

Council Report

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High Performance Governance is all about our **Organizational Ability to Lead, Imagine New Possibilities and Achieve Operational Excellence.**

Feb. 3/25, Regular Council Meeting

- Please refer to the Calmar Web Site for agenda and minutes.

Feb. 8/25, Meet Draw at the Legion

- Well, attended community event that helps the Legion to keep the lights on, glad to see the support that they receive for this.

Feb. 10/25, Special Council Meeting

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Feb. 11/25, Seniors Lunch at Telford Hall

- Building and maintaining relationships with our neighbours to the southeast.

Feb. 12/25, Calmar Seniors monthly meeting

- Keeping in touch with our local seniors.

Feb. 18/25, Regular Council Meeting

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Feb. 19/25, Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission

- Managers' Report; Waste Tonnage for January shows a modest increase of roughly 300 MT. Organic Processing, without enough leaf and yard waste to blend with separated organics, it becomes difficult to maintain contamination levels acceptable to our receivers. Soil Inventory, with the reduction of inbound soils, we have continued to source stockpiles on site. Site Activities and Security, the perimeter fence is intact saved for a small hole beside the entrance gate. The new access to areas 2 is being reworked. The Dillon proposal for surface water was reviewed at the technical committee meeting. Supplies for the upcoming bird program are being sourced as we had a balance from 2024 that will need to be used first. Collaboration with Other Regions, recent topics of discussion have included Clean Farms Ag plastic program, surveying companies and impacts to the sites as a result of the upcoming EPR program. Health and Safety, field

level hazard assessments and “Stop and Speak” cards are processes E360 uses to enforce a culture of safety that includes all employees on site as well as visitors. Municipal Reporting, Strong Data has completed most of the work on the municipal reporting project, but some further refinements may be needed. Site Inspections, most immediate action is snow removal from and around the commercial and unattended scales. Annual Comparisons, with the implementation of new scale software and the changeover of contractors in 2024 only data retained in late 2023 was made available to the Commission.

- Public Education & Communication Strategy: a short educational film was made available to the board, it will appear on our website and made available for members to share with their respective councils.
- Sale of Baler, working on a deal that would see it leased by a potential purchaser to assess the need for it and if it is deemed to be something that they need, they will move to purchase.
- Surface Water Management Assessment; a plan to assess and implement is being developed, and we are hopeful that it can be done inhouse by our operator.

Feb. 24/25, Coffee with the Seniors, Glen Park Hall

- Building relationships with our neighbors to the southwest. We need to develop our image and give our town some humaneness, something people can relate to other than a thing “THE TOWN”, lol.

Feb. 24/25, Dropped by the Arena for a chat with Pond Hockey folks

- Chatted with Merlin and Howard about their program. They seem quite happy with how things are going, have full capacity with a waiting list. High compliments for staff.
- Took a few moments to talk to our staff while I was there and passed on the compliments, they seemed pleased.

Feb. 26/25, Committee of the Whole Meeting

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Feb. 26-28/25, Alberta CARE Spring Seminar, Camrose

- Arrived on time to enjoy the Buffet Banquet and networking on Feb. 26/25.
- On Feb. 27/25, we enjoyed breakfast, and the morning programing included a presentation by; 1) Product Care Recycling Association of Canada, a federally incorporated not-for-profit organization, providing recycling services across nine Canadian provinces, they encourage individuals and businesses to reduce their waste and reuse when possible, and they provide recycling solutions for post-consumer products. 2) Alberta Recycling updates for Apr. 1/25 by Ed Gugenhiemer, CEO. 3) Circular Materials updates for Apr. 1/25, by Blaire Gaalaas, Managing Director of AB

and NWT. After lunch we went on a bus tour of “Grey is Green”, Lacombe, AB. This is a company in Lacombe that is taking recycled plastic and making wholly plastic boards. We also stopped by their transfer site where they sort them and sent off waste mostly to Dry Meat Lake landfill. Buffet Banquet and networking that evening.

- On Feb. 28, after breakfast we had presentations; 1) Youngstown, AB Landfill Fire by Jim Lapp, a small facility, but a serious problem, nonetheless. Interesting on how they approached it and their path to a solution. 2) Presentation on what landfill managers need to know on “Managing Bio Solids”, by Keith Ogletree, Associated Engineering. 3) Presentation by CALL2RECYCLE, Jason Brown Director and Pedro Balzan, Customer Success Specialist.

Feb. 28/25, Policy & By-law Committee Meeting

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