

October Council Report

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October 1st- Emergency Management Committee Meeting- A great discussion on a Emergency management, our current by-law, MOU with Leduc County, Preparing for table-top exercises and what to expect. After our discussions at AB Munis and hearing from the Mayor of Jasper, we also discussed the creation of a fatigue management plan, and the difference between an emergency and a disaster and what that means for Calmar.

October 2nd- Façade Improvement Cheque Presentation – Attempted to Present to Logonberries, however schedules did not align.

October 7th- Regular Meeting of Council- Please see meeting minutes

October 9th, 16th, 23, 30th- Municipal Corporate and Finance EOEP Course- This was an absolutely fantastic course put on by EOEP and I would highly recommend every councillor to take the time to take this course. My only regret is that I did not take it earlier. We learned a lot about service levels, council roles in budget, appropriate communication, asset management and long term thinking. I feel that it not only set me up for Budget season, but also for the policies that we are working on in the Policy and By-law committee.

October 15th- Committee of the Whole Meeting- Please see meeting minutes

October 15th- Communities in Bloom Meeting – I was unable to attend this meeting, but the CIB Board spent the evening planning for next year and getting ready to put their orders in.

October 16th Policy and By Law Committee Meeting- our first meeting of the Policy and By-Law, welcomed Councillor Gardner as Chair, spoke about our intentions and set to work on our first policies that are important setting up council, ex. Procedural By-law

October 21st Organizational Meeting- Our final year of term and setting up our committees. I was sad to see Rec Board go but excited to experience more of FCSS. I'm happy to spend another year with Communities in Bloom, YRL, and more.

October 21st Regular Meeting of Council – Please see meeting minutes

October 26th- Budget Battle/War Room – Council tackled the first half of the Operational Budget and the Capital Budget. This was our first round of looking at numbers and seeing where we could find balance to serve our community.

October 29th Policy and By-law Committee Meeting- Our main focus for this meeting was the Reserve Policy, something that I am happy that this council and administration are working hard at attempting to set up Calmar's future for more success.

October 29th Community Group Meeting- A great meeting between Zirka, Seniors Club and the Legion to speak about strengths, weaknesses, how the town can support, creative uses for their buildings and how they can support each other. Something that was heard around the table and amongst many other organizations that I serve on is the downturn since covid to be able to find volunteers and members.