

## Krista Gardner Councillor Report

February 2025

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – Regular Council Meeting

Feb 5<sup>th</sup>- Edmonton Region Waste Advisory Committee Meeting

Presentation from Sean Collins, CEO of Varme Energy Inc. about their proposed waste to energy facility in Strathcona County and future plans for expansion throughout Alberta. Varme Energy looks to revolutionize waste management, producing clean energy and reducing carbon emissions by specializing in waste-to-energy solutions with integrated carbon capture and storage technology towards creating carbon-negative systems that benefit communities and the environment. Lots of exciting possibilities here. We also had a presentation and discussion from the EMRB & SOLID WASTE COLLABORATIVE. Following the upcoming dissolution and winding down of the EMRB– considerations & opportunities arising from the new gap. Calmar should review the solid waste data strategy from EMRB. During the presentations, some of the questions I had included do we receive a report on total tonnage from GFL? Do we have estimates on per capita amounts? We could then set targets related to reductions of total amounts or could potentially lead to budget reduction as a target. Where will the reports and information gathered by EMRB be stored? It is not clear what will happen in this space.

Feb 6<sup>th</sup>- Alberta Municipalities Meeting with new CAO Dana Mackie

Feb 10<sup>th</sup>- Special Council Meeting

Feb 11<sup>th</sup>- Calmar & District Recreation Board Meeting

Feb 13<sup>th</sup>- Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar

Sessions included “The New Access to Information and Privacy Legislation in Alberta”, “Procurement Law Overview and Best Practices”, “Managing Municipal Lands: A Strategic Approach”, “Building the Future: Preparing School Sites for Success”, “Hiring: Getting it Right Before it Goes Wrong”, “Case Law Updates”, “Power Shift: How Bill 20 Reshapes Local Democracy” and of course, the ever popular Bear Pit with questions from the audience.

Feb 18<sup>th</sup>- Regular Council Meeting

Feb 20<sup>th</sup>- Alberta Municipal Services Corporation Business Lines Orientation (as Alberta Municipalities Board Member)

Feb 26<sup>th</sup>- Committee of the Whole Meeting

Feb 26<sup>th</sup>- Alberta Municipalities Media Training

Feb 27<sup>th</sup>- Alberta Municipalities Board Meeting

Feb 28<sup>th</sup>- Policy and Bylaw Committee Meeting

The PBC finalized changes to the Snow Removal Policy, the Communication Policy and the Health Spending Policy. These will be coming to Council for formal approval in the near future.