

Carey Benson Councilor Report October 2024

October 1st Emergency Management Meeting

- During the meeting we discussed the potential of two different providers to partner with when it comes to emergency response. A decision will come to council on who we would like to partner with.
- We ask Officer Leggio when we can book an ICS 300 course to get everyone on the Emergency Management Committee certified.
- Our Emergency Management Audit will take place in December 2024.

October 7th Regular Meeting of Council

- Please review the agenda and minutes on The Town of Calmar website for more information.

October 15th Special Meeting of Council

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October 21st Organizational Meeting

- Committees that I will be representing this year will be Calmar Public Library Board and Town of Calmar Rec Board
- I will be the Alternate for Leduc Regional FCSS and the Regional Waste Commission.

October 21st Regular Meeting of Council

- Please review the agenda and minutes on The Town of Calmar website for more information.

October 22nd Library Board Meeting

- Discussed with board members, on what the library has been up to in the month of September. Numbers are steady month over month. With cooler weather coming to Calmar we will see if this gets more people out to the library.
- Take and Make Kits are still as popular item for families to use as ever.
- We had a closed session during the meeting and coming out of closed session a motion was made to recommend a new member to the library board. The letter of recommendation will be sent to council for approval.

October 26th Budget Meeting

- Please review the agenda and minutes on The Town of Calmar website for more information

October 29th Meeting with Non-Profit groups of Calmar

- We had members from Zirka, Legion and Calmar/District Seniors come to the town office to meet with members of council and administration. Some of the issues these groups are facing are: Lack of Volunteers, Getting members and people from the community to come to events and recruiting members to join these groups.
- Zirka which has been in Calmar since 1976 provides Ukrainian Culture in Calmar to anyone how wants to learn more about it. Representatives from Zirka told council that lots of dancers aren't of Ukrainian decent and noted that you don't have to be to join their organization. They are looking at upgrading their building and offer other programs that could utilize their building. They are seeing great success with the Baptist Church using their facility. We wish to see their organization grow and prosper in Calmar.
- Legion has been a beacon in Calmar over the past 70 years. They offer programs for youth through their cadet program. They have bingo on Wednesdays and Darts on Thursdays. Their building is very big and can accommodate lots of large functions for anyone who would like to rent the building. A big event that happens there is the Calmar Christmas Gala. We wish to see their organization grow and prosper in Calmar.
- Calmar and District Seniors has been around since the 1970's. Their main goal is to offer programs for seniors and a place to socialize. The Senior's Hall is another great place to rent for birthdays and special events. They have a large space that can accommodate lots of people. We wish to see their organization grow and prosper in Calmar.