

# COUNCILLOR'S CORNER



I think it's pretty safe to say that spring 2020, and beyond, will forever be known as a time of adaptation for our Town.

The last few weeks has been an extremely challenging time for everyone, no doubt, but on the positive side there's been a lot of pleasant things that have come out of this. To me, Blackfalds is proving itself to be one of the most resilient places that I have ever lived! People had to slow down, and centralize their lives, and they had to

learn to relate with each other in a much different way than ever before.

I'm thankful that technology allows us to communicate from a distance, allowing some of us to continue working, and most importantly to check in on people that might be alone during this difficult time. We're all fortunate that the Town has developed some great outdoor space that helped us to get out, away from worries that seem so overwhelming. My takeaway: We are all doing a great job here in Blackfalds!

The community has pulled together, less through groups and events, but more by numerous acts of love, generosity and kindness. Would you believe that during such a time that there was a sharp decline in calls to police, and they had the ability to reach out and support the mental health in our community like never before?

Despite the emergency, Blackfalds felt more inviting and safe. It seems like there's now some light at the end of the tunnel, and the world around us seems like it'll begin to go back to something closer to what it was before, but certainly a "new normal" is upon us. My hope is that some enthusiasm and excitement can start to develop as we begin to adapt back.

We will all need to continue to be patient and cooperate to get businesses and organizations running again. Some bigger construction projects will help that such as the Multiplex Expansion, Gregg Street alignment, Community Gathering Space, East Stormwater, and High School which all start over the next months to a year; all of which is positive change to look forward to.

Town staff have and will continue to work diligently to make our community the great place it's always been, and help it continue to grow into an even better place, even with the new normal. Thank you to everyone for being such great Blackfalds community members whom I'm proud to call my neighbors!

*Jamie Hoover*  
Councillor

May 2020

## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

### Regular Meetings

May 26 | 7:00 p.m.

June 9 | 7:00 p.m.

June 23 | 7:00 p.m.

### Standing Committee

June 15 | 7:00 p.m.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Regular Council meetings (RCC) are held on the second and fourth Tuesday every month.

Standing Committee meetings (SCC) are held the third Monday each month.

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



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