

Councilor Brian Ducherer Report for month of March 2018

March 7-8-9 Local to Global in Vermillion

Had lengthy discussions with the Mayor of Vermillion and the EDO regarding what rebranding is and what it can do for a town or village. Other presentations regarding Port to Plains and how to get foreign investment money into the region. Other presenters included the Alberta Government on ene4rgy efficiency grants, the town of Lamont railway interchange and the challenges to build it.

March 12 Ag Society Meeting

Discussions regarding the upcoming fundraising event in Ryley and the assignment of duties.

March 13 Braed Executive Meeting in Killam

Final decision to pull out the Easter Alberta Trade Corridor was made. Decision to do so was very difficult in particular after the Local to Global was put on by the EATC and it was very informative and so many groups supported the EATC. This means that the BRAED will be removed from the EATC website. Ryley information on the website will remain.

March 14-15 Leadership Seminar in Edmonton

Shaye Anderson and Kathleen Ganley

-Municipal Affairs is working on a permanent solution for MSI Funding. All being done with consultations of municipalities

-Policing discussed the inequities between those municipalities that pay for policing =and those that do not (Population under 5000) there is a need for increased funding for more officers as there is a shortage in Alberta

Brian Mason and Sandra Jensen

-Stick program is for the Green Infrastructure Stream Grants

-Photo radar and red light violation income needs to be put back into traffic safety rather than used as a money grab

-140 million federal and provincial matching grants for recreation

-The government must help to get rid of impediments for growth in communities

-54 million approved for climate resiliency programs. Energy efficiency program. Solar programs

-multi year programs for energy efficiency upgrades for swimming pools

Municipalities require predictable and sustainable MSI funding. MGA has mandated 3 year operating and 5 year capital budgets.