



## **Mayor's Weekly Update**

### **The Week of December 13 to December 19**

An unusual Christmas and New Year celebration is upon us and I am looking forward to taking things a little slower over the next couple of weeks. A reminder that Kevin and Kerry are going to take some time off and we should try to let them get some much needed rest. If it isn't emergent please hold off until January 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be my last weekly update of 2020! 😊

Monday morning started with a one on one with Kevin, and then I prepped for my ARMA meeting, followed by the filming of a retirement message for Jen McCurdy. I finished off my day with a Gazette interview related to the new provincial covid restrictions.

All morning Tuesday I had an ARMA Governance & Accountability Committee meeting, followed by a one on one with Kevin, and then a virtual meeting with the Honourable Salma Lakhani. What an amazing lady. Highlight of the year for me. I finished off my day with agenda planning and a Provincial Town Hall Meeting.

Wednesday consisted of Jennifer's Surprise Retirement party. Thanks to Ray, Jacquie and Ken for also joining. Later in the day I had a virtual coffee meeting with a resident. He is really impressed with what our council has achieved over the last 3 years and some good advise moving forward, especially as it relates to the future recreation centre. Lastly, I finished off my day meeting with another resident who runs the Lacombe Facebook page. It is always nice to talk to a resident who is very supportive of what we are doing.

The majority of Thursday was spent at the AUMA Board of Directors' Meeting, and the rest of the day was spent catching up on office work.

Friday morning I met for a virtual coffee with Minister Nally and Mayor Hnatiw. After that Ken and I met with Kevin and the new Officer in Charge, Ryan Comaniuk. I think we are going to be able to establish a good working relationship with him.

Sunday morning I will do a coffee with Cathy.

## **The weeks of January 4 to January 10**

Welcome to 2021! I hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas break. As we head into a new year, it looks like many of the challenges of 2020 will follow closely behind. I soon hope to see the day that we can move forward from all things Covid19 and fully focus our efforts on our vision for the community that we love. I particularly look forward to in person meetings again.

This first week back to work after some much needed family time was fairly slow in terms of scheduled appointments. I had a one on one with Kevin and a Gazette interview on Monday.

Tuesday I met with Mayor Don Scott, related to an AUMA Board vacancy in the morning and attended agenda planning in the afternoon.

Wednesday morning I caught up on emails and spent some time studying the Hydrogen Economy, and the afternoon was spent at the Mid Sized Mayors' Caucus meeting.

Thursday morning I had my year in review interview with Brittany for the Gazette. In the afternoon, I met virtually with Kevin, David and Kate.

Friday morning will be spent prepping for our Council meeting on Monday. In the afternoon Wes and I will participate in the creation of an RTSC promotional video, and after that I will get some office work done.

## **The week of January 11 to January 17**

Monday was typical, starting with a Council prep meeting, followed by a one on one with Kevin and then into our Council Meeting. Honestly the best part was getting dressed and coming to the office like a normal person.

Tuesday morning I got to chat with my step daughters grade 6 class about Municipal Government. I love the questions that they ask and I had fun embarrassing her!

😊 After that was agenda planning, then a one on one with Kevin, and I finished off my day meeting with folks from the Chamber and Kevin. It was a meet and greet with the new President and CEO. He looks like a real positive addition to the chamber. I will miss Jennifer though.

Wednesday started early, meeting with Kevin, Mayor Iveson and Adam Laughlin. We are still exploring opportunities to work together on servicing. The rest of the day was spent at the AUMA Human Resources Committee Meeting and catching up on office work. In the evening I watched the Emerald Documentary Series. If you are interested in checking it out, follow this link

<https://emerald.foundation.ca/emeralddocumentaryseriesseason2/>.

Thursday was spent at the AUMA Executive Committee Meeting. Thank you to Ken for attending EMRB on our behalf. At AUMA I took on a new role. I will be working on an AGLC working group to improve gaming and charitable contributions. This is a result of the resolution St. Albert had at convention a few year ago. Just can't say NO

As I suspected, Friday filled up with commitments, starting with the filming of the swearing in of the Chamber Chair, followed by a Recovery Task Force Pre Brief, and then a quick chat with a resident about her covid experience. In the afternoon, Kevin and I did a second interview for two of the candidates vying for the Admin Assistant position.