

Mayor's Weekly Update

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. 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://emeraldfoundation.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.

The week of January 18 to January 24

Monday started with the Community Living Standing Committee meeting, followed by a one on one with Kevin, and finished off with the Community Growth and Infrastructure meeting. Typical

The majority of Tuesday was spent at the Alberta Recycling Board Meeting, followed by agenda planning, and then our meeting with the St. Albert Housing Association. Thank you all for your participation

Wednesday morning started with a Municipal Government chat with grade 6 students, followed by the Chambers swearing in of Curtis Crouse. In the afternoon I participated in the Recovery Task Force Meeting, and I finished off my day getting my photo taken by Brittany with the Gazette.

Thursday I attended the virtual UDI luncheon with Gary Sandberg and was so pleased that St. Albert got a shout out . In the afternoon I participated in the joint filming of a video on the newly expanded Cross Country ski trails with Sturgeon County and spent the remainder of the afternoon watching the Project Impact Edmonton Showcase.

Friday I participated in the outdoor Grand Opening for the Keplar Academy Sturgeon Centre, followed by Villeneuve Landing Network stakeholder interviews, and finished off my day with a COVID Recovery Task Force Survey.

And the only thing scheduled for the weekend is a blood donation. I was supposed to help Outloud with a casino, but sadly it was postponed

The week of January 25 to January 31

Monday was pretty standard, with a Council prep meeting, followed by a one on one with Kevin and then into our Council Meeting.

Tuesday morning was spent in ARMA Governance and Accountability Committee meeting, followed by the Edmonton Chambers Conversation with Rachel Notley. After that I had a one on one with Kevin, then agenda planning, followed by the Policing Committee Meeting. I think this committee is finally on the right track. I really like Ryan's approach. Kris Wells was re-appointed as chair.

Thursday was spent at the AUMA Board of Directors Meeting, though I took a beak midway through to watch the RTSC Press Release. I was so proud to have played a small part in something so historical for our region. Congratulations Wes! Your dedication and hard work will leave a lasting impression in the way people move around the region for years to come.

Friday morning I had a Gazette interview related to construction values and business license renewals in St. Albert. Interestingly we had a 3 year high in permit values. I also found out that our business licence renewal is only down 3%. After that was an EMAC Meeting, and then I will participated in Edmonton Globals virtual shareholder briefing. In the afternoon I sat in on a Suzan Krescy's presentation to the Inter City Forum on Social Policy group, followed by a meeting with Cllr Walters from Edmonton and I finished off the week in an Internal Audit Steering Committee Meeting. Right now I am watching the daily provincial update and they have finally outlined their plan for re-opening.

Restaurants are Feb 8th!! I will talk to Kevin about a target date to resume in person council meetings.

Saturday I will virtually attend the Sturgeon Community Hospital Stars Box Date Night and there is nothing official on the agenda for Sunday.

The week of February 1 to February 7

This week I had some company in the office while Rayann started training Christina, it was kind of nice to be (socially distanced) around people for the first time in a long time.

Monday was fairly standard, starting with a Council prep meeting, followed by a one on one with Kevin, then our Committee of the Whole meeting with Homeland, and then into our Council Meeting.

Tuesday morning started with a Gazette interview with Scott Hayes, related to the RTSC. After that I attended a FCM webinar; Developing District Energy: Policies and Governance Models, which I left early to participate in the first AGLC Charitable Gaming Review Task Force meeting, and I finished off my day in agenda planning.

Wednesday morning I toggled between the Recovery Task Force Meeting and a meeting with Alberta Minister Hunter, related to EPR. After that I participated in day two of the Charitable Gaming Review Task Force, and then right into the Mid-Sized Mayors' Caucus meeting.

Thursday started with our Special City Council Meeting, followed by a Gazette interview with Kevin Ma, related to Policing. After that I caught up on some office work and reading, and the rest of the day was spent at the AUMA President's Summit on Policing, followed by the Telephone Town Hall with Premier Jason Kenney, Minister McIver and Dr. Hinshaw.

As per the usual since March of last year, the weekend agenda is empty. I expect some curing up by the fire to stay warm.