

**Agenda for the
Regular Meeting of the Vauxhall Town Council
Thursday April 20TH, 2017
6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers**

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Call to Order	
2. Adoption of Agenda	For Adoption
3. Delegation	Receive for Information
a.) R.C.M.P.	
4. Bylaws	
a.) By-law No. 912-17 Frontage Tax 2017	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd and final reading
b.) By-law No. 913-17 Taxation Rate 2017	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd and final reading
c.) By-law No. 911-17 Retention and Disposal of Municipal Records	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd and final reading
5. Minutes	
Council Minutes	For Adoption
a.) Regular meeting of Council of April 3 rd , 2017	
External Minutes	Receive <u>all</u> for information
b.) Regional Fire Authority meeting of December 1 st , 2017	
c.) Joint Economic Development Committee meeting of January 25 th , 2017	
d.) Taber & District Housing Foundation meeting of February 24 th , 2017	
e.) Taber & District Housing Foundation meeting of March 10 th , 2017	
6. Financials	
a.) Cheque listing for the month of March 31 st , 2017	For Adoption
b.) Bank Reconciliation as of March 31 st , 2017	Receive <u>all</u> for information
c.) GIC Holdings as at March 31 st , 2017	
d.) Consolidated Statement of Financial position as at February 28 th , 2017	
e.) Consolidated Statement of Financial position as at March 31 st , 2017	
f.) Consolidated Statement of Operations as at February 28 th , 2017	
g.) Consolidated Statement of Operations as at March 31 st , 2017	
h.) AMSC MasterCard as of April 5 th , 2017	
i.) 2017 Operating Expenses vs. Budget (by Function) as at February 28 th , 2017	
j.) 2017 Operating Expenses vs. Budget (by Function) as at March 31 st , 2017	
k.) Budget by Depart – Council	
7. New Business – Request for Decision	
a.) Regional Emergency Management Framework Agreement	Resolution
8. Reports	Receive <u>all</u> for information
a.) Council Activity March 2017	
b.) Action List March 2017	
c.) Municipal Enforcement Report - March	
9. Correspondence and Information Items	Receive <u>all</u> for information
a.) South Grow – Bulletin March 2017	
b.) Service Alberta – Supernet	
c.) Martin Shields, M.P. Bow River	
d.) Alberta Utilities Commission	
e.) Vauxhall Agricultural Society – Canada Day	
10. Adjournment	

Taber RCMP



VAUXHALL
MONTHLY REPORT
MARCH 2017

Detailed Monthly Report Vauxhall - March 2017

Detailed Statistics VAUXHALL

Description	2016	2017
Impaired Driving / 24 Hour / 30 Day Suspension	0	1
Assaults	0	1
Break & Enter	0	0
Thefts	0	1
Threats	0	0
Mischief	3	2
CDSA (Controlled Drugs and Substances Act)	0	0
Other Criminal Code / Other Statutes	5	5
Assistance to Police / Other Agencies / General Public	2	0
911 Hang Ups	2	2
False Alarms	0	0
Abandoned Vehicles	0	0
Animal Calls	1	0
Suspicious Persons / Vehicles	0	0
Lost & Found Property	0	0
Firearms Act	0	0
Check Stops	0	0
Traffic Complaints	0	2
Traffic Collisions	1	0
By-law Complaints	0	0
Admin Files	4	4
Total Calls	18	18

Detailed Monthly Report VAUXHALL - March 2017

Monthly Traffic Report VAUXHALL

Monthly Violation Tickets

	2016	2017
Speeding	0	1
Intersection	1	0
Other Moving	2	9
Seatbelt	0	3
Non-Moving	9	15
Other Provincial Acts/ Statutes	1	0
Totals	13	28

Collisions

	2016	2017
Collisions - Reportable	1	0
Injury	0	0
Fatal	0	0
Totals	1	0

TOTAL PATROLS

63

Detailed Monthly Report MD of Taber - March 2017

MD OF TABER		
Description	2016	2017
Impaired Driving / 24 Hour / 30 Day Suspension	7	4
Assaults	5	1
Break & Enter	2	2
Thefts	4	13
Threats	0	0
Mischief	8	5
CDSA (Controlled Drugs and Substances Act)	1	0
Other Criminal Code / Other Statutes	37	34
Assistance to Police /Other Agencies / General Public	4	5
911 Hang Ups	14	26
False Alarms	0	1
Abandoned Vehicles	2	5
Animal Calls	2	4
Suspicious Persons / Vehicles	4	6
Lost & Found Property	0	3
Firearms Act	2	1
Check Stops	0	1
Traffic Complaints	35	24
Traffic Collisions	11	16
By-law Complaints	0	3
Admin Files	13	13
Total Calls March	151	167
Monthly Traffic Report MD Of Taber		
Monthly Violation Tickets		
	2016	2017
Speeding	94	41
Intersection	4	2
Other Moving	18	28
Seatbelt	11	8
Non-Moving	89	50
Other Provincial Acts/ Statutes	10	0
Totals	226	129

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TOWN OF VAUXHALL
Monday April 3rd, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Vauxhall was held in council chambers on Monday April 3rd, 2017, @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

MAYOR : Margaret Plumtree

COUNCILLORS: Kimberley Cawley
Marilyn Forchuk
Martin Kondor
Christie Sorensen

ALSO PRESENT:

Chief Administrative Officer: Cris Burns
Administrative Assistant: Tanya Strydom

OTHERS:

Vauxhall Advance: Nikki Jamieson

ABSENT WITH NOTICE

DEPUTY MAYOR: Richard Phillips
COUNCILLOR: Linda English

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Plumtree called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Adoption of
Agenda
RES: 17:83

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen to adopt the agenda as presented.
CARRIED

Minutes
RES: 17:84

MOVED by Councillor Forchuk to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of council of March 22nd, 2017, as presented.
CARRIED

Councillor Kondor arrived in chamber at 6:08 p.m.

Minutes
RES: 17:85

MOVED by Councillor Cawley to accept the following minutes as information:

- Municipal Planning Commission Special meeting of March 22nd, 2017
- Vauxhall & District Recreation Board meeting of March 27th, 2017
- Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS meeting of February 8th, 2017

CARRIED

Mutual Aid Agreement
RES: 17:86

MOVED by Councillor Sorensen to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town of Vauxhall and the Municipal District of Taber No. 14 as presented.
CARRIED

Arena Chiller Quotes
RES: 17:87

MOVED by Councillor Kondor to approve the quote from Startec Service for the Arena and Curling Refrigeration upgrades as presented.
CARRIED

Columbarium
RES: 17:88

MOVED by Councillor Cawley to recommend the Cemetery Society go with position E for the placement of the Columbarium and to direct administration to send a letter explaining the recommendation made.
CARRIED

Correspondence Items
RES: 17:89

MOVED by Councillor Kondor to accept the following as information:
• Alberta Culture and Tourism
• Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2017 Orthphotography Project
CARRIED

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Regional Fire Authority, held in the Vauxhall Fire Hall, on Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Present

- Present: - Bob Wallace, M.D. of Taber
- Dwight Tolton, M.D. of Taber
- Martin Kondor, Town of Vauxhall
- Linda English, Town of Vauxhall

- Also Present: - Brian Schafer
- Curtis Johnson
- Derrick Krizsan

- Absent: - Christie Sorenson



1 Call to Order

Chairman Bob Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2 Acceptance of Agenda

Resolution No. RFA-2016-173

MOVED by Martin Kondor that the agenda be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

3 Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. RFA-2016-174

MOVED by Martin Kondor that the minutes from the September 7, 2016 meeting be accepted.
CARRIED

5A Fire Chief Reports

Resolution No. RFA-2016-175

MOVED by Linda English to accept the September and October fire chief reports for information.
CARRIED

5B Reward – 2017 Operating Budget

Resolution No. RFA-2016-176

MOVED by Dwight Tolton to approve the 2017 Vauxhall Regional Fire Authority operating budget as presented with a 80/20 split based upon 55,000 revenue, 266,941.17 expenses.
CARRIED

5C 2017 Capital Equipment

Resolution No. RFA-2016-177

MOVED by Martin Kondor to accept the planned capital budget for the Vauxhall Fire Training Center of \$20,800.00 with the Town of Vauxhall contributing \$2,000.00.
CARRIED

5D Appointment of Manager for 2017

Resolution No. RFA-2016-178

MOVED by Linda English to accept the MD of Taber and Town of Vauxhall representatives to the Vauxhall Regional Fire Authority:
MD of Taber – Bob Wallace & Dwight Tolton
Town of Vauxhall – Linda English & Martin Kondor
CARRIED

Resolution No. RFA-2016-179

MOVED by Linda English to appoint the MD of Taber as the managing municipality for 2017.
CARRIED

6 Other Business

Resolution No. RFA-2016-180

MOVED by Dwight Tolton to seek quotes for back up power at the Vauxhall Fire Hall for the next meeting.
CARRIED

Resolution No. RFA-2016-181

MOVED by Dwight Tolton to request the Town of Vauxhall to seek a quote to move the hydrant at the Vauxhall Fire Hall.
CARRIED

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

8. Adjourn

MOVED by Dwight Tolton that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m. CARRIED

Resolution No.
RFA-2016-182

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Joint Economic Development Committee held in the MD of Taber Reeve's Room in the Administration Building in Taber, Alberta on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Present	Joerg Klempnauer	Vauxhall Business Society
	Margaret Plumtree	Town of Vauxhall
	Jack Brewin	Town of Taber
	Joe Strojwas	Town of Taber
	Tom Machacek	Municipal District of Taber
	Tyrel McLelland	Taber and District Chamber of Commerce
	Matthew Williams	Taber and District Chamber of Commerce
	Eric Jensen	Village of Barnwell
Also Present	Cory Armfelt	Town of Taber
	Kattie Schlamp	Town of Taber
	Bryan Badura	Municipal District of Taber
	Kim Welby	Community Futures Chinook
	Pete Lovering	SouthGrow
	Linda Erickson	Government of Alberta
	Graham Abela	Taber Police Service
Absent	Brian Brewin	Municipal District of Taber
	Linda English	Town of Vauxhall
	Darrell Turner	Village of Barnwell
	Chris Hunter	Vauxhall Business Society

Resolution No.

1. Call to Order

Matthew Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Resolution No. JEDC-2017-001
 MOVED by Tom Machacek that the agenda be accepted with the addition of F) Business Impact Brunch and G) Update on Grant Writing.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. JEDC-2017-002
 MOVED by Jack Brewin that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Joint Economic Development Committee held on November 30, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Delegation

Chief Graham Abela – Taber Police Service

Chief Abela provided the committee with documents regarding crime statistics and the Taber Police Service's recent public surveys. Chief Abela highlighted very positive statistics and stated that smaller communities within the M.D. of Taber will likely find even better statistics. The statistics show that people can and do feel safe in Taber.

The group discussed how the provided information is a selling feature and how they would like to get the word out. Kattie and Kim will work to get the message out on Social Media.

5. A. Business – Standing Item: Business Retention & Expansion

The committee discussed local businesses troubles finding employees and the need to provide advantages to make up for our short comings when working to attract new business.

5. B. Business – Standing Item: Investment Attraction

The committee discussed what is being done to attract business in the area. SouthGrow will be working on site selection and investment readiness tools this year for each of their member communities. The Government of Alberta Ministry of Economic Development is working on an Invest Alberta campaign.

Linda Erickson suggested that the group focus on attracting businesses that are a part of the value chain of companies who are already located in our area and focusing on the regions strengths. The Economic Developers of Alberta have an Investment Readiness Tool Kit available online to help communities identify what site selectors are looking for. The committee also discussed bringing site selectors to the area to get a taste of what the Taber area has have to offer.

A subcommittee was created to focus on business attraction and retention efforts.

5. C. Business – Standing Item: Tourism

The Cornfest Committee is beginning to focus on this year's event. They are working on making it the biggest event yet. Kim added that she has reached out to Festival Seekers and they could be used to attract even more visitors. The company has people with large social media followings attend events and share their experiences on social media to create a buzz about the event. There is a possibility to work with Travel Alberta to receive grants for Festival Seekers service.

Matthew Williams suggested that the newly built Cornfest Stage should be used more throughout the year. A music festival or plays could take advantage of the space.

5. D. Business – Strategic Planning

Kim Welby reviewed the Strategic Planning document with the committee. She is in need of comments within two weeks. Everyone should rank the identified goals with their level of priority. Once the document is complete it should be shared with each Council or organization.

5. E. Business – Taxing Employer-Paid Health Benefits

Kattie Schlamp discussed an email from Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce identifying a plan by the Federal government to tax employer-paid health and dental benefits. The committee discussed the negative impact this would have on businesses and their ability to attract and retain employees.

Resolution No.
JEDC-2017-003

MOVED by Tom Machacek that every group take this information back to their organization and ask them to write a letter.
CARRIED

5. F. Business – Business Impact Brunch

The topic of the next Business Impact Brunch will be social media. An Eventbrite page will be set up for guests to register. If successful, a class on social media could be offered. The brunch is tentatively scheduled for March 18th, March 25th is an alternative date.

5. G. Business – Grant Writing Workshop

The Grant Writing Workshop held by the JEDC had very positive results. There were about 34 attendees. The committee would like to see an event like this hosted again in a few years as those working on behalf of organizations looking for grants changes often.

6. Additional Information

Joe Strojwas discussed his disappointment with Bob Wallace's comments in an email thread about the delay on the visitvauxhaul.com and visitbarnwell.com websites. Community Futures had discussed the delay at the previous meeting and Joe did not feel that it needed to be brought up again.

SouthGrow in partnership with other agencies will be hosting 13 Ways to Kill your Community on February 9th in Lethbridge.

Community Futures will hosting a talk and dinner by Todd Hirsch on March 14th in Taber.

7. Next Meeting Date

Resolution No.
JEDC-2017-004

Moved by Joerg Klempnauer that the next meeting will be held on March 29, 2017 in the M.D. of Taber's Reeve's Room.

CARRIED

8. Adjourn

Resolution No.
JEDC-2017-005

Moved by Joerg Klempnauer that the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

CARRIED



Taber & District HOUSING FOUNDATION

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MINUTES
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Taber and District Housing Foundation
Friday, February 24, 2017
TDHF Office - Boardroom

ATTENDANCE

- Board:** Linda English Christy Lund Tom Machacek
Rosanne Horrocks Deanna Killinger
- Administration:** Corey Beck (Maintenance Manager), Tim Janzen (CAO), Bev Mikalson (Financial Administrator), Kristin Skiba (Placement Officer)
- Absent:** Myrna Garner, Joe Strojwas

Rosanne Horrocks, Chairman, called the Regular monthly meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

1. Delegation – Robin Ducharme

Robin Ducharme presented a letter requesting that her daughter would be eligible to have an emotional support animal reside in her Community Housing unit. The Board asked a number of questions for clarification, thanked Robin for her letter and indicated that a decision would be forthcoming.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 2017-17

MOVED by C. Lund to approve the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting of Friday, January 27, 2017

Motion 2017-18

MOVED by T. Machacek to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of Friday, January 27, 2017.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

- a) Maintenance Garage - The CAO presented that the paperwork had been sent to Government of Alberta to collect approximately \$81,500 of funds to assist in payment of the Maintenance Shop. The CAO was encouraged to send the Knights of Columbus a thank you note for providing food for the Grand Opening celebration on February 9th.
- b) Letter to Venture Holdings Ltd. – CAO provided a copy of a letter sent to Venture Holdings, in response to their letter dated November 23, 2016.

5. Approval of Financial Statements and Reports:

Motion 2017-19

MOVED by L. English to accept for information, the financial statement information for the year ended December 31, 2016 for both Social Housing and Clearview Lodge as presented.

CARRIED

Motion 2017-20

MOVED by L. English to accept for information, the financial information for the month of January 2017 for both Social Housing and Clearview Lodge as presented.

CARRIED

Motion 2017-21

MOVED by C. Lund to accept for the cheques log to February 24, 2017, for both Social Housing and Clearview Lodge as presented.

CARRIED

6. Reports

a) Lodge Manager's Report

Motion 2017-22

MOVED D. Killinger to accept the Lodge Manager's report, as presented.

CARRIED

b) Health & Safety Report

Motion 2017-23

MOVED by T. Machacek to accept the Health & Safety report, as presented.

CARRIED

c) Maintenance Manager's Report

Motion 2017-24

MOVED by D. Killinger to accept the Maintenance Manager's report, as presented.

CARRIED

d) Placement Officer Report

Motion 2017-25

MOVED by L. English to accept the Placement Manager's report, as presented.

CARRIED

e) Financial Administrator Report

Motion 2017-26

MOVED by C. Lund to accept the Financial Administrator's report, as presented.

CARRIED

f) Chief Administrative Officer Report

Motion 2017-27

MOVED by T. Machacek to accept the Chief Administrative Officer's report, as presented.

CARRIED

7. New Business

a) Letter from Robin Ducharme – Request for Support Pet in Social Housing

Motion 2017-28

MOVED by T. Machacek to instruct the CAO to seek a legal opinion on Robin's request. As well, Administration is to review the tenant's income information, the provided guardianship documents and discuss with tenant the business operating in the housing unit. The CAO is instructed to present this information at the next Board meeting when a final decision can be made.

CARRIED

b) Review of 2016 – 2020 Business Plan - The CAO presented a copy of the 2016 – 2020 TDHF Business Plan for review and discussion.

Motion 2017-29

MOVED by C. Lund that the 2016 – 2020 TDHF Business Plan be approved as presented. The Board Chairman, Rosanne Horrocks, will sign the final document to be submitted to Alberta Seniors and Housing.

CARRIED

c) Proposed Letters to the Town of Taber

Motion 2017-30

MOVED by C. Lund to instruct the CAO to send letters to the Town of Taber; first, to enquire about sidewalk repair on 50th Avenue and second, to request additional angle parking spots on 48th Street, east of Clearview Lodge.

CARRIED

d) Discussion about \$315 rule for Lodge residents

CAO and Financial Administrator explained the method used to calculate resident rent and the amount of monthly Board package (costs of meals, housekeeping, etc.). As well, the \$315 rule was explained that after calculation of total resident expenses, each resident **MUST** be left with a minimum of \$315 disposable income each month.

7. Information Material

- a) Monthly Report – Social Housing
- b) 2016 Audit Letter from Avail (formerly Young Parkyn McNab)
- c) Information about Banff Compass 2017 – AFP Fundraising Conference – May 8 – 11, 2017

8. Adjournment

Motion 2017-31

MOVED by C. Lund to adjourn this meeting at 3:53 pm

CARRIED

Next Meeting – Friday, March 31, 2017

Rosanne Horrocks, Chairperson

Linda English, Vice-Chairperson

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Taber & District HOUSING FOUNDATION

Providing individuals, families and seniors with affordable and caring accommodation.

**Annual General Board Meeting (AGM)
Taber and District Housing Foundation (TDHF)
Friday, March 10, 2017 at 4:00 pm
Clearview Lodge Atrium**

Directors in Attendance: Rosanne Horrocks Deanna Killinger
Joe Strojwas Myrna Garner
Tom Machacek (Acting Chair)

Administration: Tim Janzen, CAO Joan Hart, Lodge Manager
Corey Beck, Maintenance Manager

Delegation – Nadine Granson, CA, Auditor for Avail LLP, Chartered Accountants

Absent: C. Lund
L. English

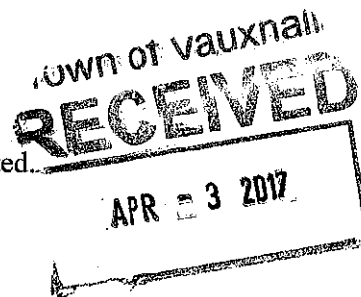
MINUTES

The acting Chair, Tom Machacek called the Annual General Meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. The Chair welcomed everyone and introduced the other members of the TDHF Board, the CAO, and the Auditor, Nadine Granson from Avail LLP.

1. Agenda Approval

Motion 2017-32

MOVED by Joe Strojwas to approve the Agenda as presented.



CARRIED

2. Review of 2016 AGM Minutes

The minutes from Annual General Meeting (AGM) held March 10, 2016 were circulated to those in attendance for their information only.

As a Society under the Societies Act we are required to have an AGM and not because we are a Management Body. Management Bodies do not require an AGM and therefore most do not have one. The TDHF Board Members are considered the ‘members’ of the Society in our Bylaws. This is why the minutes from the 2016 AGM were already approved by the Board last spring.

2.c) i

3. 2016 Audited Financial Statements & report from the Auditors, Avail LLP;

a) Consolidated Financial Statements – Clearview Lodge & Social Housing
Nadine Granson stated that the Auditor's Report is clean, just like last year in accordance with non-profit organizations.

She noted that there was a decrease in the cash position by \$102,000 due to capital asset additions, such as the Maintenance Shop. As well, there was a slight decrease in the Accounts receivable due to the Lodge Renewal Grant amounts. As well, the gST Receivable increased because the 2015 amounts were still outstanding at yearend. Those amounts have since been collected in 2017.

Miss Granson noted that overall assets had increased due to the construction of the Maintenance Shop and the purchase and installation of the Emergency Call Bell system.

Miss Granson stated that if you take current assets vs current liabilities, there is \$ 349,000 left so TDHF is strong financial position.

Having unrestricted funds totaling \$341,000 on the *Consolidated Statement of Financial Position* means that TDHF is in a strong financial position.

The Notes to the Financial Statements show no real change.

Nadine Granson turned the meeting back over the Chair. The Chair thanked Mrs. Granson for her presentation and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Motion 2017-33

MOVED by Myrna Garner to accept the Consolidated Financial Statements, for the year ending December 31, 2016.

CARRIED

4. Annual Report 2016: Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO Tim Janzen presented highlights of 2016; including:

- Completion of tub to shower renovation in 100 Wing
- New dishwasher installation
- New Emergency Call Bell system installation
- Installation of new carpet tile in 100, 200 and 300 wing hallways
- Significant investment in staff training
- Significant policy and procedure work in the area of Health & Safety
- Emergency Funds for Emergency Situations - \$13,700 distributed to local individuals that would not otherwise have been eligible for support

Motion 2017-34

MOVED by Joe Strojwas to accept the CAOs report as presented.

CARRIED

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair moved the AGM be adjourned at 4:23 pm. The next Annual General Meeting will be held in March 2018

Date

Tom Machacek, Acting Chair

Date

Tim Janzen, CAO

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Town of Vauxhall

Staff Recommendation

Date: April 11th, 2017

Proposed by: Administration

Topic: Regional Emergency Management Framework Agreement

Background:

This is the same agreement the MD and Vauxhall entered into a year ago and the only amendment was to add Barnwell.

Request a motion to approve/not approve the agreement to initiate a regional municipal emergency management plan.

Town of Vauxhall
March 2017
Municipal Enforcement Report

The Traffic Bylaw was documented as the highest number of complaint files for the month of March. Vehicle operators who park facing the wrong way on the street will receive one warning, then a Violation Ticket will be subsequently issued for further contravention. One ticket has been issued for non-compliance thus far. Two additional tickets have been issued for detaching trailers (one passenger vehicle trailer and one semi- truck trailer) within the town.

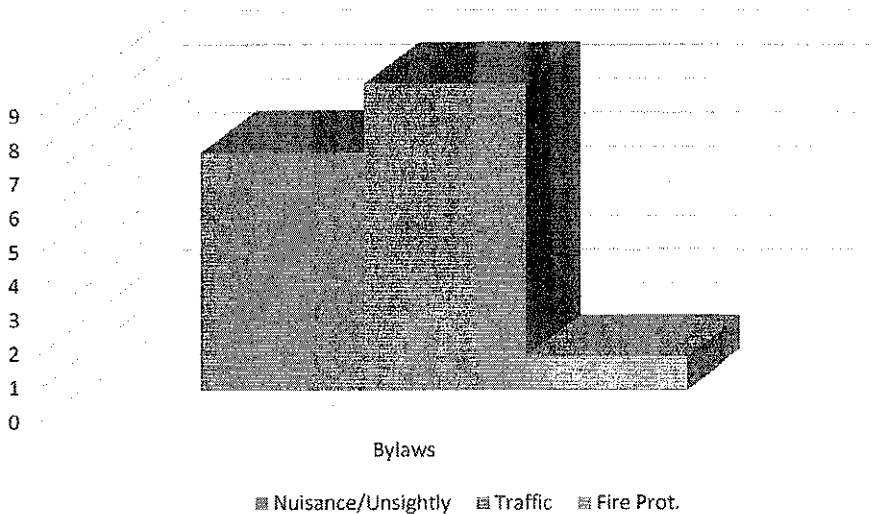
Information I had collected was passed on to the RCMP regarding a Vauxhall resident who was operating a motor vehicle within town that was uninsured and unlicensed. The operator was fined and the truck was towed.

The beginning of March displayed snow accumulations, which accounted for the Nuisance/Unightly warning tags for shoveling sidewalks. Two unsightly property caution letters were also sent out to residents to encourage spring cleaning of excessive garbage and clutter.

A single Fire Protection letter was sent for a building which did not have the proper civic house number posted. It has since evolved into compliance.

Jason Schreiber
CPO II 15394
Municipal Enforcement
Town of Vauxhall
403-654-2174
403-580-9840
jschreiber@town.vauxhall.ab.ca

March Bylaw Complaints





Bulletin - March 2017 from pete.lovering@southgrow.com

South Alberta Alternative Energy Partnership (SAAEP)

Solar Optix has sent around a short survey to the member municipalities of the partnership about their needs for information and the main concerns. Work is being done connecting with industry and updating the web site. Also some suggestions are coming forward that include name change, domain change, etc. The leadership group is meeting early in April to go over several suggestions and to provide directions for the last half of the work to be done.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

NRCan declined our application for funding so we are currently waiting for some concrete costs until we proceed further.

Broadband

Kimberly and her team have met with almost all of our members to amass information about the state of broadband. They have also met with other providers and advisors to build us a plan to go forward.

Investment Attraction

Funding has been approved and we will be discussing our next steps as a management board. Manager is considering a meeting of the CAOs/EDOs to gauge support before moving forward with a particular focus.

Chinese Business to Business

Manager has continued to be in contact with a few businesses still interested in trade. Starfield Magrath is considering inviting an Investment Firm to come to the region to scope out additional opportunities. Still lots of work to do and we expect an influx of people from the Anyang area to this region over the next year. This will include an education focus as well as a tourism focus. Some other businesses may also come over individually upon our invite. Our chair and I will be presenting a report to the Town of Taber Council in early April and would be willing to meet with other councils upon request. Our working group was able to present at the Economic Developers Conference recently. The initiative also was an award recipient for this project which was presented by the Minister of Economic Development and Trade at the gala banquet.

Information for Members

We would be happy to reach out to Councils and Staff of any of our members to update them on the progress we are making. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to schedule a visit or a meeting with your organization.

13 Ways to Kill Your Community

We have since learned that Doug will be coming to Milk River in November and this may be a good opportunity for those that were unable to attend, to go. Also very good for new councilors. More details to come.

On Farm Energy Reduction Extension program

We have found a contractor to help deliver this program and are anxious to get started. There has been some activity lately and a training event for the contractors has been scheduled. The training will take place in early April. If you are interested in having Vern make a presentation, please contact him at vern.steinborn@southgrow.com.

Recognition Event

March 30th event was cancelled due to a low number of applications. It will be incorporated into our AGM on **JUNE 15** for this year. Please mark your calendars.



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MLA, Calgary-Varsity*

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March 27, 2017

Her Worship Margaret Plumtree
Mayor, Town of Vauxhall
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Vauxhall, Alberta T0K 2K0

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Dear Mayor Plumtree:

As Minister of Service Alberta, I appreciate the opportunity to reach out to you personally about the work my ministry is undertaking with respect to SuperNet and the support of rural broadband in the province.

Our government understands the importance of maintaining vibrant and sustainable communities, and we know that community leaders like you believe that access to government services and quality internet are some of the keys. Keys to encouraging our youth to make a home in rural Alberta, retaining local skills and talent, attracting new industry and opportunity, and helping businesses to thrive. You have reached out to us about the importance of SuperNet and broadband through the recent Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Association of Alberta Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) surveys, fall conventions and resolutions, direct conversations with my department, and through correspondence with my colleagues in Cabinet. I thank you for the time you have taken to reach out, we have heard your concerns, and I can share that we are actively looking at how to provide support on these important issues.

Also recently, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) announced that broadband is a basic service that should be available to all Canadians, and both the federal government and CRTC are in varying stages of releasing broadband funding programs. We have spent time with both these groups, advocating on behalf of Albertans, and we support these important decisions. To that end, my department is already working with communities and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) across Alberta who are considering submitting applications for funding.

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At the same time as many of you are looking into municipal solutions or partnerships to enable better internet for your rural residents, the current SuperNet operating agreement with Axia SuperNet Ltd. is expiring on June 30, 2018. While SuperNet is not the internet, and primarily connects public sector sites in the province; it is also one of the networks used by municipalities and ISPs to bring internet into rural Alberta. We need to take action, and considering the valuable stakeholder insights shared with us, our government has been looking at options for moving forward. Those key considerations, and some important background to help you understand SuperNet and the decisions we face, can be found on the attachment I have enclosed.

Our government values open communication and recognizes that many communities are making efforts to improve broadband at home. While this process unfolds and we confirm government's direction, we want to caution municipalities on signing long-term agreements with ISPs. The landscape and arrangements could change and we want to position you for success. If you are considering a municipal partnership or agreement with an ISP, please contact our SuperNet Secretariat toll-free for guidance. They can be reached at 1-888-777-4010.

The government will be discussing our approach for the future of SuperNet and potential rural broadband supports in early 2017, and we will ensure you are aware of those decisions.

Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of the people of Alberta.

Sincerely,



Hon. Stephanie McLean
Minister of Service Alberta

Attachment – SuperNet Municipal Backgrounder

cc: Cris Burns, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Vauxhall

Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade

Honourable Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs

Tim Grant, Deputy Minister, Service Alberta

Stephen Bull, Assistant Deputy Minister, SuperNet Secretariat, Service Alberta

SUPERNET: THE WAY FORWARD AND MUNICIPALITIES

We know that community leaders and Albertans across the province believe that enabling broadband is key to ensuring vibrant and sustainable communities where businesses can thrive. We also know that many internet service providers (ISPs) in rural Alberta count on SuperNet today to deliver internet services to residents and businesses – and as we move forward – we're working to ensure those services remain available to ISPs and municipalities alike.

On June 30th, 2018 the current SuperNet operating agreement with Axia SuperNet Ltd. expires. In light of the challenges facing SuperNet today, and considering the insights provided by our stakeholders - including municipalities - the Government of Alberta (GoA) has been reviewing options to move forward:

- ✓ Job 1 is ensuring service continuity for our indigenous offices, municipalities, public sector schools, hospitals, libraries and government facilities;
- ✓ While the GoA is not directly responsible for the delivery of internet services to rural Alberta, we must also continue to support ISPs who use the SuperNet today to deliver internet to Albertans, particularly in our rural and remote areas;
- ✓ We must examine ways to address the growing cost of SuperNet, while working to eliminate the issues and challenges raised to us by our many stakeholders;
- ✓ We must decide what role the new model for SuperNet should play in supporting rural broadband in Alberta, and what, if any, additional approaches should be considered to advance rural internet in the province – now and into the future; and
- ✓ We need to achieve these goals within our existing budget.

WHAT IS SUPERNET?

SuperNet is not the internet. It is a network of fibre optic cables, wireless towers, and electronics whose primary purpose is to digitally connect over 3,300 of our province's hospitals, libraries, schools, government offices, and many municipal and indigenous offices, in 429 communities. SuperNet is also used by many independent ISPs to provide Albertans and businesses in your municipalities with access to the internet.

Like every network, SuperNet has evolved. It started 15 years ago with the GoA making an investment of \$193 million to construct and own a digital network to bring 402 rural and remote communities into the connected world. At that same time, Bell Canada (Bell) stepped up with \$102 million to enhance their existing network covering 27 urban centres within the province. The rural and urban networks became the SuperNet, and made Alberta the most connected province in the country.

In 2005, as SuperNet moved from construction into operations, the ownership arrangements and contracts for SuperNet were changed. Bell had invested more than \$300 million into completing the build of the rural network, and the GoA decided to give away ownership of that infrastructure, to Bell, in exchange for 10-years of free maintenance. Axia SuperNet Ltd. was also contracted to operate SuperNet.

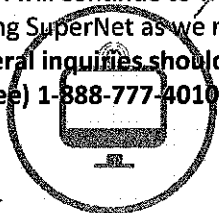
The GoA now holds rights to use Bell's fibre and wireless infrastructure until 2045. From 2005 to 2015 maintenance of the Bell-owned infrastructure came at no cost to the GoA. As of 2015 the GoA now faces annual maintenance costs of over \$15 million and will have spent more than \$300 million, in maintenance fees alone, before having the opportunity in 2035 to purchase only the aged rural infrastructure for \$1.

As a result of the 2005 change in SuperNet ownership, increasing maintenance costs, and ongoing challenges with today's SuperNet model, we face some difficult decisions in paving the way forward.

WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

The GoA will continue to work with all municipalities to ensure we maintain clear and open communication regarding SuperNet as we move forward.

**All general inquiries should be directed to the SuperNet Secretariat and Rural Broadband Line:
(Toll-Free) 1-888-777-4010.**



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April 10, 2017

Dear Mayor Plumtree, Council, and CAO:

As your Member of Parliament for Bow River Riding, I would like to invite you to a round table discussion on the recent Liberal government budget. I value your perspective and insight and I would like to hear your thoughts on how this budget impacts your business, community and your family.

Budget 2017:

- Adds \$29 billion to the deficit this year, on top of \$27 billion from last year's budget.
- Has no plan to balance the budget.
- Has no plan to lower business taxes, which means Canada could be at a disadvantage to the United States who's Government is looking at lowering these taxes.
- Federal and Provincial Governments are increasing the carbon tax, which will hurt the competitiveness of Canadian companies
- Very little new investments for agriculture and agri-food producers
- Changes in the way a tax credit is applied to the discovery of new oil and gas deposits, which will increase costs for small businesses in Bow River

This Roundtable meeting will take place on April 24, 2pm at the MD of Taber Council Chambers.

If you are interested in attending, please contact my staff at 1-844-241-0020 or email Martin.Shields.C1@parl.gc.ca to confirm your attendance. We will also be holding meetings in Brooks, Vulcan and Chestermere. Karen will be able to provide you with further details upon request.

We hope you will be able to attend one of the meetings.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Shields, Member of Parliament
Bow River Constituency

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April 10, 2017

Town Council
Town of Vauxhall
Vauxhall, AB

Dear Council:

As you know the Vauxhall Agricultural Society has taken part in organizing the July 1 celebrations which are put on by the Town. This year, we would like to do something special to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday. Besides the Derby, we would like to host a Street Dance in conjunction with the Vauxhall Legion. We would need to close off the street in front of the Legion for this activity.

The dance would be held from 7-11 pm and involve the entire community. Would this be possible?

Thank you for your consideration.



Carol Jones
Secretary

Vauxhall Agricultural Society
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