

# Carey Benson Councilor Report July and August 2024

## July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day/Canada Cup

- Canada Day celebration kicked off with a great start to the day of a good old fashioned pancake breakfast. Everyone who came out had a great time to the start of Canada Day. I spent the morning helping to make sure the area stayed clean, I enjoyed talking to the residents and visitors who came to town who were there for breakfast and there for the Ball Hockey Tournament. I'm going off my memory but during the tournament I believe I played in net for the first two games and switched out to play for the remainder of the games we had. I was lucky enough to get one goal this year which was more than I got our first Canada Cup event last year. All in all, everyone had a good time and I'm looking forward to seeing next year's event to be even greater!

## July 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council

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

## July 16<sup>th</sup> Community in Blooms

- Sat in as Alternate for Councillor McKeag-Reber. There was good discussion on prepping for CIB judges coming to Calmar to look at CIB's and Park and Recs work on the beautification they have done throughout the town. There was also a motion made to purchase 6 planter boxes for the communal garden and it passed.

## Aug 16-17<sup>th</sup> Calmar Days

- Friday night was spent at the Arena setting up and serving hot dogs to residents at our Residential Appreciation BBQ, due to the rain we didn't see a huge turnout, but we were happy to see people come and enjoy the event.
- Saturday was a busy day, starting off with a pancake breakfast. Councillor Faulkner and I manned to plate and cutlery station. We became very efficient as time went by and the lineup was moving quite fast. Council finished a little early to get set up for the parade and made our way down to the parade starting line. I was very happy with the turnout of floats, cars and people participating in the parade. Alongside the other councillors we got to hand out candy to people during the parade. It was a great experience to see all the happy people along the parade route and everyone seemed to be enjoying Calmar Days. After the Parade I went up and down main street, it was great to see lots of booths and yard sales throughout the main street and the town. It was another successful Calmar Days and we can only build on this one to make it better next year.

## Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council

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

## Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Subdivision Authority Meeting

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## Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole

- YRL came and gave a presentation to Council about the work they have done through the year. YRL serves over 303,000 people in its region. YRL offers comics + that has a large list of comics, manga and graphic novels. 2023 saw 1,948,100 printed items taken out by patrons.
- We had a presentation from Kevin Bernhardt from MCSnet who covers broadband internet services. They were looking to set up in Calmar to offer their product to the people of Calmar.
- Benjamin Proulx from Catalyst Communications came to present his company's Resident Satisfaction + Budget Survey for Calmar. This survey will ultimately help administration and Council set its priorities for our 2025 budget.
- Closed Session
- More information about CoW can be found on the town's website.