

Mayor Sean Carnahan
Council Report December 2024

In addition to regular council meetings, Special council meetings and various correspondence and administration duties

December 2nd – Leduc County Fire Services Committee – Met with Leduc county fire services staff and discussed the following items; **Budget 2025**, which includes a 4.6% reduction year over year due to merged positions in senior management and correction of estimates that were higher than required. As Calmar has a newer station there is very little in the way of Capital requirements for the station.

Response & False Alarms times will be shared with administration beginning in 2025. Information on call types is happening and Calmar will be sending out letters for those with false alarms related to the possible charges for recurring false alarms according to our fee schedule. **AHS** we learned that the ambulance is being staffed by AHS in the evening but is utilized to support the overall AHS requirements. **SCO Audit**, plans put in place to address auditors findings and should wrap up in the near future. **Additional items** Discussed how to lower call costs, but this is tough as the values are based on the budget, averaged over 3 years to smooth cost swings, reduced calls will only over time increase the cost per call as there is a minimum cost to maintain the services. Fire Service agreements are being reviewed across the region as there are no end terms in the agreements and this is a standard component in contract agreement and the county would like to have this cleaned up.

December 6th – GF Urecon Christmas Elves – Attended GF Urecon to receive donations of, food, toys and money from the entire Urecon group in Canada for the Calmar Christmas Elves.

December 12th & 19th –Cloverleaf Manor & Plainview Place - attended the annual christmas events and enjoyed quality time with residents and families to celebrate the Christmas season. The staff did a great job of organizing and bringing these events together. The residents and families all appeared to have a great time and truly are thankful for these facilities.

December 31st – Calmar First Night – attended Calmar first night as a volunteer to monitor on ice activities and change rooms. Lots of people came out to enjoy the ice time, the music, the hot dogs and hot chocolate and the wrap up and welcoming of the New Year with the great fireworks display.