

Council Report

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

May 1/25, Economic Development Business Brunch

- Although we didn't get all of those who said that they would come, those that did were engaged in the program. Special thanks to our staff who worked hard at making this event happen. I still believe that these events have value and would encourage administration to continue with them in the future.

May 1/25, P&B Committee

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

May 4-9/25, Waste Expo

- Waste Expo is North America's largest solid waste, recycling, organics, food waste recovery and sustainability trade show. This year's conference was attended by 14,000 people from over one hundred countries and highlighted six hundred exhibiting brands. The conference consists of information sessions, the trade floor and tours of nearby facilities.
- Sessions that were attended were chosen either because of their relevance to our landfill or community needs, or that may become relevant to us in the future. Some of the sessions attended were: Navigating lithium-ion battery recycling. PFAS management and enforcement. Battery risk management in the waste stream. Innovative composting systems and technologies. Future for solid waste landfills as an energy source. Construction & Demolition recycling landscape. Organic recycling in food, reducing contamination. Going green for green, profit through diversion. Impact of Food Waste on Methane Emissions. Anaerobic Digestion: technologies, selection criteria, case studies, GHG reduction. Smart Technologies for Sustainable Cities.
- This conference always has me leaving with thoughts of what and how we can do better.

May 5/25, Regular Council Meeting (attended virtually)

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May 20/25, Subdivision Meeting

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May 20/25, Regular Council Meeting

- Please refer to the Calmar Web Site for more information.

May 21/25, Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission

- Manager's Report; Total tonnage remains higher than previous years due to increases in asbestos, construction & demolition (C&D) and residential waste. The PDO receives the vast majority of the residential municipal solid waste (MSW), while the attended commercial scale receives soils and C&D. By comingling leaf and yard material with our pre-sorted source separated organics (SSO) material we are able to achieve contamination levels accepted by Roseridge. April saw almost 2,000 MT of revenue generating cover brought to site; the largest one-month volume in 2025. The new access to Area 2 continues to be improved and is in use. Operator expenses continue to track better than those of 2024. With reduced seasonal tonnage, it becomes necessary for operators to be more efficient with their time and equipment hours. The Gull program began on schedule with full staff and materials. Field level hazard assessments (FLHA) 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.
- Financial Report; Net revenue at quarter-end is \$821K, which is 19% of the annual budget. Commission expenses at quarter-end are \$642K, which is 17% of annual budget. Transfers at quarter-end are \$119K, which is 18% of annual budget. The Diversion Pad project was approved in the 2024 budget with an allocation of \$600,000. Internally, we track our reserves and closure/post-closure balances to ensure we have enough funds for capital expenditures and for closing the landfill. Administration recommended that the Board approve the 2024 carry forward amount of \$600,000 for the Diversion Pad, which will be funded from the Capital Reserve (that motion was carried).
- Public Education & Communication Strategy; The Waste Management Facility will be hosting another Public Open House on Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (our administration should reach out to the commission administration for advertising materials that we can include in our July Chronicle). Administration has been seeking to streamline the Facility website for ease of access. The Commission inquired about increasing outreach opportunities, in an attempt to increase awareness of the Facility among residents, signage would go a long way in achieving this and a coroplast sign is a cheaper option and could be used indoors or outdoors (group pricing will be shared at our next meeting, this would go well at our new grass and yard waste site).
- Waste Expo Conference Debrief, was included earlier in my report.

May 23/25, Oilers Watch Party

- Nice to see public engagement/participation, perhaps we can tie some information to these events. Thanks to all staff that made this event happen.

May 26/24, P&B Committee

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May 27-31/25, FCM Conference in Ottawa

- As always, the most important part of these events is the interaction with other elected officials. Sharing information and experiences gives us a more rounded view of what we are doing and how better to make informed decisions.
- One of my most enjoyed sessions was about misinformation/disinformation, as we have seen locally and provincially, this seems to be a growing issue across the country. We heard about some horror stories and were given some good advice and techniques to deal with it. It basically boils down to shining a light on it and giving good, timely and truthful information.
- Enjoy a day at the parliament buildings, hosted by our MP, Mr. Lake. Great insight into the workings of parliament and of what our MP is doing for us. I appreciate the time he gave us and a better understanding of how another level of government functions.