

Krista Gardner Councillor Report

October 2024

Oct 1st- Economic Developers of Alberta Course: Community Resiliency and Economic Development

Oct 1st- Emergency Management Committee Meeting

Oct 2nd- Façade Improvement Program Cheque Presentation: Loganberry's Antiques and Curiosities

Oct 7th - Regular Council Meeting

Oct 5th-9th- Weftec (Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference) on behalf of the Capital Region Southwest Water Services Commission

Oct 15th- Special Council Meeting

Oct 16th- Policy and Bylaw Committee Meeting

I am pleased to be appointed the chair of the PBC at our first meeting. We then had a lengthy discussion about our Procedural Bylaw, making recommendations for Council to debate at our next meeting.

Oct 21st- Organizational Meeting

Oct 21st- Regular Council Meeting

Oct 22nd- Fall Business Brunch

I was thrilled to attend another great business community gathering. In addition to information sharing amongst local business owners, CAO Losier gave an overview to our annual budget process and then much discussion was had regarding financial priorities for the Town over the next coming years and their potential impacts on our commercial and industrial properties. It was great to hear both challenges and opportunities in this space, right from the source!

Oct 23rd- Committee of the Whole

Oct 23rd- Alberta Municipalities Annual Board Orientation and Team Building Sessions

Oct 24th- ABmunis Board Meeting

Oct 26th- Budget 2025 Meeting

Oct 29th- Policy & Bylaw Committee Meeting

The PBC deep dived into our Reserve Policy, with updated definitions and significant proposed changes to reserve accounts and their target funds. The PBC is an advisory committee who will make recommendations to Council, who then either approves or amends the Committee's recommended actions. So, look to see the new and improved Reserve Policy being debated at an upcoming Council meeting. Moving forward, the PBC will be planning out priorities to regularly review and update all our policies and bylaws.

Oct 29th- Community Group Meeting

Members of Zirka Ukrainian Dance, the Calmar Legion and Calmar & District Seniors Club met with Council and staff to discuss current challenges and opportunities as well as future plans for their organizations. This was a great conversation about how we can support these groups and where their difficulties lie. A common concern was the inability to attract new members and the difficulty in finding volunteers to support operations. This isn't limited to just these groups. I hope in future to expand these conversations to more of our local community groups and non-profit organizations.