

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER



It feels odd to be writing an article during a blizzard in April, amidst a worldwide pandemic, while practicing “physical distancing” from home, but honestly, what doesn’t seem odd these days?

We know that what’s happening in Alberta and across the world is unprecedented and the changes to our daily lives are causing stress, anxiety and fear. We must face these new challenges rationally, and the best way to combat fear is with knowledge.

Learn how to keep yourself, your family and members in our community safe. Do what you can (from reputable sources) about COVID-19. Understand how viral respiratory infections are transmitted, how epidemics and pandemics spread, and the steps we can all take to help #flattenthecurve and #stopthespread. The Town has a dedicated webpage that provides you with helpful information & reliable resources. Visit www.blackfalds.com/COVID-19.

Please remember that we are all #inthistogether. Be kind, patient and respectful to others, and be grateful for what you have. Yes, a trip to the store will take longer - be mindful of your proximity to others, leave your reusable bags in the car, and expect that some items will be out of stock, or have product limits. It will take longer for items purchased online to arrive at our doors. Working from home might be challenging if it’s new to you, and following the constant stream of news can be exhausting.

Take opportunities to make someone smile! Connect digitally with your friends and family – send a funny text, connect over a video message, or send a supportive gift.

Make a list of fun things to do once the pandemic is over. I am looking forward to celebrating holidays with loved ones, supporting local businesses that are temporarily closed, and planning to spend time outdoors this summer. (Summer is coming this year, right?)

I know that Albertans are strong, and we will get through this together.

Stay safe and healthy,

Marina Appel

Councillor



April 2020

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meetings

April 14 | 7:00 p.m.

April 28 | 7:00 p.m.

Standing Committee

April 20 | 7:00 p.m.

Regular Council (RCC) and Standing Committee meetings (SCC) are closed to the public until further notice.

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*All meetings are held in Council Chambers
Civic & Culture Centre
5018 Waghorn St.*



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