

## **Council Report**

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**High Performance Governance** is all about our **Organizational Ability to Lead, Imagine New Possibilities and Achieve Operational Excellence.**

Mar. 1/24, Alberta CARE Spring Seminar wrap up.

- Interesting conference which I attended as a Leduc & District Waste Management Commission Board member.
- Topics covered included EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility), presented by Ed Gugenhiemer, CEO, Alberta Recycling Management Authority. Also touched on by Amy Johnson, Senior Management Engineering Technologist for the City of Camrose.
- Tour on Feb. 28, include PolyAg Recycling Ltd. in Bashaw (grain bags and cover tarps), Camrose Regional Landfill (an area that is going into “hibernation”, as West Dried Meat Lake Landfill takes on larger role), Centra Cam Depot (recycle center in lieu of blue bag, something that we use to do), and Restore Area/Emergency Depot.
- The tour on Feb. 29, included West Dried Meat Lake Landfill and K & K Prairie Recycling.
- Great presentation by Associated Engineering on 3D Modelling and Visualization Software to look into your Future Landfill Plan.
- There was also a presentation on the Camrose Wastewater Treatment Hy-bred Treatment Technology for removing Ammonia and Phosphorus from wastewater.

Mar. 4/24, Regular Council Meeting

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Mar. 9/24, Chamber 2024 Business Awards Gala

- Attended along with the rest of council, great to see local businesses acknowledged and show them and others our appreciation for their achievements. Also, a great opportunity to network with other area political leaders.

Mar. 13/24, Seniors Meeting

- Insurance, still waiting for quotes. Questions were asked about “add on” to Town Policy and I told them that it would add liabilities to our policy, and it would be hard to calculate what that would be and how we would apply it. I also mentioned our desire to be fair and equitable to all local organizations.
- Questions on storage of bus, Quonset or Garage which is the best option? No decision was made, although I believe that there was to be some conversation with the Town. I

believe that we need to find a permanent solution and that might tie into what they decide to do with the bus. Maybe the purchase we talked about last year could reappear, as a temporary solution for us and them, we need to have a conversation about if we what to move forward with a community bus and look at what that looks like.

- I mentioned the façade program and mistakenly thought that they would qualify for it, I have since found out differently and I believe Sandra made it clear to Terry (maintenance committee chair) how it works at the business brunch.
- Some discussion on upcoming social events and some discussion about rates for building rentals.

Mar. 13-15/24, AB Munis Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus

- RDFs passed were “Member RDF from Jasper – Childcare Capital Grant Program” and “Member RDF Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) funding”.
- Remarks from Municipal Affairs, presentation “Whiskey’s for Drinking; Water’s for Fighting (diving into upcoming season drought conditions and activities regarding water management)”, Presidents Report, Bridge over Troubled Waters: Fostering Respect (need for civility between Council members, Administration, and the Public), Policy Palooza: crafting resolutions that hit the right notes, breakout sessions (mingle in the Municipalities).
- Great opportunities for networking during the event and in the evenings.

Mar. 18/24, Regular Council Meeting

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Mar. 21/24, Capital Region Southwest Water Service Commission (CRSWSC) board meeting

- Managers’ Report: Construction, the west water line installation, including all boring under the QEII, is now complete less tie-ins to the EPCOR main which will be done in Spring. Piping modifications for the City of Beaumont reservoir are scheduled for the last week of March. County East piping modifications will be scheduled after completion of the Beaumont modifications. **EPCOR Amending Agreement**, Administration and Brownlee LLP have reviewed the proposed draft second amending agreement from EPCOR. Once the revisions are finalized with EPCOR, the agreement will be brought forward to the Board for approval. Municipal Developments, Administration received 5 notifications of Subdivision developments/extensions, Administration had no concerns with the documents provided and no comments were provided back to the Members. **Regional Water Customer’s Group (RWCG)**, the RWCG subcommittee continues to discuss the Cost-of-Service model allocations with EPCOR. Main discussion points to date have included cost of capital, percentage of pipes allocated to the transmission system, solar at E.L. Smith and EPCOR’s reorganization, the consensus around the table is that the model is likely appropriate so most changes will be of a minor nature. Water

Treatment Plant Tour, Administration has coordinated a tour of EPCOR's E. L. Smith Water Treatment Plant in Edmonton prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting on May 16, 2024. **EPCOR Demand Management Condition C**, In the afternoon of January 29, 2024, CRSWSC received a notice from RWCG upgrading the situation to Demand Management Measure C which imposed a ban on non-essential potable water use for all municipal operations and a mandatory water ban prohibiting the general public from non-essential water use. Administration noted that the CRSWSC reservoirs did not drop substantially below typical levels throughout the incident. **Millet Transmission Main Repair**, the final repairs to the Millet transmission line were completed during the week of January 29th. **EIA Reservoir 2**, Commission staff recently convened with Leduc County to address the deficiencies outlined by Associated Engineering. The meeting proved highly productive, with Leduc County now taking proactive steps on behalf of EIA to rectify the identified issues. **Highway 21 Electrical Issues**, we are awaiting formal report from Vector to supply to Associated for a decision on what the next steps should be. **Commission Facility Locates**, Commission operators completed 54 Utility Safety Partner locates in 2024 on Commission facilities, as compared to 37 in 2023 at this time.

- **Treasurer's Report: Financial Update**, the financial reports have been prepared up to Feb 29, 2024. After two months of operations, there should be approximately 17% of the budget spent/earned. Overall, the commission is on track with respect to expenses with an overall budget spent of 16%. Management expenses are under budget with 9% of the budget spent and operating expenses are on budget for the year with 16% of the budget spent. **2023 Audit**, The Commission Auditors, MNP LLP, are still conducting their audit work at the writing of this report. The audit report and findings, along with the final representation of the Commissions finances will be presented at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 18, 2024. More detailed information is available upon request.
- **New Business: Drought Management**, Shawn Olson emphasized the importance of municipalities being informed by our Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and mentioned that Administration is currently in the process of updating it. Once completed, Operations will convene with all technical members of the municipalities to brief them on the new ERP. Shawn highlighted that at a broad level, Administration will recommend actions for municipalities to take, and noted that water saving tips are provided on the Capital Region Southwest Water Services Commission website. However, there was also encouragement for municipalities to actively share this information with their residents. **City of Camrose Feasibility Request**, it is recommended that the Capital Region Southwest Water Services Commission Board of Directors direct Administration to work with the City of Camrose and other potential municipal partners on an application for the funding of a feasibility study.

Mar. 26/24, Calmar Business Brunch

- As the attendance for this event indicates, it is growing in popularity. Nice having a theme and presentation, it goes over well with the group. Sandra is doing an excellent job with this event, and I feel that the business community feels listen to and engaged.

Mar. 27/24, Committee of the Whole meeting

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Mar. 27/24, Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission board meeting

- **Managers Report: PDO**, Request for Quotations (RFQ's) have been circulated to several general contractors with a submission deadline of March 28, 2024. **Organics Processing**, Drivers continue to provide feedback on load quality and corroborating photo documentation. In February, we received 193 MT of organics, both commercial and municipal. Annually we are down slightly. **Cell 5 Update**, the spreading of the initial layer has been delayed. To use the wood and tire material on site for this purpose, training on the shredder is required to process the wood, and a thumb for the excavator is needed to feed it. **Site Activities and Security**, February's invoices for landfilling services were roughly \$20,000 more than that billed in 2023. The operator continues to correct slopes, excavate soils stockpiles, and cover exposed waste, in addition to landfilling waste. The report on the crack that was discovered in the Transfer Building floor has been received. Preparations have been made for the 2024 Bird Program in early April. **Waste Tonnage**, 2024 continues to trend slightly down from 2023, with a drop of 167 MT and 25 less customers accessing the site. **Site Improvement**, the unattended commercial scale is now operational. RFID cards are being tested with a small number of drivers prior to a wider rollout. **Collaboration with Other Regions**, we have added the City of Red Deer to our list of collaborators with the introduction of Dave Amendt. **Soil Inventory**, Soils stockpiles will be heavily utilized over the next few months as they occupy airspace needed for waste placement. In 2024, a balance will be determined between soil needed for cover and the amounts needed for revenue. **Health and Safety**, E360 integrated health and safety reporting process is operational. Incident reports, safety meetings and field level hazard assessments are recorded online and stored for future reference. **Site Inspection**, A site inspection was conducted on February 28, 2024. **Goodwill Pilot Project**, A License Agreement has been drafted and is in the final stages of approval. The License Agreement is for a period of 5 years. More details are available upon request.
- **2023 Capital Carry Forwards**: the Board approve the 2023 carry forward amount of \$80,000 for the Capital projects, which will be funded from the Capital Reserve.
- **Public Education & Communication Strategy**: Michael Hancharyk – Verbal.
- **Recycled Plastic Sign**: Michael Hancharyk – Verbal.
- **EMRB Solid Waste Collaborative**: Mike Pieters – Verbal.
- **More details available upon request.**

Mar. 28/24, A point of interest, I had my fiber installed 😊