

## **Council Report March 2024**

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### **March 4th- Regular Meeting of Council**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>- Presentation to the Grade 6-** Councillor Gardner and I attended the Elementary school to meet with the Grade 6 class and talked about Roles of Municipal government. It was a really great experience with great questions anywhere from: Who is in charge of what Pokemon cards come to Calmar? Are we allowed Roosters in Calmar? How many dogs can a person have? **What are the checks and balances in place to ensure there is no misappropriation of tax payers dollars?** I look forward to going back one day! Thank you to the City of Leduc of their short video that we used for our presentation.

**March 9<sup>th</sup> Chamber Business Awards** – an excellent night of comradery and celebration. I am so pleased that we took the time as a Council to support this event and to be there to cheer on the many CALMAR Award Winners. Special shout out ...Is Good Coffee Bar and More for their win. It was wonderful to witness their success and to celebrate it with our community.

**March 13th-15th- Municipal Leaders Caucus-** Another great and informative event brought to us by AB Munis. I would say that this was one of the best events we have been to with excellent sessions led on what to expect with the upcoming year for Drought and Fire and things to be aware of. Councillor Krista was a lead in a conversation about resolutions, what has been done, what still needs to be done and how we as a group can be more effective. As we prepare for our next session in the fall I found this to be one of the best session that was held and Krista did an incredible job.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>- Communities in Bloom AGM and Meeting-** The AGM- Gwen Speed has maintained her position as Chair of CIB, I am now the Vice Chair, Stephanie Trubetskoff is the Secretary, Debbie Ruth the Treasurer, with Elsa Sun and Jaime Clay as Directors. As we prepare for a dryer year for planting season CIB is looking at creative ways to increase out watering without burdening the town. There was more conversation about CIB taking over and supporting the communal garden with a Request for Sylvain to attend the next meeting to discuss the future of it. CIB is looking towards the future with Urban Forestry and Beautification plans, more info to come.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>- EOEP Landuse-By-law session.** – I great course that I am glad I took the day to attend. While I really enjoy the online versions it was great to chat with other EO and learn more from them as well. Interestingly enough Calmar is one of the examples used by the ISL for their presentation. I feel as a member of the Policy committee this was a great course to take as we start diving into those By-Laws and Files.

**March 18- Regular Council meeting- Please see meeting minutes.**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>- Business Brunch-** As Deputy Mayor I was happy to welcome the businesses for our first event of the year. We started off with an introduction and “PLUGS” about their businesses. I think this worked out well for businesses to advertise themselves to each other. This was probably one of the most well attended breakfasts we have had. Our Presenter for the MORE THAN JUST FUNDING section was both humorous and knowledgeable, and the unveiling of the Façade program went over well. I feel like we need to work on our clarity of what we want Calmar to look and feel like going forward so the businesses have a clear idea but overall I think it went great!

**March 27<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole-** Please see meeting Minutes