

September 16, 2025

Delegations

Vermilion Library

Stuart Pauls, Richard Yaceyko and Justin Thompson with the Vermilion Public Library presented a slide show on everything the Vermilion Public Library has to offer, such as board games, events, meeting rooms, and a try before you buy section. Further, they also provided an overview of all the new things to do at the library as well as testimonials, usage statistics, financial changes and their 2026 funding request.

Catalyst Communications

Benjamin Proulx with Catalyst Communications presented a slide show on their engagement thus far as it relates to the community impacts and initial challenges regarding the Alberta broadband project. Concerns around the lack of communication, on-the-ground interactions and confusion have been mitigated through a partnership between Alberta Broadband Networks and Northern Lights Fibre. The communications plan has been solely funded by Alberta Broadband in the amount of \$30,000 – with no financial contribution from the Town of Vermilion.

Community Member Greg Thronson

Greg Thronson presented his concerns regarding his outstanding invoice dating back to 2024 as it relates to the replacement of a Town Hall administration office door.

New Business

Land Sale Prices

Council made a motion to approve the establishment of residential, commercial and industrial lot prices as presented. The Economic Development Committee attained an appraisal report conducted by Wainwright Assessment Group Ltd. in accordance with the Town's Land Sales Policy in order to ensure that Town owned land prices are more accurate and in accordance with market trends based on size, location, services etc.

Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw

Council made a motion to give first, second and third reading to the Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw No. 7-2025, being a bylaw for the purpose specified in section 205 of the Municipal Government Act to establish the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

Council & Committee of the Whole Meeting Changes

Council made a motion to cancel the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for October 14, 2025 at 2:00pm and change the Regular Council Meeting originally scheduled for October 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to September 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. This change comes as a result of the Advanced Voting for the Municipal Election being on the same day (October 14) and administration requires staff to provide their support.

Rail Safety Week Proclamation

Council made a motion to proclaim September 15 – 18, 2025 as Rail Safety Week. Rail Safety Week is a great opportunity to inform the public about the importance of rail safety and the risks of trespassing and not obeying traffic signs and signals at grade crossings.

Junction Sixteen 41 Pylon Sign

Council made a motion to reduce the Junction Sixteen 41 Panel Pricing to \$100 full panel (both sides) and \$50 half panel (both sides). This price change is in hope that we will spark interest with businesses and entice them to advertise.

Harvest Gala Sponsorship

Council made a motion to approve sponsorship towards the Rotary Club of Vermilion 2025 Harvest Gala in the amount of \$500. The Rotary Club of Vermilion will be hosting their Harvest Gala fundraising event on November 01, 2025. The Gala brings together community leaders, businesses, and residents for a night of celebration with lasting purpose. This year, they are proud to be fundraising for a Neptune Rover Fluid System for the Vermilion Hospital's Operating Room – an advanced medical tool that will directly improve care for patients in our community.

Letter of Support for WRRP

Council made a motion to provide a letter of support to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance for their funding application to the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program. The Planting Intervention and Producer-Led Innovations Project will engage producers in our municipality in sustainable agriculture practices that address water-related issues through planting interventions, peer-to-peer outreach, and the development of wind and water erosion toolkit.

Grant Letter of Support - Focus

Council made a motion to send a letter in support of the FOCUS Society's CIP Project and New Horizons for Seniors Grant Applications. Focus offers transit services for senior community members to help reach appointments, shop, and visit in the community.

These Highlights of Council are an informative summary only, as official minutes of the meeting will be approved at the next regular meeting of council.