

Krista Gardner Councillor Report

August 2024

Aug 1- Ground-breaking Ceremony for Calmar Collegiate School

I was thrilled to attend the ground-breaking for our new Collegiate School located at Calmar Secondary School alongside Deputy Mayor Mckeag-Reber, MLA Andrew Boitchenko, Blackgold School trustee Board Chair Esther Eckert, Devon Calmar Trustee Devonna Klaasen, Black Gold Superintendent Michael Borgfjord, CSS Principal Justin Klaasen, and others. What an exciting addition to our local school community.

Aug 8- Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act 2024 Regulations Wrap Up session (Alberta Municipalities member)

Aug 8- Communities In Bloom Town Tour

I really enjoyed participating in this tour throughout the Town, showing CIB judges our green spaces. Big thanks to our CIB committee volunteers and the Town staff for taking the time to participate and all the work to get ready. We spent a couple of hours walking through Downtown and some of our parks spaces, while discussing the history of our CIB committee and their goals for the future.

Aug 9- Alberta Municipalities Support for Town of Jasper Meeting

Aug 13- Recreation Board

The recreation board reviewed the upcoming plans and logistics for Calmar Days. We are ready for a weekend of fun!

Aug 15- Municipal Affairs Discussion on Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act (ABmunis member)

Aug 16- Calmar Days Resident Appreciation BBQ

While I was disappointed that we had to postpone the Movie in the Park due to weather and air quality concerns, the BBQ went ahead- albeit indoors at the Mike Karbonik Arena. I estimated about 160 people came to enjoy hotdogs, chips and some camaraderie. Thank you to our residents! It might be a cliché but it is definitely true that the best thing about our Town is its people! Thank you to my Council colleagues for helping to serve.

Aug 17th- Calmar Days Pancake Breakfast and Parade

As always, the annual Calmar Days Pancake was a success! I love serving people and saying Happy Calmar Days! The line moved quickly and people were in good spirits! From there, Council headed over to the parade staging area, where I judged the floats. Congratulations to our winners- Bra Necessities Leduc for Best Business Float, the Zirka Dancers for Best Walking entry and Calmar's Communities in Bloom Society for Best Community Group! Handing out

candy along the parade route is one of my favourite jobs on Council. Afterwards, I found my family and enjoyed the many delights of Calmar Days. Thanks to our staff and volunteers who make this day happen.

Aug 17th- Calmar Legion Road Dedication

I joined Mayor Carnahan and Councillor Faulkner along with Legion members to celebrate the unveiling of Veterans Way in Calmar. Congratulations to the Legion for this milestone and thank you to our service men and women for their sacrifices. If you have a chance, check out the new signs on 47th st by the Legion Hall.

Aug 19th- Regular Council Meeting

Aug 24th- Spruce Grove AGRA Parade

Town staff joined Mayor Carnahan, myself and my daughter at the AGRA parade, where we were thrilled to win 1st place in the Civic Category! We handed out candy and promoted Calmar all along the parade route.

Aug 26th- Meet the Teacher Night at both Calmar Elementary School and Calmar Secondary School

Aug 28th- Downtown Façade Improvement Program Cheque Presentation

Deputy Mayor Mckeag-Reber, Economic Development Officer McIntosh and I were pleased to present an enormous symbolic cheque (and real paper cheque!) to Country Cannabis in celebration of the completion of their new windows due to this Grant Program. Congratulations Country Cannabis! The improvements look amazing!

Aug 28th- Committee of the Whole Meeting

Aug 28th-30th- Strategic Planning Retreat for Alberta Municipalities

Aug 29th- Training Session: De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations