

**TOWN OF VERMILION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

**IN PERSON:**

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

**REGRETS**

Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services Robert Dauphinee  
Manager of Economic Development Marylee Prior  
Councillor Robert Pulyk

**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 presented."  
**CARRIED.**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**3.1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council – February 18, 2025**

Moved by Councillor Paul Conlon "That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of February 18, 2025, be accepted as amended." **CARRIED.**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

**4.1. Vermilion Airport Advisory Committee**

Geoff Hancock from the Vermilion Airport Advisory Committee presented an update from the committee which included the events they have hosted this year, positive comments from travelers visiting our town by use of the Airport, increased business for the year and many other huge successes. They also voiced their concerns for the year ahead, as well as their needs for assistance from the Town of Vermilion. Mr. Hancock expressed his gratitude towards the new Town of Vermilion administration for working with the committee and expressed that it has been a positive change.

Mr. Hancock shared many successful events that took place this year hosted by the Vermilion Airport Advisory Committee including school education days with 69 students in attendance, Father's Day drive-in, painting on the runway in May, spray operations throughout the summer, Santa's Letters Campaign, and the clearing of the runway snow during heavy snowfall.

Geoff expressed concerns with crack filling with spring approaching to prevent the deterioration of the runway pavement and wanting to continue to work towards the Airport Master Plan and re-paving the runway. Discussion of applying for a grant for the re-paving of the runway which is a 3–4-year process. Mr. Hancock also shared that Lloydminster Airport has offered to provide training to Town admin regarding snow removal and maintenance of the runway.

Geoff requested camera stats from admin to track incoming and outgoing traffic at the Airport, continuing engagement from Council and administration and encouraged Economic Development and Council to engage in current Town businesses rather than bringing new

businesses to Town. Council invited the Vermilion Airport Advisory Committee to attend an upcoming Economic Development Committee meeting.

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment thanked Mr. Hancock and the rest of the Vermilion Airport Advisory Committee for coming in.

#### 4.2. Vermilion Public Library

Carol Coleman from the Town of Vermilion FCSS and Stuart Pauls from the Vermilion Public Library presented their Trends Report for Local Nonprofits which was a collaboration with the County of Vermilion River, Town of Vermilion, and the Vermilion Public Library.

This presentation included how this project came together, raw data gathered from the volunteers, FCSS takeaways from the report, Vermilion Public Libraries takeaways from the report and a summary of the information gathered in this report.

Council requested Mrs. Coleman and Mr. Pauls provide information on the leadership board.

Deputy Mayor Rayment thanked Carol and Stuart for coming in and for their report.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### 5.1. Public Commentary

Deputy Mayor Joshua Rayment opened the Public Commentary session at 6:39 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Rayment welcomed Erwin Warkentin to the meeting. Erwin voiced concerns regarding not being able to access the Public Tax Role on the Town's website anymore.

Deputy Mayor Rayment thanked Mr. Warkentin for coming in.

Deputy Mayor Rayment welcomed Ray McAuley to the meeting. Mr. McAuley voiced concerns regarding Broadband and wanting more information. Mr. McAuley requested updates regarding what is going on with Broadband be on the Town's website.

Deputy Mayor Rayment thanked Mr. McAuley for coming in.

Deputy Mayor Rayment welcomed Leah Beaudoin to the meeting. Ms. Beaudoin voiced concerns about the press release regarding animal control in the Town of Vermilion and was looking for more information regarding the details of this choice.

Deputy Mayor Rayment thanked Ms. Beaudoin for coming in.

Deputy Mayor Rayment closed the Public Commentary session at 6:54 p.m.

#### 5.2. VDHF – Request for Early Advancement of Requisition Funds

Council had a discussion regarding the request for early advancement of requisition funds.

#### 5.3. Sewer Truck Main Upgrade Project – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That Council for the Town of Vermilion support a submission of a grant application to the Canadian Housing Infrastructure Fund – Direct Delivery System for the Sewer Trunk Main upgrade project." **CARRIED.**

**MOTION#25/03/35**

#### 5.4. Budget Amendment – Staff Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Robert Snow "That Council for the Town of Vermilion approve an amendment to the 2025 Capital Budget to add the purchase of a ride-on floor scrubber to be fully funded from reserves." **CARRIED.**

**MOTION#25/03/36**

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1. Vermilion and District Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of January 6, 2025 – Accepted as Information.

7. **FINANCIAL**

7.1. Accounts Payable for the period of February 13<sup>th</sup> - March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Accepted as Information.

8. **COUNCIL ROUND TABLE**

Council for the Town of Vermilion presented their reports.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1. 2025 Contributions to Local Chamber of Commerce (Region)

9.2. County of Vermilion River – Minutes of February 11, 2025

Correspondence was accepted as information.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Being the Agenda matters concluded, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:28 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED ON THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2025 A.D.



Interim Chief Administrative Officer



Deputy Mayor