

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER



As summer comes to an end and the new school year begins, Blackfalds shifts to a different routine. I think the most noticeable change this time of year is transportation and getting around town.

As our community continues to grow and with new facilities and developments popping up every year, transportation is always a hot topic. With a mixture of new and old roads, residents and visitors may be unfamiliar with getting

around town and our roads are particularly busier at this time of year. It reminds us of the many improvements that have been made throughout town, and highlights the need for continuing improvements to make our roadways more safe, user friendly, and efficient.

Blackfalds works closely with Alberta Transportation (AT), whom are responsible for Hwy 2A and Hwy 597. Recently AT changed the intersection of 2A & 597 from lights to a roundabout which has greatly improved access into Blackfalds. The Town then improved the intersection of Broadway Ave. and Hwy 2A by realigning it and adding traffic lights. In the coming year, work will begin on Gregg Street to improve East/West traffic flow from Hwy 2A along Gregg Street; this project will dramatically improve access and usability at the center of our community.

Council and Administration continually look at how to best enhance transportation, and we regularly meet with the Province to coordinate these efforts. Transportation issues are amongst our highest priorities, and because of that, we are always investing to keep you moving better. The recent speed limit change throughout Blackfalds and the regional BOLT transit service, has greatly improved residents' ability to get around safely. Vehicular wayfinding signs will soon be added to assist drivers, and for those who don't drive, Blackfalds installed trail/pedestrian wayfinding signage that interconnect areas of town that can easily be navigated.

Council understands that improving transportation in Blackfalds impacts everyone and that changes take time. We greatly appreciate the understanding, the patience, and the participation in change that everyone contributes to this ongoing effort.

Jamie Hoover

Town Councillor



September 2019

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meetings

September 10 | 7:00 p.m.

September 23 | 7:00 p.m.

Standing Committee

September 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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