

Council Report

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

Apr. 1/25, Legion Meeting

- The Calmar Legion has a strong membership and is working hard to stay viable.
- The dance that was planned for the Calmar Days weekend has been cancelled.

Apr. 2/25, Virtual: Towns West Zone Meeting and ABmunis CEO Outreach

- Had every intention to participate, an emergent issue came up, my apologies to Krista and her team.

Apr. 4/25, State of Leduc Address

- Chamber hosted event; they're doing many good things promoting our region.
- MLA Lundy gave an update on the Government of Alberta budget and plan for 2025.
- Main event, Bob Young gave the state of the City address, spoke mostly on the growth of Leduc and the need for additional lands. Very upbeat supported with video presentation and some data.
- As always, we were noted by some for our attendance.

Apr. 5/25, Legion Meat Draw

- It was well-attended, great event for raising money for the legion, great to see community support.

Apr. 7/25, Attended the Seniors Coffee at Glen Park Hall

- Keeping and building connections with our rural neighbours.

Apr. 7/25, Regular Council Meeting

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

Apr. 8/25, Attended the Seniors Lunch at Telford Hall

- Presentation by Bob Layton and Shane Blakely on their experiences in the media.
- Well attended, great opportunity to connect with our rural neighbours and other guest from around the capital region.

Apr. 9/25, Seniors Meeting & Easter Potluck

- Well attended and as always great food.
- Short meeting afterwards to confirm their “Strawberry Tea”, the week leading into the Mother’s day weekend, get your orders ready.

Apr. 14/25, Senior’s coffee at Glen Park Hall

- More relationship building, attended by the County Mayor and her husband, my presents notice.

Apr. 15/25, Collegiate Open House, Calmar High School

- Attended the presentation by the principal. The physical building is not ready for viewing, but he gave a complete breakdown of what it will accomplish.
- “Skilled trades programming begins in Grade 10, culminating in the pre-apprenticeship program in Grade 12. Upon completion of the 12-week program, students will be prepared to write the first-period Apprenticeship Exam administered by Apprenticeship & Industry Training (AIT), giving them a head start on their careers in the skilled trades.”
- After his presentation I introduced myself to him, gave him my card and told him to contact the Town to explore opportunities with us to promote their project.

Apr. 15/25, Special Council Meeting

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Apr. 16/25, Seniors Coffee

- Keeping in touch with our local seniors, doing my part to grow their membership.

Apr. 16/25, Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission

- 2024 Audited Financial Statements, presented by Chris Cholak/Mathew Hardy/Neil Sigua, MNP. Clean audit with nothing outstanding, commission is in good shape and conducting itself appropriately (available upon request).
- Manager’s Report; Waste Volumes, tonnage for the first quarter of 2025 continues to trend higher than last year, largely supported by increased commercial and demolition (C&D) tonnage. Organics Processing, Leaf and yard waste has been stored in the Transfer Building and will be used to blend with SSO material and transported to Roseridge. **We are seeing an increase in leaf and yard waste in the SSO stream which further helps reduce contamination levels.** 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 last reporting, there have been no vehicles accessing the site from 5 pm to 7 pm. Operator expenses continue to track better than those of 2024. Collaboration with Other Regions, Recent

topics of discussion have included mattress recycling and site security. Health and Safety, in March, there were zero incidents and 124 FLHA's and stop and speak cards were completed. Municipal Reporting, working on pulling up the 2025 Load Review Report as a live report, the 2024 Load Review Report has a link for us to review. Site Inspection, a site inspection was completed on April 10, 2025.

Apr. 17/25, Minister Sawhney's Rural Engagement Tour

- Fact finding, what do we have to talk about, who do we think should be there and when should we meet.

Apr. 17/25, Capital Region Southwest Water Service Commission AGM

- Chair message presented by Lars Hansen.
- Vice-chair message presented by Kelly-Lynn Lewis.
- 2024 Financial Statements and Auditors Report, clean audit with nothing outstanding, commission is in good shape and conducting itself appropriately (available upon request).

Apr. 22/25, Regular Council Meeting

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Apr. 25/25, Subdivision Authority Meeting

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Apr. 28 & 29/25, CPAA Conference, Red Deer

- Community Planners Association of Alberta believe that by bringing together planners, administrators, elected officials, and stakeholders from across the province and beyond, they create a dynamic platform for integrating ideas, inspiring action, and empowering communities.
- On Monday, there was an educational session "Planning Isn't Just Paperwork: Demystifying Municipal Planning", in the morning and in the afternoon after Keynote speaker Doug Griffith presented "Global to Local: The Opportunities and Challenges For Your Community", we had sessions on "Downtown Revitalization" and the "Global and Domestic Energy Landscape".
- On Tuesday, we attended sessions on "Municipal Motivation: How Purposed Planning Drives Vibrant Communities", "The Intersection of Economic Development and Planning: Collaborating for Sustainable Growth", "Leveraging Public Engagement as a Community Planning Tool", finishing off the day with a panel "Planning for Future Emergencies", moderated by Tyler Gandam.
- I did not attend Wednesday's half day.

Apr. 29/25, Black Gold School Board Meet and Greet

- Attended this event along with our entire council and Sylvain where we met with the entire school board and their senior leadership, to get to know one another, discuss current activities and our future.
- I feel we communicated well with them and feel that they were impressed by our vision and direction. Don't understand why we haven't done more in the past, they are a valuable asset in our community and what they have been doing goes well with our promotion of our town, showcasing a forward thinking community with tangible actions moving us forward.

Apr. 30/25, Committee of the Whole

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