

## Krista Gardner Councillor Report

### February 2024

Feb 1<sup>st</sup>- Alberta Interim Police Advisory Board (ABmunis representative)

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>- State of Economic Development in Wetaskiwin Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Economic Development Officer McIntosh and I attended this luncheon regarding successes, challenges and lessons learned in EcDev in Wetaskiwin. There were lots of good insights into how to get your community onboard with promotion and economic development. A key highlight was a conversation with the Discover Leduc Region team about developing a regional calendar for events so we can schedule events in order to not conflict other local events and hopefully see better attendance in Calmar.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup>- Provincial Police Advisory Board Information Session

Feb 5<sup>th</sup>- Regular Council Meeting

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>- Asset Management Committee Meeting

We reviewed the plan for asset cataloging in the Silversmith software and the education plan for staff and Council.

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>- Multi-Stakeholder Engagement Advisor Committee for the Alberta Energy Regulator Meeting

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>- Elected Officials Education Program Council's Role in Service Delivery

Feb 8<sup>th</sup>- Alberta Municipalities Executive Committee Meeting

Feb 9<sup>th</sup>- Alberta Municipalities Municipal Governance Committee Meeting

Feb 14<sup>th</sup>- Elected Officials Education Program Council's Role in Service Delivery

Feb 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>- Alberta Municipalities Member Visits to Slave Lake, High Level, Manning, Peace River, Grimshaw and Whitecourt as well as volunteering for the Grande Prairie Alberta Winter Games

Feb 20<sup>th</sup>- Regular Council Meeting

Feb 21<sup>st</sup>- Edmonton Regional Waste Advisory Committee

The committee reviewed the terms of reference, had a presentation from Heidelberg Materials on their plans for low carbon cement and concrete and had a tour of the Edmonton Waste Management Refuse Derived Fuel Plant. This committee is all about collaboration and information sharing to reduce waste and improve environmental outcomes.

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>- Alberta Municipalities Board Meeting

Feb 27<sup>th</sup>- Ridley Law Office Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting

I attended this event with Councillor Faulkner. We are thrilled to have them in Calmar, and I love that we are attracting more professionals to our Downtown.

Feb 28<sup>th</sup>- Special Council Meeting

Feb 28<sup>th</sup>- Elected Officials Education Program Council's Role in Service Delivery

## March 2024

Mar 1<sup>st</sup>- Webinar on Government of Alberta's 2024 Budget and it's Impact on Municipalities

Mar 4<sup>th</sup>- Regular Council Meeting

Mar 9<sup>th</sup>- Leduc, Nisku and Devon Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Ceremony

I was thrilled to be in attendance when so many local entrepreneurs were celebrated. Congratulations to all of the nominees and especially to our very own ...Is Good Coffee Bar & More for winning Start Up Business of the Year! Calmar also sponsored an award this year for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and I love seeing us get out and support businesses and the Chamber.

Mar 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>- Alberta Municipalities' Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus

This was a fantastic gathering of local elected leaders. I deliver a session on ABmunis' Resolution process and attempted some matchmaking for like-minded municipalities. I also facilitated the targeted Towns "Mingle in the Municipality" session. It was gr4eat to have the opportunity to shar4e successes and challenges with similar sized communities. In addition, we had presentations on the upcoming drought and water concerns, mental health and overcoming challenges in local leadership, and sessions with a wide variety of Ministers as well as hearing from the Premier.

Mar 18<sup>th</sup>- Elected Officials Education Program- Council's Role in Strategic Planning

Mar 18<sup>th</sup>- Regular Council Meeting

Mar 20<sup>th</sup>- Brownlee Synergy Luncheon

Mar 21<sup>st</sup>- Alberta Municipalities Executive Committee Meeting

Mar 21<sup>st</sup>- Capital Region Southwest Water Servies Commission

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>- Alberta Municipalities Investment Advisory Committee Meeting

Mar 26<sup>th</sup>- Calmar Business Breakfast

I was thrilled to see a huge turnout for this event. We had great conversations at my table, and I loved the presentation from Community Futures.

Mar 27<sup>th</sup>- Committee of the Whole

Mar 28<sup>th</sup>- Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Networking Event