

Council Report

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

May 2/24, Special Council Meeting

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May 6/24, Regular Council Meeting

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May 6-9/24, Waste Expo Conference

- I had the opportunity to attend the Waste Expo Conference in Las Vegas and had an amazing education. Explored with L&DRWMC management and staff the Trade Show and their knowledge about processes. One of these was the numerous ways that are being developed to deal with leachate.
- The main theme in the sessions this year was on “food waste”, particularly how we can reduce it, repurpose it and divert it from the landfills.
- On the trade show floor, I was introduced to a representative for digesters, an interesting way of dealing with organics. Through this gentleman and during a session on composting, I was made aware of the short comings of the devices that turn household food wastes into soil additives. We had a presentation by “Foodcycler Municipal Solutions” and they told us of the virtues of the counter top units that can turn kitchen waste into soil additives overnight. As I have found out these are merely “de-waterers” and they do reduce kitchen waste to a manageable size that can be added to your gardens. I’ve been told that they don’t reach temperatures that would destroy some pathogens and would be better used to add to a composting process to get the best results. This is something that we should dig deeper into and come up with a more comprehensive way for us to deal with our organics.

May 15/24, Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission

- Manager’s Report; **PDO**, the electrical and mechanical work have begun with completion expected to be in June. Grade beam work will be awarded along with repairs needed to the transfer buildings' concrete slab. **Organics Processing**, Organics volumes are beginning to increase, corresponding with the nicer weather. Improvements in the quality of both SSO and leaf and yard have been noted on site. Negotiations for an off-take agreement with Claystone Waste for our leaf and yard material are underway. **Cell 5 Update**, the spreading of the initial layer has been delayed. The contractor is in the process of fabricating the attachment. Once the thumb is installed training can begin on the shredder. **Site Activities and Security**, April’s invoices for landfilling services were \$4,300 less than 2023’s. The operator continues to correct

multiple issues onsite, correcting slope issues, excavate soils stockpiles, and cover exposed waste in addition to landfilling waste. **Waste Tonnage**, 2024 continues to trend slightly down from 2023 with a drop of 1,400 MT and 620 less customers accessing the site. **Site Improvement**, A phased rollout of the RFID cards has begun, with veteran drivers being early adopters. **Collaboration with Other Regions**, there were no additions to the advisory group. **Soil Inventory**, Soils stockpiles continue to be heavily utilized as they occupy airspace needed for waste placement. **Health and Safety**, A site inspection was completed on the 14th of May and did not make the deadline for inclusion into this report. **Goodwill Pilot Project**, A license agreement has been signed and adopted. The license agreement is for a period of 5 years.

- **Financial Report; Revenue Variances**, Net revenue at quarter-end is \$844K, which is 17% of the annual budget. **Commission Expense Variances**, Commission expenses at quarter-end are \$1.0M, which is 26% of annual budget. **Transfer To and From Reserves**, Transfers at quarter-end are \$134K, which is 11% of annual budget. **Capital Expenditures**, although there have been no costs in Q1 for capital expenditures, almost all of the projects are underway on site. There should be more costs in Q2 and Q3 as the invoices are received.

May 16/24, Capital Regions Southwest Water Service Commission

- In the afternoon we had a tour of E.L. Smith, it was insightful to say the least.
- **Manager's Report; Nisku Booster Station**, the west water line installation, including all boring under the QEII, is now complete. Building progress is ongoing. Interior drywall, mudding, taping and painting is ongoing. Roof installation is nearing completion with some minor flashing work remaining. Process mechanical is ongoing. The piping reconfiguration at the Beaumont station was also completed and service restored via the new piping on April 17, 2024. **EPCOR Amending Agreement**, Administration and Brownlee LLP have reviewed the proposed draft second amending agreement from EPCOR. **Municipal Developments**, Administration received eight notifications of Subdivision developments/extensions. **Alberta Water-Sharing Negotiations**, no action is required by the CRSWSC as the North Saskatchewan River is not included in the discussions. **City of Camrose Servicing**, Administration is working together with the City of Camrose and other potential municipal partners to prepare an application for a feasibility study through the Water for Life Grant program as directed by the Board at the March 21, 2024, meeting. **Regional Water Customer's Group (RWCG)**, At the RWCG meeting on April 19, EPCOR announced that they will be preparing a drought management plan that will be shared with CRSWSC. The EPCOR Cost of Service negotiation was discussed, and the main elements being discussed for modification are the rate of return on equity (9% precedent from the AUC) and solar farm discussion (export credit share with the RWCG which boosts our fiscal outlook), and transmission and distribution cost share (which pipes are eligible to be included in the regional rate). This negotiation is expected to continue over the rest of the year. **Regional Water Customer Group Technical Committee**, the regional Water Customer Group Technical Committee met to discuss changes to our water demand measures. **Millet Transmission Main Repair**, the total cost for the Millet line repair was \$227,055. **EIA Reservoir 2**, On April 16, 2024, Leduc County indicated that they received a purchase order from the Edmonton Airports and are expecting to have all remaining deficiencies completed by the end of May. **Highway 21 Electrical Issues**, the power filter is on order and is expected to arrive in early summer. **Commission Facility Locates**, Commission operators completed 158 Utility Safety Partner locates in 2024 on Commission facilities, as compared to 132 in 2023 at this time.

- Treasurer's Report; 2024 Financial Update, after four months of operations, there should be approximately 33% of the budget spent/earned. Overall, the commission is on track with respect to expenses with an overall budget spent of 35%. Management expenses are under budget with 19% of the budget spent and operating expenses are on budget for the year with 35% of the budget spent. **Water Sales and Purchases**, Water sales and purchases are on budget with 34% of the budget spent/earned. To date the Commission has recorded a line loss of 2.94%. **Revenue Variances**, Interest earned exceeds the budget due to high bank balances and investment interest. As the Nisku Booster Station nears completion, bank balances will lower resulting in less interest earned, but as a whole, interest will be higher than projected for 2024. **Expenditure Variances**, Management and Operating contracts are on budget with 33% of the budget spent. **Capital Expenditures**, Capital expenditure is below budget with 15% of the overall budget spent. However, this has increased since the last report of 5% spent as of February 29, 2024. **2023 Audit**, The Commission Auditors, MNP LLP, completed and presented the audit findings at the AGM. **Millet Transmission Main Repair**, the total Millet transmission main repair cost was \$227K, of which \$197K costs are in 2024 and \$30K in 2023.
- Borrowing Bylaw; Administration is looking to apply for a line of credit with a financial institution to cover operating expenditures during this period of significant construction costs.

May 21/24, Regular Council Meeting

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May 22/24, Committee of the Whole

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