

DELEGATIONS

- Sue Hawkins, Chair of Brooks Animal Protection Society (BAPS), requested \$7000 in funding to address their financial crisis due to rising costs and an influx of animals. Council approved the one-time request. Learn more > [BAPS](#)
- Christine Campbell of the ALUS Program presented nature-based solutions for farmers and ranchers to address local environmental challenges. Council showed interest in future involvement. Learn more about this innovative organization > [ALUS](#)
- An unsightly property complaint near Bassano led to an Enforcement Order, and compliance was achieved. Council agreed to review processes and improve communication with landowners.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BUSINESS

- Grasshopper populations are high; a wet spring could help.
- No signs of Bacterial Ring Rot or Clubroot.
- Weed control was acceptable, but Baby's Breath and Knapweed remain problematic.
- Emerson Bridge Park had a successful season and now offers extended camping with limited services.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Council endorsed Bassano as the lead for an Alberta Community Partnership grant for phase II of the Newell Regional Emergency Management Plan.
- A meeting with Grasslands School Board on Oct. 10 will discuss support for rural schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

- SAEWA: Council will attend an Oct. 4 meeting to review vendors. More about > [SAEWA](#)
- Shortgrass Library: Plans to offer online/digital library cards for purchase and renewal.
- Safe Communities: Car thefts remain a concern; ticket revenue is split 60/40 with the community and Alberta.
- Parks & Rec: Complaints about tennis courts; looking for a Member-at-Large.

FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL

- Two councillors will appear on Global Village TV to promote the County. Council is also invited to a WestJet Roundtable on Oct. 2, and the SAEWA Board Meeting.

BASSANO RCMP MONTHLY REPORT

- In August 2024, Bassano RCMP responded to nearly 100 calls, including fraud and aggressive dog incidents. Pet owners are urged to secure dogs with proper restraints, especially with school starting.

You can watch the meeting here > [September 19 Council Meeting](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10. Join us in Council Chambers or watch the live stream. The link is on our website under Government > Meetings > 2024 Regular Meetings Schedule

