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What a new city CAN be

In my inaugural Mayor's Column last week, I ended on how our change from a town to a city has meant the need for a big shift in both our mindset and culture in all things we do – not just as your elected Council, but also administratively and operationally by ensuring our City is planning for the future in forward-thinking ways.

But here is what it means to me on a personal level as a resident where Andrea and I are raising our family alongside you, here in our City of Beaumont.

As an Albertan, I pride myself on living our well-earned reputation of being hard working and resilient. I like to be involved in my community, be that still volunteering as a firefighter or coaching kids soccer. Being active in the community at the grassroots level is important to me. This is my family's home and where we chose to plant our roots. It allows me to listen and learn about the daily lives of Beaumontonians.

I see every day how we are a vibrant community. We – Beaumontonians – actively push ourselves outside our comfort zone and are unafraid to make mistakes and grow from them. And we do all this with a strong sense of togetherness. The fact that we have 160 storefronts and approximately 300 home-based businesses in our current and growing population of nearly 19,000 residents is a strong demonstration of not just our tenacious spirit but that we do so with loyalty and support of the community at the ground level.

We want to see each other succeed.

We're a growing city looking to bring opportunities and businesses here that allows our residents to keep thriving. By engaging with our residents on aspects of what community building is all about, defining what we want to be and how we want to be different is a priority for Council and our Administration as we continue planning and growing.

It tells me we are well positioned to show the rest of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region and Canada and beyond what a new city – the City of Beaumont – can be.



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