

Council Report

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

Mar. 3/25, Regular Council Meeting

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

Mar. 4/25, Calmar Legion Meeting

- Regular meeting, only thing of interest was that they are planning an adult event for the Friday night leading up to Calmar Days. It was brought to their attention the movie for the kids that night, they seem to think that it would be an issue. We might want to coordinate with them.

Mar. 5/25, Spring 2025 President's Summit (AB Munis)

- The summit provided the opportunity for in-depth, in-person discussions on various aspects of civility in municipal leadership, including promoting a civil social media landscape, harassment in council chambers and the workplace, and ways to look after yourself and others. The breakout sessions covered; dealing with harassment in the council chamber and workplace, looking after yourself and colleagues, and preparing Alberta's future municipal leaders.
- The highlight of this event was the board game called "TownSquare", developed by the Common Ground initiative led by Jared Wesley. Its creators describe TownSquare as more than a game, but more so as a dynamic experience in which players step into the shoes of activists, politicians and concerned citizens to navigate real-world discussions.

Mar. 6 & 7/25, Spring 2025 Municipal Leaders Caucus (AB Munis)

- Over the two days, we engage with our colleagues on important topics including resources for the upcoming municipal election, policing, water, and a breakout session specific to our municipality type. We were also provided the opportunity to hear from the Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and a representative of the Opposition.
- The highlight for me was the breakout session with our group, "towns". With questions focused on the upcoming election, it was interesting to see what the highlights of this past term were for those at our roundtable, what they would like to see in the next term and what would be considered as their legacy. Jaime made a great contact with a Councillor regarding making a "pump track" in Calmar.

- The premier spoke well and had some interesting perspectives (although personally I still don't buy into a few of her policies). One thing she did say that caught my attention was about the code of conduct legislation and how it needs to be looked at as it seems to be "weaponized" by some.

Mar. 10/25, RCA (Recycling Council of Alberta) Inaugural Explore Circularity Day: Waste-to-Energy

- This being the first "Inaugural" Explore Circularity Day, it seems ironic that the theme Waste to Energy (WTE), would be non-existent in a true Circular Economy (CE).
- I attended 4 sessions which had several presenters per session. Session 1, opening remarks by Recycling Council of Alberta (RCA) and invited dignitaries to help frame the purpose, hope, and intention of the day. Session 2 was meant to guide participants through the core concepts of WTE and the CE including definitions of essential terms and the key principles and elements that underpin both fields. Session 3 was to explore the evolving regulatory landscape for WTE in Alberta. Session 4 was about how municipalities determine whether WTE is the right fit for their waste management strategy, especially if they have zero waste or circular economy goals.

Mar. 11/25, Special Council Meeting

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Mar. 12/25, Coffee with the Calmar Seniors

- Not well attended, but good conversations.

Mar. 17/25, Regular Council Meeting

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Mar. 19/25, Calmar Seniors AGM

- Elections were held, and there is no change to the executive. FYI, the bus sold for \$14,000 and they are interested in doing something with the Town regarding the garage, in their financials the Garage Net Value is \$4,085.95.

Mar. 20/25, Capital Region Southwest Water Service Commission regular meeting

- Manager's Report; Nisku Booster Station, ATCO's contractor completed the installation of the gas service on December 19, 2024. The gas meter was installed, and the commissioning of the HVAC system was completed early January 2025. Due to the complexity of troubleshooting and resolving engineering issues of this nature, there remains a risk that the 30-day run will not be completed prior to the scheduled grand opening. Administration will provide ample notice if this event needs to be rescheduled. Municipal Developments, administration received 9 notifications of Subdivision

developments/extensions (7 from City of Beaumont, 1 from Town of Calmar and 1 from City of Leduc), 6 Land Use Bylaw Amendments (5 from City of Beaumont, 1 from Town of Calmar), 1 Amendment to Area Structure Plans (City of Beaumont) and 1 Notice of Intent to Annex (City of Leduc) from Members since the last meeting. Administration had no concerns with the documents provided and no comments were provided back to the Members. City of Beaumont Line Extension to St. Vital Reservoir, City of Beaumont Administration submitted a new connection request to CRSWSC Administration on January 14, 2025. City of Camrose Servicing, Administration received follow-up questions from Alberta Transportation regarding the Commission's application for the Water for Life Grant Feasibility Study. Leduc County Potential New Connection, a Leduc County consultant has reached out to Administration for information regarding a **potential new connection**. The proposed connection would tie into **the CRSWSC supply line to Calmar** and would include a new reservoir which would be used to service a **new development west of the Edmonton International Airport**. Hazardous Building Materials Assessment, Inspection and testing took place the week of February 24-28, 2025, visiting all Commission rooms/facilities and the municipal member facilities containing Commission rooms/assets. Results of the testing will be shared once available. EPCOR Drought Resiliency Plan, administration has received permission from EPCOR to post a link to their Drought Resiliency Plan on the CRSWSC website. Commission Facility Locates, Commission operators completed 22 Utility Safety Partner locates in 2025 on Commission facilities, as compared to 54 in 2024.

- Treasurer's Report; after two months of operations, there should be approximately 17% of the budget spent/earned. Overall, the commission is on track with respect to expenses with an overall budget spent of 16%. Management expenses are under budget with 9% of the budget spent and Operating expenses are on budget for the year with 17% of the budget spent.
- 2024 Audit; The Commission Auditors, MNP LLP, are still conducting their audit work at the writing of this report. The audit report and findings along with the Commission's final financial results will be presented at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 17, 2025.
- Borrowing Bylaw; the CRSWSC Board of Directors passed Bylaw 03-2025 – Line of Credit Borrowing Bylaw, 2025.
- Water Master Plan RFP; administration prepared and posted a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified consulting services for the preparation of the Commission's 2025 Water Master Plan Update as well as to provide services as the Commission's Engineer for day-to-day work consultations. Motion to direct Administration to retain Associated Engineering as the Commission Engineer for a two-year term with an option to renew annually until the next Water Master Plan Update, was carried.

Mar. 26/25, Committee of the Whole

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Mar. 26/25, Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission regular meeting

- Manager's Report; Waste Volumes, tonnage for the first 2 months of 2025 continues to be up roughly 300 MT from last year. The PDO continues to be used by residents bringing in municipal solid waste (MSW). Organic Processing, although our quality of organics material on site is below that of the summer, we are going to continue shipping the material off site. **There is a need for clean "leaf and yard" waste, we should at least try to provide this if we can.** Soil Inventory, With the reduction of inbound soils, we have continued to source stockpiles on site. Site Activities and Security, the new access to Area 2 continues to be improved. Since extending our hours to match that of some collection contracts, the site has received 7 loads between 5 pm and 6 pm, and zero loads after 6 pm. **When we write up our new contract, we need to make it clear that our contractor needs to drop off before 6 pm, that will be the end of the day for dropping off.** Operator expenses continue to track better than those of 2024. Supplies for the upcoming bird program are on site. On February 4, 2025, the Commission received notice of the City of Leduc's intent to annex land from Leduc County, which includes lands adjacent to the site. Collaboration with Other Regions, Recent topics of discussion have included leachate measurement and extraction. Health and Safety, In February, there were zero incidents and 131 FLHA's and stop and speak cards were completed. Municipal Reporting, Monthly data will be provided in Manager's Reports. I can make the link available upon request. Site Inspection, A site inspection was completed on March 3, 2025. The most immediate action is covering exposed waste.
- Public Education & Communication Strategy; In consideration of the Strategic Plan goals to promote public education and engagement, Administration recommends hosting another Public Open House at the Waste Management Facility PDO area on July 19, 2025.
- Provincial Land Lease Renewal; The Commission holds a provincial land lease for DML 780081, the parcel of land located at NE 29-49-24-W4M (160 acres). The most recent lease expired in October 2023. Administration has been actively working on the lease renewal since late 2022, including submission of all required documents to support the renewal. On March 7, 2025, Administration was advised that a Historic Resources Application is now also required, which has never been requested in the past. The Board direct the Commission Manager to report this incident to the Province as an opportunity to reduce red tape.
- Provincial Priorities Act; This legislation outlines the approval process for proposed intergovernmental agreements between the federal government and provincial entities. Effective as of April 1, 2025, the Commission will be required to submit information on all new agreements with the federal government to Municipal Affairs, including a copy

of the agreement. Some agreements may require provincial approval, unless they fall under an exception.

Mar. 27/25, Policy & Bylaw Committee

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Mar. 28/25, Builder/Developer Presentation

- Attended the slide show presentation by Sylvain and his team. Considering the weather, it was well attended and well received. I was very impressed; we should consider making a video that we can share with others who might be interested in checking out Calmar or using it as a calling card.

Mar. 31/25, Coffee at Glen Park Hall

- Building relationships with our county neighbours, the county mayor and her husband were in attendance.

Mar. 31/25, Edmonton MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) Grand Opening (LDRWMC)

- Attended the ribbon cutting presentations and networking opportunity.
- We went on a guided tour of the facilities where in detail the process of materials coming into the facility was explained, how they were separated and ended in them being bailed ready to be shipped out. Circular economy the way of the future.

Mar. 31/25, Pond Hockey year end celebration

- As I was just popping by, they asked me to say a few impromptu words at their wrap up party, so I congratulated them on successful season, told them they are an important part of Calmar, thanked the past executive for their hard work and told the incoming executive that we look forward to working with them.