

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER



Hello again and Happy Summer!

July this year promises to be very different than in years past. We have seen cancellations or delays of so many things this year due to the Covid-19 Health regulations. Our volunteer and youth recognition events, youth Bike Rodeo, the Superkids Triathlon and Blackfalds Days to name a few. Mr Roger's said "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my

mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of 'disaster,' I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers—so many caring people in this world." These strange times may leave some of us looking for the helpers and the positive. In Blackfalds those are not hard to find.

One positive that has come out of this entire situation though is how our volunteer community has stepped up in such a huge way for Blackfalds. Our Food Bank and Lunchbox Programs saw an increase in their volunteer base and had an accumulation of over 655 volunteer hours. The Drive in Movie event that was attended by 120 vehicles was by donation to the food bank and the donations were staggering. Our community continues to prove that even in times of crisis we are stronger together.

Another shining example of Blackfalds supporting its youth has been through the Lunchbox Program. The Lunchbox program started the last week in March with 81 children/lunches and has grown to 126 children/lunches a week. 23 families receive breakfast supplies weekly.

Donations and support for the Lunchbox program has totaled \$26,400.00. Telus, ME Global, DOW, Vesta Energy, Go Services, Gurleen's Enterprise, Optimist Club of Blackfalds, United Way, Wolf Creek School Div., and community members have provided funding, donations and support for the program. Food Banks Alberta, Air Canada, Innisfail Growers, Sunnycrest Seed Potato Farm and Piknpak have all donated and supported the Lunchbox Program, Community Gardens or our Food Bank with large donations.

Blackfalds continues to show its resiliency and positivity through its volunteerism. It only takes a moment to look around Blackfalds and see all the helpers who live here. For that I say thank you.

Rebecca Stendie

Rebecca Stendie, Councillor

July 2020

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meetings

July 14 | 7:00 p.m.

July 28 | 7:00 p.m.

Standing Committee

August 17 | 7:00 p.m.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend *via live-stream*.

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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