

## Krista Gardner Councillor Report

### January 2024

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – Alberta Municipalities Executive Committee Meeting

Jan 15<sup>th</sup>- Regular Council Meeting

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>- Alberta Municipalities Webinar: Towns and Villages LGFF Allocation Formula

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>- Capital Region Southwest Water Services Commission Meeting

The Board had previously convened a sub-committee to review and update the Commission's policies. All seven policies were approved by the Board, with varying future review dates (in order to stagger future reviews). I enjoyed participating on the sub-committee and am happy the board approved our recommendations. Financial statements are being finished and the audit is beginning shortly. Full details will be included at the AGM in April.

Jan 19<sup>th</sup>- Leduc, Nisku, and Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber of Commerce: Provincial Economic Update with ATB

Mark Parsons, Chief Economist with ATB, spoke to the group about the economic forecast for Alberta. He covered thoughts on the timing of interest rate reductions and forecasting for population and building growth. It will be interesting times ahead!

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>- Alberta Municipalities: Pembina River District of the Rural Municipalities Association Zone 3 Meeting

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>- Alberta Municipalities: Alberta Irrigation and Agriculture Roundtable Stakeholder Session

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>- Alberta Municipalities Board Meeting & Alberta Municipal Services Corporation Board Governance Session

Jan 29<sup>th</sup>- Yellowhead Regional Library Board Trustee Orientation and Training

I enjoyed a presentation from YRL staff and Public Library Services Branch staff on the roles and responsibilities of regional library trustees, how YRL operates and what services they provide to our member libraries. We also had a tour of the building including the additions since the last time I was on site! While I have attended a number of these sessions from YRL over the years, I always learn something new and come home with a renewed appreciation for YRL and the support they provide to our local library!

Jan 31<sup>st</sup>- Calmar Recreation Board

The Board received a presentation from Economic Development officer McIntosh about sponsorship opportunities in the Town, related to our events and recreational facilities. I am

pleased to see that the efforts made are beginning to payoff in local support for the work the recreation department does in Calmar. The Board reviewed the Recreation Board Bylaw and provided input into changes to then be sent to Council for approval. We discussed vendors for fireworks and provided feedback into our 2023 Christmas in the Park and First Night events. We discussed the potential for additional events in 2024. We also received an update on attendance at ongoing programming occurring at our local schools made possible through the Town's and Black Gold Regional School's Joint Use Agreement.