

Kenneth King Division 7

Martin Shields – Video Conference

November 10, 2023

Video meeting with Martin Shields and the mayors and reeves of many of the communities within Martin's riding.

Many of the issues raised are like the ones we face here locally.

Cellular coverage since the introduction of 5G in rural Alberta is very poor, even on the main corridors, as residents can no longer get land lines cellular coverage and broadband are critical.

Housing concerns were raised by most communities with the lack of housing for Canadians being seen as the major issue for many, especially with the influx of immigrants and foreign workers. Affordable housing issues were raised. Senior's housing was also raised with many pointing out how difficult it is to access federal funds, especially for rural housing projects.

New home warranties are seen by some to be an impediment for builds as many are reluctant to spend the money that new home warranty adds to the costs of construction.

Discussed the private member's bill concerning the transportation of livestock is moving forward, this build will simplify and make it more feasible to move livestock.

Lots of concerns were expressed about the difficulties encountered in trying to access federal programs such as the housing accelerator fund and the green municipality fund.

Trochu Housing Corporation

November 14, 2023

Trochu Housing continues to wait for official announcements regarding their funding, still uncertain as to what the affordable and senior's housing allotments will be for the lodge housing. Trochu Housing is starting the process to get design and engineering finalized along with the Town working toward getting the services in place.

Trochu Housing meeting with AHS on November 28th to discuss the AHS expectations for their housing monies.

FCSS Board Meeting and Conference

November 21, 2023, and November 22 – 24, 2023

FCSS held their organizational meeting and regular board meeting. At the organizational meeting, I was once again given the Chair position and Sonia Ens was appointed as the Vice Chair. During the regular meeting the 2024 budget was approved and the grants to organizations for 2024 approved.

The FCSS Conference in Edmonton had many sessions that addressed ongoing issues in the management of local FCSS programs. There are many programs that are experiencing difficulties in obtaining sufficient funds necessary to manage and run the programs adequately. The word from the provincial government was much about how



appreciative they are of our programming and the work being carried out by the FCSS programs, but short on information on additional funding.

Kneehill County Christmas Celebration

November 24, 2023

I enjoyed the evening with our staff in Trochu on the 24th and I was very appreciative of the work done by staff and the SLT to make the evening a success. My thanks to those who were involved in the planning and implementation of the staff Christmas celebration.

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