

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

**PRESENT**

**IN PERSON:**

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment  
Councillor Robert Snow  
Councillor Kirby Whitlock  
Councillor Robert Pulyk  
Councillor Paul Conlon  
Councillor Kevin Martin  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer Michael van der Torre  
Manager Economic Development Mary Lee Prior  
Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel  
Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Robert Dauphinee  
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 Robert Snow "That the Agenda be accepted as amended." **CARRIED.**

Addition of:

**4.1. 'Mike Hall Event' under 4. DELEGATIONS**

**5.9. 'Garth Rowswell Meetings' under 5. NEW BUSINESS**

**11.1. 'Pursuant to Part 1, Division 2, Section 17(2) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Personnel' under 11. CLOSED SESSION**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**3.1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council – February 4, 2025**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Martin "That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of February 4, 2025, be accepted as amended." **CARRIED.**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

**4.1. Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment welcomed Betty Thomas and Jim Storch to the meeting. Betty and Jim spoke about the Mike Hall Event which will be happening on July 23, 2025, in Vermilion, Alberta. Mike Hall is the owner of Rust Bros Restorations; he also stars in the Canadian Documentary Rust Valley Restorers. Betty explained how she reached out to Mr. Hall and expressed how excited he is about attending this event, the fair and just seeing what Vermilion has to offer!**

This event will be taking place downtown and will include a car show, a kids' play area, BBQ, music and lots of local vendors. The purpose of this event is to show everyone what the Town of Vermilion is all about, what the Town has to offer and just bring everyone together. The only cost for putting on this event is the insurance and porta-potties. Betty and Jim mentioned that online posters for this event and all its details will be coming out soon.

Deputy Mayor Rayment thanked Betty and Jim for attending and expressed his excitement for this event.

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment called for a 5-minute recess.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1. Public Commentary

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment opened the Public Commentary session at 6:31 p.m.

There was no one in attendance that wished to speak.

Deputy Mayor Rayment closed the Public Commentary session at 6:31 p.m.

5.2. Debenture Borrowing Bylaw – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk “That Council for the Town of Vermilion give second reading to borrowing Bylaw 1-2025 in the amount of \$2,250,000 to allow for debenture financing and advertise the proposed Bylaw in the Vermilion Voice as required by the Municipal Government Act Section 251 (3).” **CARRIED.**

**MOTION#25/02/06**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Martin “That Council for the Town of Vermilion give third and final reading to borrowing Bylaw 1-2025 in the amount of \$2,250,000 to allow for debenture financing and advertise the proposed Bylaw in the Vermilion Voice as required by the Municipal Government Act Section 251 (3).” **CARRIED.**

**MOTION#25/02/27**

5.3. Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce Municipal Partnership Proposal

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion table the motion in regard to the partnership between the Town of Vermilion and the Vermilion & District Chamber of Commerce.” **CARRIED.**

**MOTION#25/02/28**

5.4. Sale Price of Industrial Lots – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion update the sale price of lots for both Yellowhead Business Park and East Point Business Park to \$50,000 from \$99,000 per acre (including offsite levies) effective immediately February 18, 2025. Sale prices will be reviewed by Council in December of 2025.” **CARRIED.**

**MOTION#25/02/29**

5.5. Utility Account Write-Offs – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Pulyk “That Council for the Town of Vermilion approve the write-off of \$598.14 for late payments in general receivable.” **CARRIED.**

**MOTION#25/02/30**

5.6. Vermilion Library Board Appointments

Moved by Councillor Kirby Whitlock “That Council for the Town of Vermilion re-appoint Justin Thompson and Anna Giesbrecht to the Vermilion Library Board for the terms indicated as per recommendation by the Vermilion Library Board.” **CARRIED.**

**MOTION#25/02/31**

5.7. Vermilion River Regional Alliance Membership Renewal

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion renew their Vermilion River Regional Alliance membership.” **POSTPONED.**

**MOTION#25/02/32**

5.8. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Membership Renewal

Moved by Councillor Kevin Martin “That Council for the Town of Vermilion renew their Federation of Canadian Municipalities membership.” **DEFEATED.**

**MOTION#25/02/33**

5.9. Garth Rowswell Meetings

Deputy Mayor Rayment spoke about wanting to begin monthly meetings with Garth Rowswell again and expressed their importance. Interim Chief Administrative Officer Michael Van Der Torre was instructed to reach out to Mr. Rowswell regarding these meetings.

6. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Management for the Town of Vermilion presented their reports.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. Economic Development

Minutes of January 14, 2025 – Accepted as Information.

7.2. Vermilion River Regional Alliance

Minutes of September 19, 2024 – Accepted as Information.

7.3. Vermilion River Regional Alliance

Minutes of November 21, 2024 – Accepted as Information.

7.4. Vermilion River Regional Alliance

Statement of Funding and Expenditures – December 31, 2024 – Accepted as Information.

8. FINANCIAL

8.1. Accounts Payable for the period of January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Accepted as Information.

9. COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

Council for the Town of Vermilion presented their reports.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1. County of Vermilion River – Agenda of February 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  
Personnel

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion go into closed session at 7:44 p.m.” **CARRIED**  
**MOTION#25/02/34**

*Director of Infrastructure and Planning Robert Dauphinee, Manager of Economic Development Marylee Prior, Director of Corporate Services Brian Leibel, Interim CAO Michael Van Der Torre and Infrastructure and Planning Administrative Assistant Madison Barrett left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.*

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow “That Council for the Town of Vermilion revert back to the Regular Meeting of Council at 8:49 p.m.” **CARRIED**.  
**MOTION#25/02/35**

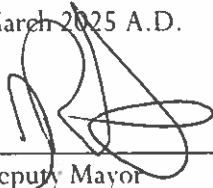
12. ADJOURNMENT

Being the Agenda matters concluded, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED ON THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2025 A.D.



Interim Chief Administrative Officer



Deputy Mayor