



# WHEATLAND COUNTY

## Reeve Monthly Report

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Reeve: Amber Link

Division: 2

Reporting Period: August 2020

Report Date: August 22, 2020

### **August 7 Community Futures Wild Rose**

Meeting with Executive Director to plan Annual General Meeting.

### **August 11 Municipal Planning Commission**

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The Commission approved 2 Development Permits with conditions, a Bed and Breakfast and Dwelling, Accessory, both in Rosebud, and approved 2 subdivisions.

### **August 12 Strathmore Wheatland Addictions Task Force Meeting**

Reviewed financials, opportunities, and direction.

### **August 13 Municipal Partners Teleconference**

Final teleconference with regional partners, updates on COVID impacts and issues. We will reconvene if necessary.

### **August 17 Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Engagement Session Planning**

Trial run of engagement session.

### **August 18 Council Meeting**

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Public Hearings and subsequent readings for 3 Land Use Bylaws, 3 first readings and Public Hearings scheduled.

Council reports, with in depth discussion regarding Assessment Model Review impacts, administration reports, several policy revisions (Social Events and Long Service Recognition, Historic Resource Designation, Agriculture and Environment, rescind County Flags and Performance Management - Contracted Services). Established Lakes of Muirfield Reserve and update. CVIP credits.

Unaudited financial statements quarterly review showed expenses substantially under budget (approximately \$4.2 million).

Update on Capital Budget spending, administration indicated a 13% savings on completed projects and overall, substantially below budget.

Library funding review and comparison. Asset management cohort.

Approved Carseland Firehall stimulus funding.

Approved Alberta Farmland Trust Resolution to go to RMA District 2 meeting for consideration.

Did not approve Change Order funding request from Wheatland Regional Corporation.

Redland Potable Water survey results.

Approved 15% increase to Utility Rates, Council is committed to moving towards cost recovery on our utilities.

Grateful to approve receipt of a donation of a historic grader from the Vander Velde family.

#### **August 20      Carseland Firehall Groundbreaking Ceremony**

It was an honour to attend the construction ceremony for the long awaited and much needed firehall in Carseland. This project was made possible through Municipal Stimulus funding from the Government of Alberta and will provide jobs and a critical emergency service to this area of the County.

#### **August 20      Tour Carseland with MP Martin Shields and Councillor Biggar**

It was a pleasure to tour Carseland with MP Shields and Councillor Biggar, we visited several businesses, the library, and the community centre.

#### **August 20      MDP Engagement Session 1 – Preserving our Heritage**

General Manager of Community and Development Services and I hosted a webinar, A Vision for the Future, Reviewing the Wheatland County MDP Engagement Session 1 – Preserving our Heritage.

#### **August 21      CRMA District 2 Directors' Meeting**

Discussed format of Fall CRMA District 2 General Meeting, decided to plan hybrid model meeting, which we will host. Discussed education and legal session topics, will focus on advocacy and assessment. Lengthy discussions on the proposed Assessment Model Review and the impacts on our municipalities. Updates from each municipality. I shared our Alberta Farmland Trust Resolution.

#### **August 25      Special Council Meeting in Hussar**

To hold a Public Hearing and possible bylaw readings for Direct Control District to facilitate a Class II Landfill development permit application. (Report submitted prior to meeting.)

#### **August 29      Marigold Library System Board Meeting**

Committee reports, policies and plans, treasurer appointment, financials (including revised capital and operating budgets and budget estimates for 2021), new headquarters building update, and strategic plan. (Report submitted prior to meeting.)