

Council Member Monthly Report on Committees & Development

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Committee/Learning Name	BRIEF OVERVIEW:
EPR: Impacts and Opportunities for Alberta Municipalities	I attended an interesting webinar on Extended Producer Responsibility in Alberta. My hope is that our provincial program will be up-and-running sooner than later to help address the environmental and financial costs of waste.
Homeland Housing	April 13/20/27, May 4/11 – Touch-base with CEO April 13 & 27 – Signing documents April 22 – Regular board meeting.
	I continue to meet regularly with the CEO, which was particularly important as we respond to yet another change to Health Orders impacting many of our facilities. We also responded to a small fire in a Westlock building. We also held our regular board meeting, where we approved our new strategic plan - Following this approval, our Admin will respond with a business plan that will describe how we'll achieve our goals, including increasing capacity in St. Albert.
Municipal Innovation in Biodiversity Conservation	Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for hosting this session on biodiversity. The guest speaker, Cam Jeffries, who teaches environmental-related-law at the University of Alberta was excellent.
	Thank you to the local Jack.org chapter for inviting me to speak about the mental health challenges of

Exploring EPR Impacts on Waste and Recycling Providers	political/executive roles, and the opportunities that municipalities have to support the mental health of their communities. This group of "young people working year-round to identify and dismantle barriers to positive mental health in their communities" is exceptional - Their concern and passion is genuine, and they give me hope for our future. Thanks to the Recycling Council of Alberta for hosting this session. It was an interesting presentation and discussion on the upcoming Extended Producer Responsibility policies coming to Alberta.
EAC Executive Meeting	Met with chair of Environmental Advisory committee & Councillor Hansen to discuss potential improvements in committee recruitment/onboarding processes.
Arts Development Advisory Committee Meeting	This was a fairly straight-forward meeting, with a motion to recommend the recipients of a youth arts development grant, and recommendations regarding the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts which will be incorporated into a draft policy before being sent to Council.
WASP: 3D printing eco-homes with local clay	Although the Italian company hosting this Smart Citizens' Sustainable Design Talk primarily introduced their sustainable 3D-printed houses, they also touched on how their research in 3D printing has potential in plastics recycling, alternative energy, and medicine. It's interesting to consider how these technologies could open up new sectors in Alberta, help with solutions related to affordable housing, or increase the sustainability of a range of products.
EMAC Meeting	The Emergency Management Advisory Committee met to discuss 1. A situation update, which included discussions on the most recent targeted Health Order which impacts "junior and senior high schools, and indoor sports and fitness activities".
	2. A recreation update, including information on Grosvenor, the waterplay park, Canada Day, pricing at Fountain Park, the skatepark, and an

	in-camera session regarding the Rainmaker Rodeo.
Sustainable Edible Gardening in Alberta	This webinar hosted by the Edmonton Horticultural Society was a fascinating dive into urban sustainability, health, and food security. It's amazing what people can grown here, both in community gardens and on their own properties.

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