

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER



It is my privilege to once again share with you some insights from a council perspective.

I was asked a question last winter that I first heard when I campaigned in 2001. 'Why do we need to keep growing? I like thing the way are.' My answer is much the same today as it was back in 2001. The gentleman that first asked me that question had four children.

The simple fact is unless we plan on our children not leaving their home, they and others will need a place to live. Blackfalds is an anomaly in statistics compared to other municipalities. Blackfalds is built on young growing families which grow our town by approximately 200 babies per year. If we did a simple exercise and estimated only 50 percent of those babies would remain in Blackfalds when they became adults, that would be about 100 homes a year and with a multiplier of 3, we would on a minimal forecast 300 additional people in population per year.

The other consideration is the viability of a municipality. The great news for the town is the population increase also gives way for new businesses to be attracted. Many businesses have population thresholds. Business attracts more people.

The simple truth about growth is it gives a town capacity for things like upgrading the Abby Centre or other amenities. Growth causes change and planning for it helps to meet the future challenges. Growth is not determined by a council but most important by its residents. Growth projections often feel unreal but in truth they become reality.

I like to think we can make it better by planning for growth.

Respectfully,

Will Taylor

Will Taylor, Councillor

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meetings

September 8 | 7:00 p.m.

September 21 | 7:00 p.m.

Standing Committee

September 14 | 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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