

Mayor's Weekly Update

The week of April 12 to April 18

Monday was the CLSC meeting, which finished early and allowed us to meet on the Internal Intermunicipal Recreation Cost Sharing Pre Brief. The afternoon was spent in the CGIS Committee meeting.

Tuesday morning I had a brief call with Mayor McAuley related to ARMA stuff, followed by the EPR: Impacts and Opportunities for Alberta Municipalities webinar. In the afternoon, I met Alice Nichol (a resident), as I do every year to sign and seal some documents for her, so she can continue to receive her pension from France. After that I had a Gazette interview with Brittany, related to federal funding. Following that was the meeting with Natalie and Alice Cameron from ACA, followed by a one on one with Kevin, then the Recovery Task Force pre brief, followed by agenda planning, and I finished off my day with the Edmonton Annexation Information Session.

Wednesday morning I did some AUMA prep for the Leaders Caucus, followed by the Chamber Lunch, and the rest of the day was spent at the AUMA Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus.

Thursday morning was spent at the AUMA Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus, and the afternoon was spent attending the Edmonton Global Shareholder AGM Meeting. I finished off my day reviewing my speaking notes for the Spruce Up St. Albert video.

Friday morning was day three of the AUMA Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus, and the afternoon was spent filming the Spruce Up St. Albert kick off video.

Saturday evening I will attend the Kaleo Collective "One Starry Night" event, and Sunday will be spent reading an over 1000 page agenda package.

The week of April 19 to April 25

Monday started with a Council prep meeting, followed by a one on one with Kevin and then into our LOOONG Council meeting.

Tuesday morning I participated in a socially distanced site tour of the new Holiday Inn Express, followed by the EPR Impacts webinar (which was a bit to technical and meant for staff). There were a couple interview relating to the CED announcement. First CTV followed by the Gazette, all the while I was participating in the AUMA Charitable Gaming Review meeting. The evening was spent participating in a Volunteer Appreciation Event, thanks to those who attended! I know that our attendance was appreciated.

Wednesday morning was spent prepping for and participating in the Recovery Task Force meeting, followed by some AUMA meeting prep, and then I filmed an opening ceremonies message for the Francophone Games, then a Chair Briefing for the April SISB Task Force Meeting. After that, I got myself one step closer to drinks on patios with friends, by getting my first vaccine!

Majority of the day Thursday was spent at the AUMA Board of Directors meeting, though I ducked out momentarily to watch the beginning of the Annexation MGB Hearing. In the afternoon I had a video shoot scheduled for AUMA, for perspective candidates this fall.

Friday morning Natalie and I met for our one on one . A beautiful walk along the river. We saw a nice Blue Heron and a moose across in the Grey Nuns White Spruce forest. Boomer even got to come along. After that I did some meeting prep, followed by a Northern Alberta Mayors' & Reeves' Caucus meeting with Minister Dominic LeBlanc, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. The rest of the day was spent doing office work and then into the SISB Task Force meeting. That project has now wrapped up, it just needs final board approval.

Saturday evening I will speak at a St. Albert Newcomers Men's Group meeting and Sunday I will prep for the week ahead.

The week of April 26 to May 2

Monday started with prep for ARMA G&A Committee and then I took some time to celebrate the birth of my twin babies!

Tuesday morning I had an early one on one with Kevin, followed by an ARMA G&A Committee meeting, and then into an AUMA Charitable Gaming Review Final Presentation Session. I finished off my day in Agenda Planning.

Wednesday morning I prepped for the Gazette podcast that was rescheduled related to Solar Farms, and then joined two other Mayor's and Brittany from the Gazette to chat about solar energy. In the afternoon I had a video filming scheduled for the upcoming Gateway Association Mayors Luncheon, followed by the mid sized Mayors Caucus meeting with Minister McIver.

Thursday morning, I met with Mike Nickel and then attended a virtual webinar Breaking Down Budget 2021 with Minister Mary Ng. Following this I worked on my speaking notes for the Employee Appreciation event which I was pleased to attend and be a part of. We really have wonderful staff and I loved hearing all the St. Albert connections. This was followed by a virtual coffee with Ian McCormack. In the evening met with Service Groups to chat about Public Participation.

Friday morning, I participated in the Edmonton Global Shareholder Virtual Briefing, followed by a meeting with Kevin, Curtis Crouse and Allan Bartolcic from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Farmer's Market. They want more support than Kevin is offering so we will discuss in camera on Monday. I had a quick interview CBC about the new restrictions. In the afternoon I reviewed various Recovery Task Force reports and then Jacquie and I met for our one on one . Another lovely walk along the river. The rest of the afternoon was spent prepping for our Council meeting on Monday.

Saturday will be spent planning and organizing a virtual "are you interested in running session" and then John and I are volunteering with the spring Food bank drive. Sunday morning I will host another Coffee with Cathy live session on Facebook.

The week of May 3 to May 9

Monday I participated in the Goodwill Week proclamation then headed back to SAP to take part in an EMAC meeting, followed by my Council prep meeting, a one on one with Kevin and then into our Council meeting.

Tuesday morning, I met with Bernie Kollman related to Smarter Cities Follow up, after that I participated in the filming of a Children's Festival activity. Although the Festival is going to be virtual this year I am looking forward to seeing the fun ways the team rolls this out! in the afternoon Kevin and I had our one on one, followed by some prep for AUMA, and then into Agenda Planning.

Wednesday morning, I had a great time participating in a mental health read in week activity with a grade one class from Joseph M. Demko School. As much as I wish I could have been in person reading to the grade ones, it was so fun to see how excited they were to have a special guest "in" class. After this I, like many of us I am sure, tuned into Premier Kenney's press conference to hear about the new restrictions and changes there. I followed this up with a meeting with Renate Burwash from the Gateway Association to discuss the upcoming Mayor's Luncheon. In the afternoon I attended Don Iveson's State of the City address followed by the Futures Working Group meeting for ARMA and then a meeting with Communications to discuss my upcoming State of the City Address in June. Wednesday evening, I had my first session for my Compassionate Leadership course

All day Thursday was spent at the AUMA Executive Committee with a meeting with Alberta Environment & Parks and MLA Searle Turton squeezed in to discuss Alberta's

Engagement on Extended Producer Responsibility. Obviously the evening was all about the fire.

Friday morning my commitments for grand openings were unfortunately cancelled due to the new restrictions the fire response took up most of my day. There was a press conference at 1 and I had a meeting with Minister Pon (Seniors and Housing) at 3