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## COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor activities and updates for March 2025.

- The February edition of “Notes from Council” is on my website. March is soon to follow in time for the Champion Chronicle. Have started submitting to the Milo Can Opener as well.:  
<https://christophernorthcott.com/category/notes-from-council/>
- Attended the one Regular Meetings of Council on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the Vulcan District Recreation Board meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Recommended Vulcan arena roof rehabilitation to Vulcan County Council.
- Attended Oldman River Regional Services Commission Executive meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM followed by the full Board Meeting at 6:00 PM. Discussed new service agreement and new CAO recruitment strategy at the Executive meeting. At the Board Meeting we heard a presentation from Assistant Planner Rachel Schortinghuis on housing needs assessments. Jaime Thomas gave an update from the GIS team. CAO Lenze Kuiper provided a presentation on the regional assessment review board. Planner Gavin Scott gave a presentation on Brownfield sites. We also had an update on subdivision activity and new service agreements. The meeting closed with a bear pit session for administration and planners to answer whatever questions might arise.
- Attended Regional Communications Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lodge Hall. It was well-organized and there was some good discussion regarding the need for some of the villages to work collectively to address administrative capacity challenges, in addition to the Alberta Emergency Management update, the update from STARS air ambulance, the update from the Director of Protective Services, etc.
- Attended Firefighter Appreciation night at the Vulcan Cultural Recreation Centre on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The meal was excellent and the event was well-organized. It was a good opportunity to thank our first responders.
- Attended Municipal Development Plan Open House on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 8 PM. We had decent turn out except for the last hour. Like any open house, it is an attempt to cultivate public interest, providing an opportunity to ask questions and gather information. Hopefully



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those who attended can make well-considered submissions at the public hearing when that occurs, if they think it necessary.

#### Constituent Matters:

- Met with Reeve, Deputy Reeve, CAO, and individual ratepayers on March 5<sup>th</sup> regarding concerns over how information is handled and questions regarding administrative fairness.
- Met with another ratepayer regarding road allowance drainage onto a parcel with buildings and how this might be diverted. Also reviewed an application that they hoped to make with Alberta Transportation regarding a new approach off Highway 529. Assisted them in getting GIS images and measurement details.