

TOWN NEWS



Claresholm
Where **Community** Takes Root

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Doug MacPherson
Mayor

Town Council is hard at work making Town affairs more transparent and open to the public. Starting with the December 11, 2017 regular Council meeting, livestreaming of Council meetings began. Feedback has been positive as members of the public can view the meeting live from our website or later if that's more convenient. Council's first Open House of this term has also been scheduled for January 24th – please see this page for more information. We would like to see as many residents as possible attend!

This month, members of Council are continuing budget discussions, both operating and capital. A Strategic Planning Session is planned for January 26 & 27 where the objective is to define Council's direction for the next four years. Goal setting will ensure Council stays on track with what is truly important to our community.

As always, please contact any member of Council should you have questions or concerns. Our email addresses are firstname.lastname@claresholm.ca.

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday January 24, 2018
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Claresholm Golf Course

Town Council is planning to host quarterly Open Houses to allow the public to meet with members of Council and discuss ongoing projects and other items. The first Open House will be held at the Claresholm Golf Course (349 – 39 Avenue West) on January 24, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.. There will be a short presentation from Gavin Scott, Municipal Planner from Oldman River Regional Services Commission, on the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) update and review. This project began in 2017 and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2018. Following the presentation, Councillors will be present to speak with community members.

The current Municipal Development Plan (MDP) was adopted in 2010, and provides a planning framework for the future sustainable growth and development that will assist in realizing the physical, social and economic opportunities in Claresholm. The objective of the MDP is to ensure that developers, businesses and residents have a clear and concise direction and understanding of Town policy, while appreciating the connection to a strong community identity that focusses on the social aspects of life in Claresholm. It will “look into the future” in terms of the Town's growth and development. The existing and future land use patterns will be influenced by growth, environmental, community, financial and transportation priorities.

Another purpose of this review and update is to ensure the MDP is current with the changes to the Municipal Government Act (MGA), and the need for compliance with the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (set by the Province of Alberta). Since the current MDP discussed the proposed annexation that has now been completed, the addition of the annexed land into municipal boundaries is required. A general cleanup and addition of any new policies and plans that the municipality has passed will also be recognized. Town Council looks forward to hearing from the community on the future direction for land use patterns, and the growth strategy. Information on the Municipal Development Plan can be found on the Town of Claresholm website at: <http://www.claresholm.ca/government/town-council/guiding-documents#sub>



UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:
January 22 • February 12
Town Office Council Chambers 7pm Start - Public Welcome

Let's Talk Green

Join us for this series of informative workshops learning about YOUR money:

1. Creating a Realistic Budget
2. Talking to your Kids about Finances
3. Savings Accounts and Investments
4. Responsible Citizenship: The Canadian Tax System.

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This is a **FREE** workshop, but registration is required.
January 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 2018
6-8pm at The Station
Call 403-625-4417 or email communityfcss@shaw.ca

2018 Funding Applications are now being accepted at Claresholm & District FCSS

Organizations delivering programs & services at a community level may be eligible for financial support.

Application deadline: Wednesday, February 28, 2018

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT
FCSS 4925 1 St. W.

NOTICE TO BUSINESS OWNERS

2018 BUSINESS LICENSE INVOICES HAVE BEEN MAILED

Invoices for 2018 Town of Claresholm business licenses have been sent in the mail. Please pay the invoice promptly to ensure your 2018 business license is sent out as early as possible. Persons found operating a business (including home based) without a valid Town of Claresholm 2018 business license may be fined under the Town's business license bylaw.

Regional Business Licenses are available for an additional \$80/year which allows the resident license holder to conduct business in all participating communities.

CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.

Saturday 10 FEBRUARY

SNO PITCH Tournament
9 am - 4 pm Millennium Park
\$125 per team 7-3 Male/Female Ratio

Register before **February 2, 2018**
rec@claresholm.ca or call 403-625-2172

2018 DOG LICENSE FEES ARE NOW DUE
DOG OWNERS ARE REMINDED OF THE FOLLOWING:

All dogs are required to have a license and any person found owning or harboring a dog which does not have a valid license may be fined under the Town's dog bylaw; The Town may issue a ticket to the owner or capture and impound any dog found running at large; License cost for spayed/neutered - \$15/year, license cost for intact - \$40/year.

Contact the Town Office for more information.

Claresholm Senior's Drop-in Centre
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, January 18 at 2:00 p.m.
All members are invited to attend.

EMERGENCY HELP GUIDE

The Town of Claresholm is updating our information for residents for emergency purposes.

Please contact the Town Office with your cell phone number and/or your email address or email info@claresholm.ca. This information is for Town use only and will not be shared with anyone else.

Please give us a way to contact you

TAX REDUCTION

A discount of 1.25% will be allowed on the prepayment of 2018 property taxes based on the amount of the 2017 tax levy. The discount will apply to all prepayments (excluding T.I.P.P.s participants) received at the Town Office before Jan. 31, 2018.

CLARESHOLM AQUATIC CENTRE Ph. 403-625-2172

Masters Swim, 8-9pm Thursdays 1/2 hour coaching, 1/2 hour self directed, regular admission

Toonie swim Monday –Thursday 3-4pm (public Swim for a Toonie)

Toonie Swim Monday & Wednesday 7-8pm

Public Swim Friday, Saturday, Sunday 2-4pm

Family Swims 1-2pm Saturday & Sunday

AquaFit
M/W/F 8:00-9:00 am or 1:00-2:00 pm
\$39 for January

Boot Camp
T/TH 5:00-6:00 pm \$27 for January

Drop-In Always Welcome \$5/visit

Classic Fit
T/TH 11:00-11:30am - Regular Admission

Check out our full schedule and program guide on Claresholm.ca under Aquatic Centre, or on Facebook at Claresholm Rec

LACE UP YOUR SKATES!

Skating at the Claresholm Arena

REGULAR OPEN ICE:
MON. TO THURS.
7:30 am to 3:45 pm

SUNDAY
Shinny Hockey
5:45 - 8:00 pm

FRIDAY
7:30 am to 2:15 pm

*Schedule subject to change.
Updated calander posted in arena office.

PICKLEBALL - \$2 Drop-in
at West Meadow Elementary
Thursdays 7-9 P.M.

Non-marking shoes required, instruction/equipment provided, all ages welcome w/parental supervision. Info - 403-625-2100