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# MAYOR'S COLUMN

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## Welcome to my inaugural Mayor's Column!

Welcome to my first Mayor's Column! I look forward to using this forum to communicate to Beaumont residents on important Council and Administration activities that are making our city bigger and better. I also welcome feedback from you on the kinds of topics you would like me to talk about and have included my contact information below.

### Rapid growth bring challenges, but none that we can't handle

Our current population is 19,000 people. We're expected to hit over 42,000 residents by 2041. We officially became Alberta's 19th City on January 1, 2019. And we're ranked the fifth fastest growing city in Canada. These are some big growth milestones!

Our vibrant risk-taking spirit is what makes it exciting times to be a part of the Beaumont community. I have lived here since 2008 and seeing more and more families planting their roots here and watching our local businesses doing well is inspiring. It's also a reminder to Council of what our job is here – to advocate on your behalf and work with our City Administration to not just keep pace, but proactively mark the path ahead so that we can see our vision for the future Beaumont of 2044 come to life, which is:

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*“Together, we make life better in Beaumont. We are the community of choice for livability and economic innovation. We have a vibrant arts community, ample recreational opportunities, and a healthy environment. We are culturally diverse and celebrate our Indigenous, agricultural, and French heritage.”*

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So over the past few years, Council and Administration worked hard to update or in some cases, develop from scratch, crucial plans to address the current and future needs of our growing City starting with our [2017-2021 Municipal Strategic Plan](#). The completion of our strategic plan was a big milestone for us as the City of Beaumont is one of the 13 municipalities who are a part of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB), a region with an aggressive growth plan and we – Beaumont – play a strong role at the table.

There is still much work to be completed. We're now in various stages of development and completion of subsequent 4-year Directional Plans. These plans – also often referred to as Master Plans – show how the City will address various areas that a growing City has to plan, operate and manage such as land-use planning, transportation, economic development, social and community, or recreation, parks and facilities, to name a few. These elements are important to ensuring we are able to address current and future demands as we grow. Stay tuned for more on this front as I'll talk more about each of these plans in later columns.

Beyond these important guiding plans though is our mindset as Beaumont residents. Transitioning from a Town to a City means shifting our mindset and culture in all things we do while not losing our uniqueness. We want to keep doing things differently, and we plan on continuing to showcase this wonderful culture we have of being young spirited risk-takers.

### Important Community Reminders and Notices

Road work/maintenance activities will be taking place along 50 Street between 52 Avenue and Coloniale Way. Work includes traffic signal repair and upgrades (55 Avenue) and general road maintenance along the curb lane for northbound traffic.



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