

Krista Gardner Councillor Report

May 2025

May 1st - Town of Calmar Business Brunch

May 1st - Policy and Bylaw Committee Meeting

May 3rd - Calmar Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

May 4th - May the Fourth Star Wars Movie Showing

I was thrilled to take my kids down to the arena to watch The Force Awakens on May the Fourth. I love all the new opportunities for community programming happening lately.

May 5th - Regular Council Meeting

May 9th - Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta Northeast Regional Meeting (as an Alberta Municipalities Board Member)

May 10th - Calmar Elementary School Parent Teacher Association Mother's Day Market Volunteer

May 12-13th - Alberta Municipalities Member Visits to Town of Onoway, Town of Barrhead, Town of Mayerthorpe and Town of Thorsby

One of the best parts of my role as an Alberta Municipalities Board Member is the opportunity to hear from other communities about their successes and challenges. I often find ideas and suggestions that I bring back to Calmar and am a stronger Council member because of it.

May 14th - Nisku Energy Show Breakfast and Tradeshow

Councillor McKeag-Reber and I attended the first annual Nisku Energy Show Breakfast and Tradeshow. We heard from Leduc County Mayor Tanni Doblanko about successes and challenges for Leduc County in 2024 and where they expect to go in 2025. Myron Keehn, CEO of the Edmonton International Airport, spoke about new routes and exciting changes for the airport. Premier Smith also addressed the group, highlighting the importance of the oil and gas sector to both this region, the province and the country. Councillor McKeag-Reber and I also took the opportunity to speak to many of our regional local elected counterparts, local businesses and development partners.

May 14-16th - Alberta Municipalities Strategic Planning and Board Meeting

May 20th - Town of Calmar Subdivision Authority Meeting

May 20th - Regular Council Meeting

May 23rd - Town of Calmar Oilers Playoff Watch Party

I was thrilled when our staff announced we would be holding Watch Parties for the hockey playoffs. This has been a fantastic opportunity to bring people together and build community. Go OILERS!

May 26th - Policy and Bylaw Committee Meeting

May 27th - Town of Calmar Oilers Watch Party

May 28-June 1st - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Convention

Councillor Faulkner and I attended the annual convention of FCM. I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss the similarities and differences of Calmar from other municipalities across the country. The theme of the conference was Stronger Together, and I appreciated seeing that theme threaded through all of the events. FCM President Rebecca Bligh shared a deeply personal vision of municipalities being empowered to reach their full potential and play a crucial role in building a more prosperous, more resilient economy that leaves no one behind. She emphasized Canadians' expectations that all orders of government work closely together for the benefit of the population. Speakers at the conference included Prime Minister Mark Carney, Conservative Deputy Leader Melissa Lantsman, Green Party Leader Elizabeth May and NDP MP Gord Johns. I attended sessions for the Prairies and NWT Caucus, including voting for our FCM board representatives. Congratulations to both Charlyn Moore, Councillor Lac La Biche County and Mike Yargeau, Mayor Town of Penhold for their elections as Alberta Urban Board representatives and Neal Comeau, Councillor Sturgeon County for his election as Alberta Rural Board representative. Other education sessions I attended include "Equipping Municipal Leaders to Combat Misinformation", "Leveraging Partnerships: How the Right Partners Can Help You Meet Financial, Housing and Climate Goals", "Empowering Women in Local Government Leadership: Breaking Barriers and Building Inclusive Communities", "Shaping the New Federal Infrastructure Agenda: Unleashing Rural Economies Through Infrastructure" as well as a study tour of the re-development of the historic Byward Market area. Councillor Faulkner and I also took the opportunity to spend time with recently re-elected Member of Parliament for Leduc-Wetaskiwin Mike Lake and shared with him the ways in which he can help support Calmar.