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Council's Corner

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From left to right: Virginia Mowery, Jean Steinacher, Kim Gardner, Dawn McKellar, Nancy Schneider, Clinton Parker, Stuart Gammell



Greetings from your newly elected Mayor and Town Council. As we begin our four-year journey, we have been deliberating our values and determining guiding principles. Our vision for our community is we are a prosperous and welcoming community that values its character and forward thinking. Diversity is valued offering opportunities for all who work and play here, enjoying the benefits of small-town living. To create this vision, as a newly formed team we discussed what St. Walburg means to us as well as how we as Council believe we can make a true difference. How will we know that we are on track? Our Mission is that all residents and neighbouring communities enjoy a foundation of high-caliber programs, services, and recreational activities that they need and want to pursue.

These concepts are core to our work as your voted representatives. We heard clearly all the things that endears people to live here. A large voting population came to the polls in November; the best turn out in recent history! There is great pride in this achievement, and we are dedicated to do our very best for you. Our work will have intention and purpose. We will be open and transparent and will hold ourselves to a high standard of accountability and stewardship.

In my leadership role as the head of Town Council, I am enthusiastic and energized as I begin my first term. I am the first woman elected as Mayor for St. Walburg and this is a very exciting time. I will endeavour to listen to those that ask, to be active in meeting my responsibilities and be your voice when decisions are made at the Council table. Check out our website stwalburg.ca and our Facebook page - Town of St. Walburg. As we work through the difficulties of Covid-19, foremost in our minds is to make sure all residents are well informed and that there is a place for people to engage with all of us at Town Council and the Town Office. My door is always open, and I look forward to connecting with you in the near future. Stay well and be safe.

Best regards, Mayor Nancy Schneider

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Deputy Mayor Kim Gardner

As your newly elected Town Council Member and appointed Deputy Mayor I am pleased to participate in the very first Council's Corner Quarterly Newsletter, a new way for the council to keep the citizens of St. Walburg informed and up to date with our efforts to meet the needs of the town. This newsletter is just one of the many initiatives that the Community Engagement Committee plans to roll out over the next four years. As the appointed Chair of this committee, I am honored and excited to be working directly with the residents of St. Walburg toward a strong and vibrant community. Currently, we are planning ways we can actively engage the community in areas we feel are important to the sustainability of our town. These include town revitalization, historical and cultural preservation, growing our tourism sector, assessing, and responding to the needs of our seniors, as well as making healthcare more accessible to all St. Walburg residents. We would also like to work to attract more businesses to St. Walburg, as well as ensure the businesses here are able to continue to thrive in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I believe that an individual town is only as strong as the community it is a part of. It is for this reason that St. Walburg has partnered with surrounding communities in order to collaborate and work together towards unified growth. I have joined several area committees including the Northwest Mutual Aid Association, North Saskatchewan River Municipal Health Holdings, Twin Rivers Health Care Foundation, and the Heart of Treaty 6 Reconciliation. For information on these or any other projects in the works, feel free to contact me directly. We have quite an exciting journey ahead of us, and I look forward to doing everything I can to continue to grow and nurture the town I'm proud to call my home.



Councillor Stuart Gammell

My wife Debby and I moved to St. Walburg in 1977 and raised our family of three children Jesse, Melissa, and Carla.

My career took me far from home for a fair amount of time, and with the support of our community as a whole, I believe knowing this made our lives as comfortable as possible, and with all the support and eyes on my family, I wish to thank you all for the assurances we felt. Beginning with our farm and with career changes going along with the times, and now retired, I feel fortunate to give back to a community that has given so much to



my family as a whole. Listening is our greatest tool and including yourselves for a complete team, we will do the very best we are able to achieve and push for more.

Councillor Clinton Parker

Hi, my name is Clinton Parker. I was born and raised in and around the St. Walburg area. I have been married to my wife for just about 8 years and we have two beautiful children ages 6 and 4. I've been working in the oil industry for the last 16 years, and I've owned my own truck for 10 years.

In my free time I like to spend time with the family, hunting, fishing, and camping. I am excited about being apart of Town Council and think with this new group of Council Members and our new Mayor, and Town Staff we can achieve great things for St. Walburg. Let's get going and get it done.



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appointment only.

Councillor Jean Steinacher

Hi, I am Jean Steinacher, and I am proud to represent our ratepayers at Town Council. I am finding it both challenging and inspiring. Before the election I served for six months as the Deputy Mayor and am now the Chair on the committee for Finance. It is a very important position and I take it very seriously. I also serve on Governance & Priorities, Community Engagement, and the St. Walburg Library Board. I am also an alternate on the St. Walburg Tourism and Heritage Board. My participation in Zoom meetings is another way I gather further information to make me more informed and able to serve the Town better.

In the next four years I will do my absolute best to serve everyone and make St. Walburg a better place to live and work. Our goal of Council is to make our Town a good place to move their business and a welcoming place that people will want to move to and make St. Walburg their home. We offer our Transit Bus at very reasonable rates to take people to neighbouring places for appointments and recreation. When we are allowed too, we will do so again making our Town more attractive to everyone. Our Town is well known in this area for our Wild Blueberry Festival that attracts many people, we also get many people going through on their way to the many nearby lakes. We offer good food at our restaurants and we have great stores to serve everyone.

Stay safe everyone and I know we all look forward to the day we can all get together again and show off our wonderful friendly Town.



Councillor Virginia Mowery



Welcome to 2021! First, I want to thank you for your support in the election. We have seen many changes since I first came to Council in 2019, not only within Council but within the world itself. This has been a time of intensive learning and adaptation; you have no idea what you do not know until you are elected to municipal government and realize the breadth and depth of knowledge and skills it requires. It is a wonderful thing to be part of this Council, with a sense of being united and equally vested in our community.

I feel a shared sense of purpose and determination to be thoughtful, engaged, and transparent in the work we are doing, which for me includes being part of the Community Engagement Committee and Human Resources Committee. I also sit on several other committees that are external to Council, focused on areas such as the sustainable management of our regional woodlands, looking ahead 30 years to see what our Municipalities may look like and what concrete actions will get us there, and most important to me, a seat at the table of the Heart of Treaty 6 Reconciliation committee, which our Council has not previously engaged in. Our work as Council on the various standing and external committees is critical, fostering positive relationships both locally and regionally. I am excited about the next four years and the work to come. Stay warm, stay safe, and most of all, stay connected!

Councillor Dawn Nedelec-McKellar

Hi, I'm Dawn Nedelec-McKellar. I was born June 20, 1969 to Garry and Hazel Nedelec and was raised on our family farm at Spruce Lake. Growing up, I was an active member of the Spruce Lake 4-H Club and took my school in Spruce Lake and St. Walburg Schools. I took my secondary education in Saskatoon. I raised my family in the St. Walburg area where I have managed our family business, The St. Walburg Inn, for the past twenty years. I have five children and three grandchildren which keep me busy along with work and my volunteer activities through the local Catholic Women's League Chapter. I also have a small acreage where I enjoy gardening and raising animals.



Do you have a
question?

Do you have a concern?

How about an idea?

Council wants to hear from
you – give us a call
or send an email.

**Council is the Voice of
St. Walburg Citizens.**



Town of St. Walburg

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Monday thru Friday

9 a.m. until Noon
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Regular Scheduled
Council Meeting Dates

- February 23 @ 3:00 p.m.
- March 31 @ 1:00 p.m.
- April 28 @ 1:00 p.m.

Governance & Priorities
Meeting Dates

- March 17 @ 9 a.m.
- April 14 @ 9 a.m.
- May 12 @ 9 a.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Community Engagement (CEC)

Standing Members: Deputy Mayor Kim Gardner (Chair), Councillors Virginia Mowery and Jean Steinacher.

Objectives of CEC are to establish principles as the foundation of community partnerships; build and maintain relationships between the Town Council and the St. Walburg community; align with community groups to initiate networking opportunities for community driven priorities; recognize the hard work and dedication of the citizens in St. Walburg; exploration of emerging opportunities and initiatives that support community-town connections; and encourage proactive engagement with communities beyond the St. Walburg town limits.

Key areas of accountability include engagement with the community – all demographics; provide direction on plans and policy initiated through public engagement; review and provide recommendations on the St. Walburg and Community Recreation and Culture Grant; and liaison between the St. Walburg Community and Town Council.

Governance and Priorities (GP)

Standing Members: Mayor Nancy Schneider (Chair), Deputy Mayor Kim Gardner, Councillors Stuart Gammell, Dawn Nedelec-McKellar, Virginia Mowery, Clinton Parker, and Jean Steinacher.

Objectives of GP are forthright dialogue and debate of all matters important to the Town of St. Walburg and surrounding region; facilitation of community, regional, provincial, and federal partnership and working relations (networks); delivering efficient and accountable government, ensuring a high quality of life for all; and driving strategic land development and growth opportunities.

Key areas of accountability include Official Community Plan, Zoning Bylaw, Strategic Planning, Long-term capital plan, risk tolerance, budget considerations, priorities for policy development, real estate, environmental issues, emergency management, and human resources.

Infrastructure (INFR)

Standing Members: Councillor Clinton Parker (Chair) and Stuart Gammell.

Objectives of INFR are master plans; levels of service and standards; recycling, waste transfer and landfill; occupational health and safety; storm water management; strategic asset management plans; future growth planning, and development of partnerships to improve stewardship of the Town assets.

Key areas of accountability include transportation services, environmental health services, and utility services.