

**TOWN OF VERMILION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

IN PERSON:

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment
Councillor Robert Snow
Councillor Robert Pulyk
Councillor Kirby Whitlock
Councillor Kevin Martin
Councillor Paul Conlon
Interim Chief Administrative Officer Michael van der Torre
Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Robert Dauphinee
Manager of Economic Development Mary Lee Prior
Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel
Infrastructure and Planning Administrative Assistant Madison Barrett

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kevin Martin "That the Agenda be accepted as amended." **CARRIED.**

Addition of:

11.2. 'Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2, Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Intergovernmental Relations' under 11. CLOSED SESSION

3. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council – March 11, 2025

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of March 11, 2025, be accepted as amended." **CARRIED.**

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. Vermilion RCMP Quarterly Report – Sgt. Buckingham

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment welcomed Sgt. Buckingham to the meeting.

Sgt. Buckingham began by reviewing the three community priorities as follows:

Crime reduction: A total of 78 curfew checks were completed in Q3. This brings the total fiscal year count to 144/100, therefore exceeding initiatives.

Consultations and Connections: 5 Voyant/RAVE alerts and an additional 7 media releases for a total of 12 public communications. The first town hall was held in Derwent on October 17th with approximately 45 attendees.

Police Visibility: 114 documented traffic stops took place in Q3 with two check stops completed on Halloween and one at Christmas. Initiatives are at 421/360 and 5/6 respectively. Both are on track.

Sgt. Buckingham spoke to staffing categories reporting that seven out of the nine Police Officer positions are currently working with two hard vacancies to fill. He also spoke to the Vermilion Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics and confirmed these statistics represent not just the Town of Vermilion, but the entire area watched by this detachment.

Lastly, Sgt. Buckingham highlighted the detachment's Facebook page is up and running, which is a great source to stay up to date on matters. As well he reminded the Councillor's that the ride along offer still stands, and he encourages them to come try it out.

Deputy Mayor Rayment thanked Sgt. Buckingham for coming in.

4.2. Alberta HUB & NAAGO Presentation

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment welcomed Executive Director Bob Bezpalko and Mayor of Lloydminster Gerald Aalbers to the meeting.

Mr. Bezpalko gave a presentation to Council regarding Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) of Northeast Alberta Information HUB (Alberta HUB). This presentation highlighted the benefits of Alberta HUB including networking, sharing resources, economies of scale and saving money and time. They also shared the Strategic Goals including enabling investment, business support/entrepreneurship and enhancing community readiness for investments.

Alberta HUB consists of 51 members which include 35 municipalities (counties, towns, villages), 4 First Nations, 4 Metis Settlements, 3 colleges, 5 businesses/industries and is governed by a board of 13 directors. Mr. Bezpalko spoke to how Alberta HUB does not replace our own Economic Development but rather enhances our activities, provides mentoring, information and networking opportunities.

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment thanked Mr. Bezpalko and Mayor Aalbers for coming in.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Public Commentary

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment opened the Public Commentary session at 6:55 p.m.

There was no one in attendance that wished to speak, and no written submissions were received.

Deputy Mayor Rayment closed the Public Commentary session at 6:55 p.m.

5.2. Border Paws

Interim Chief Administrative Officer Michael Van Der Torre spoke to the Border Paws press release and provided more details as to why this decision was made.

5.3. Removal of Municipal Reserve – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Paul Conlon "That Council for the Town of Vermilion support removing the Municipal Reserve (MR) designation on Lot 8MR, Block 6, Plan 802 2872 and authorize administration to initiate the public notification and hearing process." **CARRIED.**
MOTION#25/03/37

5.4. Vermilion District Housing Foundation Request for Advance – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That Council for the Town of Vermilion approve offering to pay the requisition to the Vermilion District Housing Foundation on a quarterly basis with the first payment occurring in January of each year to try and better match cashflows for the management body." **CARRIED.**
MOTION#25/03/38

5.5. Vermilion Provincial Park Budget

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That Council for the Town of Vermilion accept the Provincial Park Budget." **CARRIED.**
MOTION#25/03/39

6. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- 6.1. Management for the Town of Vermilion presented their reports.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.1. Economic Development Committee – Minutes of March 11, 2025

- 7.2. The Good Life Institute - Minutes of March 10, 2025

Moved to April 1, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council for acceptance.

8. FINANCIAL

- 8.1. Accounts Payable for the period of March 6 – 12, 2025

Accepted as Information.

COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

9. Council for the Town of Vermilion presented their reports.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1. Contributions to Local Chamber of Commerce (Region)

- 10.2. County of Vermilion River – Minutes of February 25, 2025

- 10.3. County of Vermilion River – Agenda of March 11, 2025

Correspondence was accepted as information.

11. CLOSED SESSION

- 11.1. Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2, Section 17(2) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Legal Contract

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion go in closed session at 8:04 p.m.” **CARRIED.**

MOTION#25/03/40

Director of Infrastructure and Planning Robert Dauphinee, and Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion revert back to the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:22 p.m.” **CARRIED.**

MOTION#25/03/41

- 11.2. *Manager of Economic Development Mary Lee Prior left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.*

Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2, Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Intergovernmental Relations

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion go in closed session at 8:24 p.m.” **CARRIED.**

MOTION#25/03/42

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion revert back to the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:40 p.m.” **CARRIED.**

MOTION#25/03/43

12. ADJOURNMENT

Being the Agenda matters concluded, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED ON THIS 1st DAY OF April 2025 A.D.



Interim Chief Administrative Officer



Deputy Mayor