

## **Council Report**

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

Oct. 1/24, Community Economic Resilience Course, Drayton Valley, AB.

- Discussions around “post disaster” responses for communities. This assumes that most communities could experience disasters and how they respond to them will work into the resilience of that community.
- The recent fire in Jasper was illustrated and how their recovery will occur. Brazeau County talked about how they are looking at this and comments from Community Futures highlighted the importance of having a plan(s) to help your business community deal with and move forward after a disaster.

Oct. 2/24, Façade Improvement, Loganberry’s Antiques and Curiosities

- Krista, Sandra and I showed up for the presentation, but nobody from Loganberry’s was there to receive us. We took a picture anyways.

Oct. 4-10/24, I attended the WEFTEC Conference in New Orleans as a CRSWSC member

- Attending conferences such as this are meant to educate and familiarize members and staff with new and emerging technologies and practices. It is felt that there is importance for the commission as it helps to keep us up to date on best practices and potential future trends.
- There are quite often nuggets of information that may apply to other areas that our individual communities may take advantage of. One of these to me was the concept of multiple communities working on problems and coming up with solutions that could be applied to common challenges. For example, we are not the only community that will be needed to address our future wastewater demands. If there are some grants that multiple communities can apply for and use to design and implement strategies for dealing with wastewater, then perhaps there can be some savings in “bulk” purchasing and constructing facilities that would meet the needs of many. Krista felt that this could be an initiative of ABMunis small communities’ group.

Oct. 7/24, Regular Council Meeting (virtually)

- Please refer to the Calmar Web site for agenda and minutes.

Oct. 15/24, Special Council Meeting

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Oct. 16/24, Policy & By-law Review Committee Meeting

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Oct. 16/24, Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission Meeting

- Manager's Report; Total tonnage dropped by an additional 351 MT in September, putting our annual landfilled tonnages 5,351 MT lower than the previous year. September saw the largest outbound volume of organics sent out for processing with over 840 MT. September was the biggest month for inbound soils, receiving 3,850 MT, with a yearly total of 11,443 MT. The fence along Range Road 245 and the South fence line in Area 2 continue to be damaged. The Dillon Consulting proposal for Surface Water Management is in its final stage of review. An RFP for the Diversion Pad construction project is posted and is scheduled to close on October 17, 2024. An RFP for the Transfer Building floor is being completed by RJC Engineers, the same company that has been consulted on this project from the beginning. Topics discussed this month amongst the Landfill Managers Advisory Group were processing large PVC pipes, the criteria for soils testing requirements and GPS enabled landfill equipment. Field Level Hazard Assessments (FLHA) and "Stop and Speak" cards are processes E360 uses to enforce a culture of safety that includes all employees on site, as well as visitors. To improve visibility of the various waste streams that are brought to the site, Strong Data created a report that shows waste stream by municipality.
- Business Arising; Development of a promotional video is underway with Hello Public, as discussed at the September 18, 2024, Board meeting (The video will be made for a Grade 4 – 6 audience). Megan Bayley advised that the entrance sign was recently installed. Photos were shared for Board reference. There is a minor error that will be corrected as soon as possible. Megan Bayley advised that the audit was conducted the week of September 30 – October 4, 2024, and Administration has received the report. Michael Hancharyk will evaluate the data and produce a comparison report to assess the effectiveness of the City of Leduc Organics Artificial Intelligence (AI) program.
- New Business; Draft Budget, as per policy *F-1 – Budget and Rates Development and Approval*, the next year's budget must be submitted to the Board at least thirty (30) days before the end of the current year. The 2025 budget was prepared in accordance with this policy based on Full Cost Recovery. Details on the draft budget are available upon request. Draft budget was approved as presented. The Board adopted the Commission's first Strategic Plan in October 2022, which outlines goals and priorities for the 2022 – 2025 term and beyond. The Board reviews the high priority tactics annually, to assess progress and to review and revise the high priority goals and tactics as required. The high priority goals for the 2023 – 2024 term were brought forward for annual review to assess progress, the addition of High Priority Tactic #7 to the 2024 –

2025 term, to *Develop a plan to comply with the new incoming Federal Methane Emission Reduction Regulations* under the Sustainable Infrastructure Pillar.

Oct. 21/24, Organizational Meeting

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Oct. 21/24, Regular Council Meeting

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Oct. 22/24, Fall Business Brunch

- With regrets I was unable to attend, I was ill.

Oct. 26/24, Budget War Room

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Oct. 29/24, Policy & By-law Review Committee Meeting

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Oct. 29/24, Community Group Meeting

- Representatives from the Zirka's, Senior's and the Legion, met with council and discussed their current status, plans for the future and challenges. It was a great conversation, and I feel that it goes a long way in illustrating councils' eagerness to see them succeed.