings of Council on December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Met at Milo Library with Councillor Nelson, Staff and Queenstown residents to discuss planning and development concerns on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Provided update to the Milo Lions on the MITACs cemetery project on December 6<sup>th</sup>. I have let other stakeholders know that I am happy to provide an in-person update to their groups if requested.
- Oldman River Regional Services Commission Board Meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Reviewed and approved 2024 budget.
  - Organizational meeting. Re-elected to the Executive Committee.
- Land and Property Rights Tribunal Training for Assessment Review Board Members on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Good overview of challenges with virtual hearings and what they foresee in 2024, as well as available IT support.
  - Case Law overview.
  - Regulations and procedures overview.
  - Discussion.
- Dropped puck at charity hockey game in Vulcan on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Reeve and Deputy Reeve were not available; I am the third councillor with ratepayers in the Vulcan Recreation District. Joined Richard Debolt from the Town of Vulcan.
- Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Association Board Meeting on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - In-camera update.



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- Tom Grant has resigned from the Executive Committee to open a vacancy for Councillor Neil Johnson from Newell County. Councillor Johnson was appointed to the Executive Committee.
- Reviewed and discussed year end report.
- The following is an excerpt from Tom Grant’s report in the Executive Committee minutes: “Member Grant reported that the Vulcan Waste Commission was approved by their Board with the SAEWA Membership Dues Invoice requisition included. Also discussed notice to withdraw from Executive and that he would be continuing to represent the Town of Vulcan on the waste commission – just not SAEWA. Tom also mentioned that as part of their last commission meeting a concern was put forward that there is a lack of information being shared with the municipal members on the funding model / tippage fees that will fund the facility. Lastly, reminded that Dick Ellis did advise that Siksika First Nation is interested in receiving more information. (Action Item completed – SAEWA Year End Report and several messages sent to Ben Calfrobe as a contact name provided to SAEWA administration by Dick Ellis)”
- 2023-12-02, Calgary Herald: “Long Story – Waste Not”, an overview of energy from waste projects: <https://epaper.calgaryherald.com/article/281792813792117>
- Constituent Matters:
  - Was invited by Councillor Nelson to join her meeting with Queenstown residents to discuss planning and development concerns. Staff helpfully attended the meeting.
  - Met Mike Kiemele, Joe Neufeld, Chad Monner, Barry Monner, Mike Peterson onsite to discuss RR 224 access to land from undeveloped road allowance. Agreement reached.
  - Assisted Kevin Love with inquiry into the need for traffic study at new Vulcan rodeo grounds. Anne provided a very helpful response for fellow councillors who might get asked similar questions: "Because the proposal is adjacent to the highway, we are required to refer the application to Alberta Transportation (AT). This referral is required for both rezoning applications and development permit applications. In AT’s response, they want a traffic study complete. County’s administration is trying to see if AT will accept historical information that we have internally but we haven’t received a response yet. We are doing our best to negotiate with AT however it is fairly typical for AT to request a traffic study for any development adjacent to a highway that is beyond a dwelling unit. As soon as I hear from AT I will let you know."