

## BYLAWS

1. Bylaw 2080-24 Road Closure & Lease - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried**
2. Bylaw 2081-24 Road Closure & Lease - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried**
3. Bylaw 2087-25 Water & Sewer - **Motion to approve 2nd & 3rd reading was carried**
4. Bylaw 2090-25 Road Closure & Lease - **Motion to approve 1st reading was carried**
5. Bylaw 2091-25 Amendment to Bylaw 2063-23 (Debenture - Lake Newell Resort Pathway)- **Motion to approve 1st, 2nd & 3rd reading was carried**

## DELEGATIONS

**MP Martin Shields** spoke about irrigation, food security, and economic development within the Brooks Newell Region, emphasizing the importance of partnership and collaboration to bolster the agrifood industry. More education needs to happen for urban folks to understand the importance of water.

## Presentation of Alberta Emergency Services Medals

The **Alberta Emergency Services Medal (AESM)** recognizes emergency services personnel in Alberta who contribute to emergency prevention, preparedness, and response. This honour is awarded to those who have dedicated 12, 22, 32, or 40 years of service to helping others.

**Fire & Emergency Services** is proud to acknowledge the **County of Newell's volunteer firefighters** who have achieved this prestigious accolade.

### **Congratulations and thank you for your service!**

- 🔥 **Firefighter Michael Phillips**, Bassano Fire Department - **12** years of service
- 🔥 **Captain Michael Wetzstein**, Bassano Fire Department - **12** years of service
- 🔥 **Lieutenant Ronald Torkelson**, Duchess Fire Department - **12** years of Service
- 🔥 **Captain Claudia Locke**, Duchess Fire Department - **12** years of service
- 🔥 **Captain Bernhard Thiessen**, Duchess Fire Department - **12** years of service
- 🔥 **Firefighter Martin Wiebe**, Rosemary Fire Department - **22** years of service
- 🔥 **Firefighter Weston Harder**, Rosemary Fire Department - **32** years of service

## AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- 328 coyotes were captured in January as part of the County Coyote Incentive Program, less than half of what was expected. Read more about the CCIP here > **Coyote Incentive Program**
- Bassano Fire Hall renovations are almost complete; Council to take a tour once fire department moves in.
- Tree Health & Maintenance Workshop on March 25. Free to attend & lunch is provided. Register here > **Tree Workshop**
- Gopher season is coming, begin preparing now
- Environmental Farm Plans within the County are going well - 5 in January and 3 more coming up. An EFP is a self led whole farm environmental assessment. Find out more > **AB Environmental Farm Plan**
- CDC South Revitalization Project is going well and community support has been excellent

## ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Planning & Development Report - Year in Review 2024

2024 was a year of growth and education for the Planning and Development department, though less busy compared to previous years. Council approved text amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to reduce red tape and streamline the permitting process while ensuring orderly development.

- Highlights: Public open house for Ratepayers was a success; farm resort concept north of Millicent; five 2,300 sq ft greenhouses near Bassano; Rolling Hills School added agriculture program; private school opened in Patricia; new school construction at Bow City Hutterite Colony; Golden Bins opened in the industrial area north of Brooks; JBS expanded its cold storage facility; permit issued for a transloading facility near Bassano.
- Alberta continues to lose high-quality farmland due to development pressures.

2. Community Organization Insurance Cost Concerns - Request for Decision
3. Policy Review POL-O55-25 Councillor Compensation Review Committee - **Motion to approve was carried**
4. Policy Review POL-O11-25 Councillor's Compensation & Expenses - **Motion to approve was carried**
5. Terms of Reference - Councill Compensation Advisory Committee - **Motion to approve was carried**

#### **FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL**

- Future of Municipal Considerations event with Brownlee
- Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce is hosting roundtables in various divisions; division Councillor is encouraged to attend
- Brooks Youth Police Academy graduation
- Inventures Conference in May
- Council Professional Development opportunities

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You can watch the meeting here > [\*\*February 6 MPC/Council Meeting\*\*](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the live stream.

