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| The in-person (with Zoom available) meeting was opened by Tim Parker with *O Canada*. There were 9 of 16 members present (3 on Zoom).  Tim read the Treaty 6 Acknowledgement:  *We acknowledge that the Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak is located on Treaty 6 land. This is the traditional territory and an ancient gathering place of many Indigenous peoples for thousands of years.*  *We recognize that we are all Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of the Treaties and by doing so we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future built upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding.*  **Speaker** Tim asked Jackie to introduce our guest speaker Patricia MacQuarrie, General Manager Community Development the City of Camrose.  Patricia spoke about Camrose City Growth, Development, Major Projects, and a new announcement about cooperation with the County. Last year was a record year with 91 million dollars in residential and non-residential taxable assessment permits. Camrose has very low rental vacancy rates resulting in many applications for duplex, quad and townhouse type residential applications--$11.9 million and $2.9 million in single family dwellings. Renovations, basement additions, garages, additions total another 2.3 million dollars. Non residential growth includes $7.7 million in new commercial buildings, $1 million in exempt property becoming taxable; renovations, additions and improvements of $5.2 million and linear telecommunications of $1.2 million. She listed some of the commercial projects: Olson Rau Law, Toyota Dealership, Giant Tiger, Mirror Lake Dental, Lamb Ford Expansion, Wildrose Coop Administration Building and Liquor Store, Dinh Dental Office, Valleyview Catholic High School, and the Superstore Renovation. Looking forward this year there will be continued multi-residential developments, new residential developments in Valleyview around the new school, the Lamb Ford expansion and new commercial development along 48 Avenue. This adds revenue from property taxes without increasing mill rates.  The City of Camrose Projects include: the completed Wastewater Treatment Plant which includes a large pond with a new technology to reduce bacteria, the Marler Drive Renovation Parkview Drive to Mt. Pleasant Drive (included water, sewer and road renovations) Phase 1 (phase 2 is on hold due to an objection from residents along Marler Drive to the ring road) and the emergency repair of the Stoney Creek sinkhole which resulted from a storm sewer collapse.    The Municipal Development, Shaping the Future is underway. See <ourcamrose.ca>.    Camrose Tourism received a boost from an Alberta Government thru an NRED Grant which will help with the <TourismCamrose.ca> website, the Trail Master Plan which includes integrated use of the trail system for walking, skiing, and biking; a new Tourism Brochure, Staffing and Training Costs.  The Events Destination Plan includes Sports Events, Conference and Business Events, Cultural Events at the Bailey and Lougheed Centre and Agricultural Events.  She then told us of a recent agreement between the City and Camrose County to share tax revenue from the Cargill plant. The plant is in the County but all its water comes from the city. This will be announced on Wednesday March 6. She then answered questions about where the waster water goes, the transportation problems within the city and to Edmonton, the Nordic Theme adopted by the city and the change to front street garbage pickup. She was thanked by Tim with a certificate denoting Polio Vaccinations for children.  **Announcements and Updates**   * **Chase the Ace** We are midway through the draw of benefit to the Huntington Society. Our next draw is March 28 to April 10. We need to pick a charity—the Lending Cupboard has been suggested. * A motion was passed to give $500 to the Battle River School District for their Career Fair—the event Kristy Smith told us about last meeting. * **Planning for the RCC 100th Anniversary-** There is now a [website](https://can.givergy.com/RotaryCamrose100/?controller=home) which will be used to sell tickets for the Gala. The next meeting to plan the Family Day is March 14 at 8:30 am at the Rebus residence. * **The joint meeting is at Days Inn 6 pm Monday March 11.** * **Our next meeting is March 19 at Safety Starts Here—This is Rotary**. There will not be a meeting on March 26. * We need a speaker for the **April 15 Joint Meeting**.   **Happy Bucks**  Happy Bucks were given for: the Augustana Soup Supper, snow for skiing, the trip to Maple Ridge with tickets provided by his children for a Food Tour and the SpeakEasy Magic Show. He also attended noon meetings of a Rotary Club, after each meeting, filled 300+ food bags at the Food Bank to be given to school kids on Fridays for the weekend, for a tour of a salmon hatchery, for the ride FCSS obtained from Drive Happiness so that his friend could visit his wife in Edmonton.  **Foundation Moment**  Word from a Grant Scholar: “During my time as a Rotary Scholar, I leaned to look at development differently. We often think of international aid in terms of poverty reduction, and we often see poverty reduction in terms of dollars spent and earned. The anthropology of development aims to analyze global aid in another way. We pay particular attention to how initiatives play out on the ground to determine just what local communities’ needs are and how those needs might be met sustainably and, eventually, autonomously….Rotarians understand that to have the most impact, we need to learn from other cultures. As global grant scholars, that’s what we aim to to—during our studies, and afterward.” Levi Vonk, a global grant scholar and later a Fulbright fellow to Mexico.  We closed by singing the *Four-Way Test*.  **ROTARY JOINS LEADERS | ROTARIANS SHARE IDEAS | ROTARIANS TAKE ACTION** |
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