

**TOWN OF VERMILION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

IN PERSON:

Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin
Mayor Gregory Thronson
Councillor Robert Snow
Councillor Joshua Rayment
Councillor Kirby Whitlock
Councillor Robert Pulyk
Director of Community Services Michael van der Torre
Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel
Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Robert Dauphinee
Manager Economic Development Mary Lee Prior
Executive Assistant Andrea Wilkinson

REGRETS:

Councillor Paul Conlon

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That the Agenda be accepted as presented." **CARRIED.**

3. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council – May 7, 2024

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment "That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of May 7, 2024 be accepted as presented." **CARRIED.**

4. BYLAWS

4.1. Bylaw 4.2024 – Urban Hens Bylaw – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment "That Council for the Town of Vermilion give second and third reading to 4.2024 Urban Laying Hens Bylaw." **DEFEATED.**

Moved by Councillor Joshua Rayment "That Council for the Town of Vermilion direct administration to provide a few different pricing options as well as a few occupancy options." **CARRIED.**

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4.2. Bylaw 4.2024 – Urban Hens Bylaw – For Information

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1. 6:05 pm - Vermilion RCMP Detachment - Sgt. Buckingham

Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin welcomed Sgt. Buckingham to the meeting.

Sgt. Buckingham gave an overview about community priorities.

Sgt. Buckingham reviewed the three community priorities as follows.

Crime Reduction: curfew checks; monitoring offenders; exceeded goals in checks

Communicate Effectively: Completed Town Halls - one held in Minburn and other in Vermilion, third in Kitscoty with County of Vermilion River residents; media releases, detachment updates, RAVE Alert and Voycent alerts, monthly alerts to media

Enhancing Road Safety/Improve Police Visibility: 459 documented vehicle stops for 2023/24 fiscal year (warnings, tickets, apprehension of impaired drivers, etc.) with 42 alcohol related and drug related suspensions

Sgt Buckingham then went on to review stats and % changes. Year over year, and quarter over quarter property crime rates are trending down. Year over year persons crimes are trending up, however showing a slight decline for Q4. Reductions in the areas of property crime and motor vehicle collisions could be partially attributed to the Detachment performance plan.

Police Officers: Of the nine established positions, seven officers are currently working with none on special leave. There is one hard and one soft vacancy currently.

Detachment Support: Of the three established positions, two resources are currently working. There is one hard vacancy at this time. There is an active staffing process to fill this position.

Appreciation was expressed to RCMP. Sgt. Buckingham answered all questions from Council.

Sgt. Buckingham left the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

The information presented was accepted as information.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Public Commentary

Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin opened the public commentary session at 6:22 p.m.

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

Deputy Mayor Kevin Martin declared the public commentary session closed at 6:23 p.m.

6.2. Seniors' Week June 3-9, 2024 - Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Kirby Whitlock "That Council for the Town of Vermilion proclaims June 3-9, 2024 as Seniors' Week." **CARRIED.**
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6.3. Seniors' Week June 3-9, 2024 – Proclamation

6.4. 2024 RFP Pylon Sign - Junction Sixteen 41 - For Information

6.5. MSR Designation in Brennan - For Information

7. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

7.1. Chief Administrative Officer Report

7.2. Director of Community Services Report

- Discussion around gopher control and strategy to address the issue
- Community Pitch In initiative; a number of businesses and organizations have reached out to participate

7.3. Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Report

- Discussion around effluent review and bio solids; exploring regulatory requirements
- The issue of the lack of parking for persons with disabilities at some businesses has been brought up; request that parking spots be closer to where the curb dips down to accommodate mobility issues

7.4. Director of Corporate Services Report

- Implementation of ERP system may result in the temporary disruption to some services such as self service/cservice/online portal
- 2024 Tax notices in progress; residents can expect to see tax notices soon
- Automatic monthly withdrawals are encouraged for residents

7.5. Manager Economic Development

- New owners for College Park Chevrolet Buick GMC and the Richardson Denture Clinic
- Building switches happening downtown

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

8.1.1. Minutes of May 14, 2024 – Accepted as Information.

8.1.2. Letter of Support – Vermilion Provincial Park – Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion approve providing a letter of support for the Vermilion Provincial Park stakeholders group.”

CARRIED.

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9. **FINANCIAL**

9.1. Accounts Payable for the period of May 8 – May 21, 2024 - Accepted as Information.

10. **COUNCIL ROUND TABLE**

10.1. The Mayor and Councillors held a round table on recent activities since the last meeting, including:

- Intermunicipal Liaison Committee Meeting – May 9, 2024
- Finance & Governance Committee Meeting – May 14, 2024
- Grade 6 Vermilion Elementary School Tour of Town Hall – May 14, 2024
- Economic Development Committee Meeting – May 14, 2024
- Physician Retention Committee - tours for two new doctors – May 18-19, 2024
- Community Futures Committee Meeting
- Alberta Central East Water Corporation Board Meeting

The Mayor and Councillors highlighted the following upcoming meetings and events, including:

- Intermunicipal Liaison Committee Meeting
- Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Board Meeting
- College Park Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting – May 23, 2024
- Richardson Denture Clinic Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting – June 5, 2024
- Vermilion & District Housing Foundation AGM - May 30, 2024
- Vermilion & District Housing Foundation Board Meeting - May 30, 2024
- Northern Lights Library System Board Meeting - May 22, 2024
- Library Board Meeting
- Lakeland College Board of Governors Luncheon – May 29, 2024

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1. Minister of Transportation re: access to Hwy 16

11.2. Member Increase to Vermilion RCMP Detachment

11.3. County of Vermilion River – Agenda of May 14, 2024

Correspondence was accepted as information.

12. **CLOSED SESSION**

- 12.1. Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2, Section 16 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 6:59 p.m." **CARRIED.**

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Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Robert Dauphinee and Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel left the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk "That Council for the Town of Vermilion revert back to the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:19 p.m." **CARRIED.**

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13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Being the Agenda matters concluded, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED ON THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024 A.D.



Chief Administrative Officer



Mayor