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Council Brings Local Issues to Provincial Cabinet Ministers

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Town Council has been busy continuing the work of the previous Council, orientation for the new Council, and several meetings with Provincial authorities.



Olds Town Council with Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver at the Alberta Municipalities Convention

While at the Alberta Municipalities convention, members of Town Council met with Provincial Ministers of Transportation and Municipal Affairs along with the Commanding Officer of RCMP “K” Division, as well as several representatives from the RCMP.

The Nov. 17-19 meetings gave the Town’s elected officials an opportunity to discuss many local concerns.

- the reduction of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) over the next three years with no defined replacement of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF), which will not include operational funding
- the annexation report emanating from the new Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), be approved prior to January 1st, 2022 (approved in December)
- reducing red tape for road closures and the creation of a streamlined approval processes for emergent development opportunities
- priority areas along Highway 27 within the town boundary
- requesting a new safer intersection on Highway 2, however thanking Transportation for extending the northbound off ramp
- better communication and planning pertaining to financial matters for policing
- collaboration and involvement in promotional processes within municipal detachments

‘With many newly elected council members, one-on-one conversations with Provincial Ministers around the table was not only engaging with dialogue and productive, but educational for the new councillors. As a Council, it is very important to get our concerns in front of government ministers and law enforcement leadership. Our briefing address was positive and well received,’ expressed Mayor Judy Dahl.

The Town looks forward to further collaboration in all areas.

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