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CROWSNEST PASS COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

DELEGATIONS

- Bellevue Fireman’s Park Society**
Randi Lynn Rinaldi, President
- A rejuvenation project was proposed for Fireman’s Park
 - No real improvements have been made in the Park since 1994, with the exception of the playground being redone by the Municipality in 2021
 - The Park is leased from the Municipality by the Society
 - There are two types of groups that use the park
 - Daily walk on traffic
 - Rental groups (totalling 45 for the summer of 2026)
 - Project goals, in order of priority
 - Re-do mini-golf - \$420,000 to \$540,000
 - Cook shelter upgrade - \$100,000
 - Landscaping (bocce, horse shoe pits, stairs) - \$30,000
 - Public art - 3 pieces in mini-golf area
 - The Society wants Council to give the rejuvenation project the “thumbs up”, support for grants and in-kind services for water/electrical upgrades/debris depositing
 - Randi Lynn has some fundraising ideas and a list of grant possibilities, the Society also gets a casino every few years

- South Canadian Rockies Tourism Association (SCRTA)**
Erin Fairhurst, Executive Director
- SCRTA is requesting a 2026/2027 contribution from the Municipality Pass to support regional destination management and destination marketing
 - For every \$2 invested in SCRTA’s tourism work, this Destination Management Organization (DMO) can secure an additional \$8 in external funding
 - The Association works with communities throughout the South Canadian Rockies to align tourism priorities, build partnerships, and advance initiatives that support both regional and provincial tourism objectives.
 - SCRTA is wanting the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, the Town of Pincher Creek and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 each to contribute \$12,500 for the 2026/2027 fiscal year and \$12,500 each annually for the next 3 years
 - The \$12,500 requested from each area is based on a calculation to maximize Provincial support
 - Currently 60 member operators in the region

REQUEST FOR DECISION

- Bylaw 1250, 2025 Road Closure Bylaw**
- The closure of an undeveloped road is proposed for the purpose of consolidating it with a portion of the SW 29-7-3-

- W5M, located at 20971 - 7 Ave, near the West Hillcrest access
- A Public Hearing was held on May 5, 2026
 - No concerns from adjacent landowners or referral agencies were voiced
 - On July 28, 2026 the Minister of Transportation and Economics Corridors signed the Bylaw and returned it to the Municipality for finalizing
 - Motion carried after second and third readings

- Bylaw 1272, 2026 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment**
- First reading to redesignate Block OT, Plan 5186FA from “Recreation & Open Space RO-1” to “Public P-1”
 - This is the land that York Creek Lodge and Tecumseh Manor are situated on
 - The landowner (Alberta Social Housing Corporation) needs to have this property designated Public P-1 in order to bring the existing non-conforming uses into compliance
 - The Public P-1 Land Use District would enable the landowner to pursue development permit applications for the “Seniors Supportive Housing Facility” or similar use developments
 - First reading moved and carried

- 20 Ave Blairmore Paving Award**
- The Municipality tendered bids for overlaying on 20 Ave in Blairmore from the Highway 3 West access to 112 Street and 107 Street from 20 Ave to Highway 3 and the Hospital Access
 - The area of the proposed paving is on a busy section of roadway and traffic volumes will be increasing significantly with the new Crowsnest Crossing construction
 - Initial estimates showed that this length of paving should cost the Municipality approximately 1 million, this amount was budgeted in the Capital Plan
 - The Volker Stevin bid was lowest, but quite a bit over the budgeted amount
 - Cost cutting options were discussed, but it was decided to do the whole paving project properly to maximize the life span of the roadway
 - Council voted to awarding the 20 Ave Blairmore Paving project to Volker Stevin for \$1,590, 255.07 and that the additional funding will be \$520,179 from the Federal Build Communities Strong Fund and \$189,855.52 from the Road Reserve

PUBLIC INPUT

- Fred Bradley**
- Extended an invitation to Council to the MCNP Historic District Open House on September 22, 2026 at the Coleman Senior’s Centre from 4pm to 8pm
 - The draft design guidelines review, as well as the benefits of provincial and municipal historic designation, will be presented at the open house at both 4:30pm and 6:30pm

- Mindy Pawluk, Blairmore**
- Noted that work has been started by the Charmed Resort people in the old Sartoris staging area
 - Wondering how work on the property is occurring when the land is still owned by the Municipality, Mindy can’t find any information saying that the land sale transaction was finalized
 - Worried that the Municipality would be liable for any changes done to the land if it were to remain in their hands
 - Mindy would like Council write her a formal letter clarifying these and other concerns

COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES AND NOTICE OF MOTION

- Jim Prentice Wildlife Corridor Sign**
Councillor Ward
- Councillor Ward was approached by the Nature Conservancy of Canada to consider partnering with them and installing a sign for the Jim Prentice Wildlife Corridor
 - Jim was a former Alberta Premier
 - This corridor is located on Highway 3 between Coleman and Crowsnest Lake
 - Motion carried to support the installation of a sign
 - All in favour, motion carried

- Notice of Motion - Traffic Study**
Mayor Rypien
- Council requested that administration draft a letter to Darren Davidson, Regional Director of Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridor Lethbridge and send a copy of the letter to Chelsae Petrovic, MLA and Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors requesting a Traffic Safety Study to be done on Highway 3 through the business area from Coleman Remedys RX to the Crowsnest Consolidated High School regarding safety concerns
 - Motion carried to draft up the letter

- EVR Mine Schedule Changes**
Councillor Johnson
- EVR Fordi River is going to a 7 on/7 off schedule for all workers at the beginning of 2027
 - That mine is currently on a 4 on/4 off schedule
 - Councillor Johnson wonderer if the other mines follow suit
 - This may cause a shift in local housing as workers can live further from the mine when not at work and live in shift housing while at work
 - Councillor Ward moved to draft a letter to invite EVR to present to council

- Rural Renewal Stream**
Mayor Rypien
- This program helps rural communities to recruit and retain foreign nationals to live, work and settle in their communities
 - This program was also brought up in the June 9, 2026 Council meeting
 - This program would require support

- agencies that our community does not currently have
- Councillor Johnson thought that if local businesses offered a fair wage, they would have success in finding workers
 - The Chamber of Commerce might be able to help with labour shortages

- Canadian Unity Bus Tour**
Councillor Ward
- Will be at the Frank pull out on Tuesday, September 22 from 2-4 pm
 - Councillor Johnson suggested that it is not in the scope of council to support this type of event
 - Council members can go as in individual, not as a representative of Council

- Business Permits**
Councillor Vastenhout
- There are a lot of businesses doing work in our community
 - Councillor Vastenhout wondered how the Municipality is regulating/policing their permits
 - If there is a complaint questioning a permit it will be investigated

- Councillor Johnson will explore options at the upcoming conference and made a motion to accept the information for further follow-up

LETTER TO COUNCIL

- David Taggart of August 6, 2026
- Resident wanted to better understand the approvals, environmental reviews and regulatory processes followed for the Skateboard Park project
 - Patrick Thomas met with Mr. Taggart on the site and provided him with the information he was looking for
 - Council moved to accept his letter as information

- Letter to Mayor and Council**
Dr. Allen Lycka of September 2, 2026
- Asked that Council consider proclaiming September 24, 2026 as National Resilience Day™ in the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass and inviting residents, businesses, healthcare organizations, schools, first responders, community organizations, volunteers and families throughout the Pass to participate in their own Acts of Resilience
 - Council felt that the date of September 24 is too close to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation date of September 30
 - This day is currently recognized in various states
 - Council moved to respond with a letter stating they would not proclaim a date but may consider revisiting a National Resilience Day™ for next year

- Tax Subclass form derelict properties, commercial and residential**
Councillor Johnson
- Councillor Jophnson brought this idea to the attention of Council for informa-



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TAX SUBCLASS FORM DERELICT PROPERTIES, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL

Councillor Johnson

- Councillor Johnson brought this idea to the attention of Council for information
- She discovered that other communities have created a tax sub-class with a higher rate for derelict properties
- Patrick Thomas noted that the Community Standards Bylaw might be a way to deal with these properties
- Councillor Johnson will explore options at the upcoming conference and made a motion to accept the information for further follow-up

MOVIE NIGHT

Mayor Rypien

- Mike McGee from the Green Hill invited Municipal employees and families to a movie night

REFERENDUM SIGNS

Mayor Rypien

- Community members are reminded that signs supporting either side of the upcoming referendum are allowed to be displayed in the community
- It is illegal to vandalize political signs

STRATEGIC PLAN

Mayor Rypien

- What Objectives were achieved
- This update will go into the upcoming Community of the Whole to be held September 17, 2026

CLARIFICATION OF A MOTION

Mayor Rypien

- At the August 25, 2026 Council meeting there was a motion to relocate the existing garbage receptacle located at the front of the Pic building at the traffic lights in Blairmore to the adjacent

side of the street

- The garbage receptacle was removed from in front of the Pic building but not relocated across the street as per the motion

PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Rypien

- Skateboard Park concrete has been started and there will be an integrated sidewalk connecting the spray park to the miner's path parking lot
- New municipal office is not ready for Council to tour yet
- The parking lot for the new grocery store has been started and the opening is still scheduled for March 2027
- Underground work done on 224 street in Bellevue is waiting on paving and sidewalk to be completed
- The water looping project to provide a second water supply to South Bellevue has been affected by some unanticipated underground rock, preventing

the directional drilling that was planned

- Some of the project's pipe work had to be redesigned, some sections will require excavation in order to install the pipe
- Some small sections of the looping work are done, but sections remain including the stretch on 27 Ave from 212 to 215 street

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