

Mayor's Corner

Spring 2020 has finally arrived and sadly the world is dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic. On behalf of Council, Administration and Staff, we hope all residents stay safe and healthy during this very difficult time. The enormous magnitude of this situation is very troubling, but we can beat this if we all work together and unite in the fight against this virus. This month includes Volunteer Appreciation Week and we have had to cancel our annual thank you celebration on April 25th, 2020 at the Mike Karbonik Arena. I would still like to thank the valuable members of our Community who work tirelessly to make Calmar the best it can be! Many of our clubs and organizations would not exist if it were not for our valued community leaders and volunteers. If you would like to get involved and volunteer in the community, please contact the Town Office.

Town Council is writing bylaws for the April 6th Council Meeting that will allow all tax payers to DEFER up to three (3) payments (if on TIPS) of their 2020 property tax and town utilities bills for two (2) billing cycles without penalty. This bylaw is also proposing to amend the due date for property taxes from June 30th, 2020 to September 30th, 2020 and to change the penalty dates from July and August, 2020 to October and November, 2020. We hope that this will help with some of the added pressure that COVID-19 has put on everyone. Please contact the Town Office for information on how to sign up to defer your taxes and utility bills at (780) 985-3604. Council will also be proposing a bylaw to have Council meetings and Board meetings electronically accessible in the future. There will be more information to follow very shortly.

Calmar is very proud to be celebrating its 125th Anniversary Homecoming this summer! The main celebration will be on August 15th, 2020 weekend during Calmar Days. We are hoping that the COVID-19 virus will be under control by that time and life can get back to normal. We are hoping to make a second Pioneers of Progress History Book with information about our families, clubs, organizations, businesses and happenings in and around Calmar from 1980 to present. This would be a good time to write your history and submit it to the town office. There will be more information to follow so please pass on the homecoming celebration and the history book information to anyone who may be interested, whether they still reside in Calmar or not or they are housebound and don't get out often, let everyone know!

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out! Contact me or any of the Town Councillors with your questions or concerns. I can be reached at wychimetz@calmar.ca or (780) 722-4147. On behalf of Council, Management and Staff, we wish you a very Happy Easter!

LET'S MAKE CALMAR, THE BEST CALMAR THAT IT CAN BE!

Mayor Wally Yachimetz