

## **Council Report**

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

June 3/24, Regular Council Meeting

- Refer to the Calmar Web Site for agenda and minutes.

June 5/24, Southbridge Public Awareness

- A reactive public engagement event, none the less a successful event. A great turnout for an area specific topic, shows there is passion in our community, and we need to be able to tap into it and utilize the feedback we get. Great job Sylvain making a positive out of a negative.

June 7/24, Grand Re-Opening Mint Health

- It was nice to meet with one of the key ownership members. There were some key comments by the ownership and some welcoming comments made by our mayor. Great job Sandra for making us a part of this event.

June 8/24, Resident Appreciation Pancake Breakfast

- Great idea for this event, good to focus on our resident, due to it “replacing” farmer day, perhaps we could try to maintain a little of that theme and dedicate the breakfast to residents and farmer, calling it something like “neighbours and friends” breakfast celebrating our connection to our residents and the area residents at the same time.

June 9/24, Satnaam Anami Satsang Ghar Calmar Neighbourhood Lunch Parkview

- As requested, my family and I attended the lunch provided by the new non-profit group as a welcome to their neighbours. The food was incredible and hospitality warm and welcoming.

June 11/24, Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

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June 12/24, Seniors Meeting

- They plan on canceling their contract with the CIB for their “bus garage”, maybe we should charge rent or buy it for a buck when we sell the bus back to them for a buck.

- There was a suggestion that they start the bidding for the bus at \$8000 and should expect more, I have a hard time believing that they will get that kind of money for it, but don't begrudge them if they do.
- Their insurance is cause for concern as it seems high. This is part of the reasoning behind getting rid of the bus sooner than later as they don't want that expense.
- They were appreciative for the grant from the town and asked that I convey that message (side note, they get \$1500 from the County),
- They plan on selling hot dogs during Calmar Days, they made a \$50 donation to Camp He Ho Haw, there was a senior's special at Rad Torque, and they plan on creating more events at the senior center in the fall (starting with regular luncheons).
- They had some minor damage (vandalism) to the lattice on their front porch. Didn't think at the time to ask them if they reported it, will try to bring it up later.

#### June 15/24, L&DRWMC Public Open House at the Landfill

- Attended the Open House at the landfill and was happy to hear a great deal of positive feedback on the Public Drop Off area. It works well and should have been done many years ago. Enjoyed hot dogs and handed out information and coffee mugs to the public.

#### June 17/24, Regular Council Meeting

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#### June 18/24, CAO Review

- This was a personnel activity and falls under the FOIP guidelines.

#### June 19/24, Calmar Business BBQ

- As usual it was a well-attended event and a great way to acknowledge our business community, great job Sandra and team.

#### June 19/24, Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission Board Meeting

- Manager's Report (Mike Pieters/Lee Harris); **PDO**, Electrical and mechanical repairs are largely completed, grade beam work will be awarded along with repairs needed to the Transfer Buildings' concrete slab. **Organics Processing**, we have begun to ship our leaf and yard material to Claystone for composting. Source Separated Organics (SSO) continues to be too heavily contaminated to ship off site. **Cell 5 Update**, Training on the shredder will take place on June 19, 2024. The shredder will be used to ensure the initial layer of waste does not damage the liner. **Site Activities and Security**, The May invoices for landfilling services is approximately \$126,000 less than May2023. Soils continue to be scarce; neither of the major soil jobs quoted were awarded. Assessments on the Transfer Building floor have been completed with the final report and recommendations expected by the end of June. The propane cannon continues to be heavily used this

season with 5,322 shots being set off so far, combined labor is only down 23 hours from last year, but a reduced labour rate has seen a cost reduction of roughly \$20,000. **Waste Tonnage**, 2024 continues to trend slightly down from 2023 with a drop of 2,500 MT and 1,500 less customers accessing the site. RFID cards have been rolled out to a number of commercial clients with more to come. **Collaboration with Other Regions**, there were no discussions amongst the group. There was an addition of Art Sawatzky from the Peace Regional Waste Management Company. **Soils Inventory**, Soils stockpiles continue to be heavily utilized as they occupy airspace needed for waste placement, several jobs are scheduled to start in the next few months, with our proximity to the work sites we will likely be the preferred destination for this material. **Health and Safety**, A landfill fire was reported on May 18, 2024 that was attended by the Fire Department, no injuries or property damage were noted. **Site Inspections**, a site inspection was completed on June 10, 2024.

- City of Leduc Management Agreement- Contract Extension, the Board passed a motion to exercise the two-year renewal option in accordance with the terms within the Management Agreement between the Commission and the City of Leduc. By mutual consent, the contract will be extended for a further two-year period ending December 31, 2026, for \$239,000 in 2025 and \$243,500 in 2026.
- Transfer Floor Repairs, as we didn't at this time have an exact amount and to avoid calling a meeting just to pass this, the budget adjustments made was not to exceed \$130,000 for repairs.
- Waste Audit, Michael Hancharyk provided a verbal update regarding the intent to coordinate a 5-day waste audit at the Leduc and District Waste Management Facility for Fall 2024. Incoming residential waste loads from all member municipalities would be audited, with the intent to provide insight into the sources and levels of contamination, informing where to focus additional public education.
- Annual Report, available upon request.

June 26/24, Committee of the Whole

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